

# Mountainside Board of Education

## Meeting Highlights

### August 24, 2021



This newsletter provides a monthly summary of discussions and actions taken at the Mountainside Board of Education meetings.

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#### Mountainside School District Board of Education

James W. Ruban, Jr. (President), Dana Guidici Pietro (Vice President)  
 Bill Dillon, Jordan Hyman, Vivian Pupo  
 Candice Schiano, Carmine Venes

#### Administrative Team

Janet Walling, Superintendent of Schools  
 Raymond Slamb, Business Administrator  
 Suzanne Jenks, Principal – Deerfield School  
 Jessica Vierschilling, Principal – Beechwood School  
 Sheri Rouleau, Supervisor of Special Services

Action Items	Action Taken
Approval of Minutes	<i>BOE approved minutes for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 27, 2021 Regular Session</li> <li>July 27, 2021 Executive Session</li> </ul>
Superintendent's Report	Mrs. Walling presented HIB Grades and The Road Forward Plan. The reopening plan has been updated since June, and will continue to update as guidance changes. Mrs. Walling highlighted the rules on screening, masking and distancing. She discussed plans for lunch periods, and overall school safety in classrooms, on buses, and during activities. The board asked several questions about the reopening plans, to which Mrs. Walling responded.
Business Administrator's Report	Mr. Slamb provided an update on various projects, noting the Beechwood sidewalk and Deerfield paving repairs have been completed. STEM furniture is delayed. Mr. Slamb reviewed the costs and savings of the Refunding Ordinance. He noted that the 20-21 audit will begin in mid-October, and preliminary documentation requests are underway. Finally, the signed contract from Durham was received and will be finalized at the county this week.
BH Liaison Report	Mr. Hyman reported from the meeting on 8/12, the next meeting will be on 9/9. Details on Berkeley Heights' reopening plan are on their website. Dr. Varley's contract was removed from the agenda, and will be on for September. They discussed the district's goals, an audit/revision of board policies and job descriptions, full day kindergarten, and gap analysis. BH is continuing with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiatives. They are implementing a collaborative consultation model for Special Education in grades 6-12. A presentation on this will be shown at the October meeting.
Administration	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Professional Development Plan; Mentoring Plan SOA; SCIP Committee for 21-22; Use of Charlotte Danielson Rating System for teacher and certificated staff evaluations; Student Handbooks for 21-22; BW & DF July safety and security drill reports.
Budget and Finance	<i>BOE approved:</i> <i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i> Budget transfers for July; Payment of the Bill List; Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for July 2021; Reports of the Board Secretary for July 2021. <i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved: (for the 21-22 SY)</i> Tuition Agreement with BH for GL; Cafeteria price list; Student Activities fees; Bond Council Services agreement; List of Independent Contractors/Physicians/Agencies; Acceptance of Nonpublic School Transportation Aid of \$24,070; Acceptance of FY21 Extraordinary Aid for \$228,643; Shared Services Agreement for Class II Officer with the Borough of Mountainside; Special Education placements and services.
Refunding Ordinance	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</i> A refunding school bond ordinance providing for the refunding of all or a portion of its outstanding school bonds dated July 17, 2014.

<b>Personnel</b>	<p><b><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</i></b>  Appointment of Kirsten Post, Leave Replacement at rate of \$185 from Sept 1-Nov 2, 2021; Appointment of Danille Therrien, Leave Replacement, at rate of \$150 for 1st 20 days, then \$190 for the balance from Sept 1-Nov 30, 2021; Resignation of Kailin Elliott; Adjusted salary for additional hours for Dayna Carroll; Adjusted salary for additional hours for Margaret Barsa; Notification to take classes for Ellie Barkin-Barone for 3 credits for TCNJ graduate classes for \$2,272. 50; Substitute List for 21-22; List of teachers for virtual instruction due to quarantine as needed at rate of \$43.29/hour; Stipend List; Solomon Charley to position of Girls' Head Soccer Coach at rate of \$3,189 for 21-22 season.</p>		
<b>Policy</b>	<p><b><i>BOE had the first reading of the following policies:</i></b></p>		
	P 1648.11	The Road Forward COVID-19 – Health and Safety	New/Mandated
	P/R 3221	Evaluation of Teachers	Revised/Mandated
	P/R 3222	Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators	Revised/Mandated
	P/R 3223	Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice-Principals, and Assistant Principals	Revised/Mandated
	P/R 3224	Evaluation of Principals, Vice-Principals, and Assistant Principals	Revised/Mandated
	<p><b><i>BOE had the second reading and adoption of the following policies:</i></b></p>		
	P/R 6471	School District Travel	Revised/Mandated
	P 7243	Supervision of Construction	Revised/Mandated
	P 7510	Use of School Facilities	Revised/Mandated
<p><b><i>BOE abolished the following policies:</i></b></p>			
P 1648	Restart and Recovery Plan	P 1648	
P 1648.02	Remote Learning Options for Families	P 1648.02	
P 1648.03	Restart and Recovery Plan - Full-Time Remote Instruction	P 1648.03	
<b>Old Business</b>	None		
<b>New Business</b>	None		
<b>Committee Reports</b>	<b><i>Budget &amp; Finance Committee:</i></b> The committee discussed facility use fees and joint field use.		
<b>Public Comments</b>	None		

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