

Mountainside School District

Beechwood School - 1497 Woodacres Drive, Mountainside, NJ 07092
Deerfield School - 302 Central Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092

I. Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Mountainside Board of Education of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, New Jersey was called to order by Mr. James Ruban, Jr., at 7:00 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Avenue, Mountainside, New Jersey.

II. Roll Call

At roll call, the following members were present:

Dr. Dana Guidiciopietro
Mr. Jordan Hyman
Mr. Christopher Minks
Mr. James Ruban, Jr.
Mr. Carmine Venes

Also present were Dr. Lubarsky, Chief School Administrator and Steve DiGeronimo, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Mrs. Candice Schiano arrived at 7:50 p.m. and Mr. Dante Gioia arrived at 8:00 p.m.

III. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)

Moved: Venes

Seconded: Guidiciopietro

RC: Gioia - absent

Guidiciopietro - yes

Hyman - yes

Ruban - yes

Minks - yes

Schiano - absent

Venes - yes

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 (R.S. 10:4-13), permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting or portion of a meeting of this public body in circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Board must consider matter(s) involving the following:

1. Legal/Personnel

The disclosure of which could constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy; now

WHEREAS, the discussion of individual items to be considered by the Board in closed session may be made public once the need for confidentiality no longer exists, but the Board cannot state at the present time then that will be.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:03 p.m. to discuss the above mentioned matter to the exclusion of all others. Matters discussed may or may not

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be made public this evening. If an action results, it will be taken following reentry into regular session.

IV. Close Executive Session and Reconvene Public Session

Moved: Gioia Seconded: Venes

RC: Gioia - yes Guidicipietro - yes Hyman - yes Ruban - yes
 Minks - yes Schiano - yes Venes - yes

The public meeting was reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

V. Flag Salute

VI. Approval of Minutes

Moved: Minks Seconded: Venes

RC: Gioia - yes Guidicipietro - yes Hyman - yes Ruban - yes
 Minks - yes Schiano - yes Venes - yes

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 29, 2019
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of January 29, 2019

VII. Correspondence - None

VIII. Public Participation - None

IX. President's Report - None

X. Chief School Administrator's Report

- Dr. Lubarsky welcomed Dr. Richard Noonan (BH interim superintendent). He discussed the superintendent search at GL, the Strategic Plan initiatives, new plans for media centers, contract negotiations and stressed the importance of curriculum coordination with Mountainside. A member of the public asked about high school entrance exams and statistics.
- Dr. Lubarsky presented awards to the AMC 8 Math Competition Winners: Alexander Wang, Hannah Tao, and Michael Royzman.
- Dr. Lubarsky and Mr. DiGeronimo presented the Preliminary Budget for 2019-2020
- Dr. Lubarsky and Mr. Ruban mentioned the process for giving input on Superintendent Search. There were no further comments from the public.

XI. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

- Mr. Gioia gave an update on the BH superintendent search.
- He noted the Girls Sprint Medley were Group II champions.
- There was a presentation at the Berkeley Heights Board of Education meeting on a special program to anonymously report warning signs of abuse or suicide.

XII. Administration

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Administration # 1-2**

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Moved: Venes Seconded: Guidici Pietro
RC: Gioia - yes Guidici Pietro - yes Hyman - yes Ruban - yes
Minks - yes Schiano - yes Venes - yes

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the 2019-2020 School Year Calendar (Attachment #2).
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools January 2019 safety and security drill reports (Attachment #3).

XIII. Budget and Finance

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Budget and Finance # 1-7**

Moved: Minks Seconded: Gioia
RC: Gioia - yes Guidici Pietro - yes Hyman - yes Ruban - yes
Minks - yes Schiano - yes Venes - yes

1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of January 2019 (Attachment #4).
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated February 1, 2019, through February 28, 2019 (Attachment #5).
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of January 2019 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of January 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary, Steve DiGeronimo, certifies that subject to the approval of budget transfers appended to these minutes, payment of the claims set forth in the accompanying bill list will not result in the over expenditure of any budget line item appropriation, as modified to date set forth in the level of detail contained in the Reports of the Board Secretary for January 2019:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Reports for the month of January 2019 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for January 2019 as submitted and certified (Attachment #6).

4. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires to improve the Beechwood School Canopy by utilizing a donation from the Township's Kid Recreation Trust to fund said project,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received this funding/reimbursement of \$55,470 and has recognized it as revenue to account 10-1990-000,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously procured and awarded a contract to complete this project,

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the per diem rate of \$185 per diem, effective from approximately April 1, 2019 until June 20, 2019.

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, Bridget Lawrence, Paraprofessional, to work an additional 7 hours per week for the 2018-2019 school year, to cover the resignation of Ms. Steitz.
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, Susan Gerakaris, Paraprofessional, to work an additional 7 hours per week for the 2018-2019 school year, to cover the resignation of Ms. Steitz.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, Jeanne Albanese, to replace Sharon Scanlan, for home instruction, not to exceed 5 hours (in total) per week, at a rate of \$39.71/hour, from February to June 2019.
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Deborah Conley, to the revised position of full time Basic Skills Instructor, at a salary of \$60,213, Step 5 MA, prorated, to be charged to Title I ESEA Federal Grant, effective March 1, 2019 until June 30, 2019.
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Jeanne Albanese, to the position of part time Basic Skills Instructor, at a salary of \$31,884.60 (60% of \$53,141), Step 1 BA, prorated, to be charged to Title I ESEA Federal Grant, effective March 1, 2019 until June 30, 2019.
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Jody Rhee, to the position of part time Basic Skills Instructor, at a salary of \$21,256.40 (40% of \$53,141), Step 1 BA, prorated, to be charged to Title I ESEA Federal Grant, effective March 1, 2019 until June 30, 2019.

XV. Curriculum

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Curriculum # 1**

Moved: Guidicipietro Seconded: Gioia
 RC: Gioia - yes Guidicipietro - yes Hyman - yes Ruban - yes
 Minks - yes Schiano - yes Venes - yes

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following field trips for the 2018-2019 school year:

Date	Destination	Grade	Teacher in Charge	Estimated Cost
5/8/2019	Imagine That!!!	Peak	Ms. Trentham	PTO Admission: \$386.64 PTO -Bus: \$261.36 BW Student Activity Acct-Bus-\$88.64 Chaperones will pay at the door. The totals do not include their admission.

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5/21/19	Franklin Institute	6	Ms. Barkin	PTO - \$1,960 Students - \$1,400 DF - \$333 MEF - \$560 Total: \$4,253
6/5/19	Linden Lanes	6	Ms. Barkin	MEF - \$175 DF - \$350 MEF - bus - \$525 Total: \$1,050
5/16/19	Somerset Patriots (DARE)	5	Ms. Kinney	Paid for by D.A.R.E.
4/11/19	Band Festival @ LCJ Summit Middle School	6-8 Gr. Band	Mr. Wise	Bus: \$250 Registration: \$150 Students- \$225 Other -\$175 Total: \$400

XVI. Policy

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Policy # 1-2**

Moved: Minks

Seconded: Gioia

RC: Gioia - yes

Guidici Pietro - yes

Hyman - yes Ruban - yes

Minks - yes

Schiano - yes

Venes - yes

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following policies for second reading and adoption as revised:

5561	Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities	Revised Mandated
2610	Educational Program Evaluation	Revised Mandated
2422	Health and Physical Education	Revised Mandated

Policy 5111 was tabled.

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following policies for first reading and adoption:

7440	School District Security	Revised Mandated
8860	Memorials	Revised
5756	Transgender Students	Revised Mandated

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XVII. Old Business - None

XVIII. New Business - The board discussed additional executive session meetings for superintendent interviews. They determined March 5th, 7th and 12th to be the dates. Dr. Lubarsky also acknowledged the passing of Ms. Crilly and how the district is in mourning.

XIX. Committee Reports -

- PTO Liaison, Dr. Guidici Pietro, mentioned the upcoming Bingo night and Spring Fling Fundraiser on March 29th.
- County School Board Liaison, Mr. Venes, mentioned student rights with law enforcement and emergency responders, the idea of installing panic buttons for each school, and he noted there is a gifted and talented program at Union County College.
- Library Liaison, Mr. Hyman, mentioned the library offers valuable programs.

XX. Public Participation - A community member asked about special education students' needs and the classification process. A community member commented on school security and the new administrative structure. Dr. Lubarsky responded.

XXI. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #10)

Moved: Gioia

Seconded: Minks

RC: Gioia - yes

Guidici Pietro - yes

Hyman - yes Ruban - yes

Minks - yes

Schiano - yes

Venes - yes

XXII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Gioia at 11:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Minks to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote, 7 ayes - 0 nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Steven DiGeronimo

Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary