

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

October 22, 2019

MOUNTAINSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL - 1497 WOODACRES DRIVE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092

DEERFIELD SCHOOL - 302 CENTRAL AVENUE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092

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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 Beechwood School Susan O. Collier Media Center, 1497 Woodacres Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey.

II. Roll Call

At roll call, the following members were present:

Dr. Dana Guidici Pietro

Mr. Jordan Hyman

Mr. Christopher Minks

Mr. James Ruban, Jr.

Also present were Janet Walling, Superintendent of Schools, Steve DiGeronimo, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Mr. Dante Gioia arrived after roll call at 7:05 p.m.

III. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)

Moved: Dr. Guidici Pietro Seconded: Mr. Minks

RC:

Gioia -absent Guidici Pietro -yes Hyman -yes Ruban -yes

Minks -yes Schiano -absent Venes -absent

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.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:04 p.m. to discuss the above mentioned matter to the exclusion of all others. Matters discussed may or may not 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: Dr. Guidici Pietro Seconded: Mr. Minks

RC:

Gioia -yes	Guidici Pietro -yes	Hyman -yes	Ruban -yes
Minks -yes	Schiano -absent	Venes -absent	

The public meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

V. Flag Salute

VI. Approval of Minutes

Moved: Mr. Minks Seconded: Mr. Gioia

RC:

Gioia -yes	Guidici Pietro -yes	Hyman -yes	Ruban -yes
Minks -yes	Schiano -absent	Venes -absent	

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VII. Correspondence - none

VIII. Public Participation - none

IX. President's Report

X. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Walling presented NJSLA results, with Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Jenks, Mrs. Cruz, and Mrs. Crisafulli. The Board discussed the results. She discussed that Mountainside Schools conducted activities at all grade levels in recognition of the state mandated week of Respect and Violence and Vandalism Awareness Week. They also participated in activities for Red Ribbon Week. Mrs. Walling mentioned she is reviewing and preparing for QSAC requirements. She is also developing a 2020/21 preliminary calendar with BH, and is looking to explore the possibility of other options for election sites for next year.

XI. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

Mr. Gioia reported the College Fair at GL was successful with 150 tables of colleges in attendance; the Today Show taped an episode on vaping at GL; Band and Baseball trips are coming up; test score presentations were given showing average SAT scores at GL are 1185 vs. the state average of 1090. AP test numbers were also noted.

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XII. Administration

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Administration #1-5**

Moved: Dr. Guidici Pietro Seconded: Mr. Minks

RC:

Gioia -yes	Guidici Pietro -yes	Hyman -yes	Ruban -yes
Minks -yes	Schiano -absent	Venes -absent	

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mountainside Board of Education has determined that the 5th of 5 goals (three Quantitative and two Qualitative Merit Goals) established in the employment contract for Nancy Lubarsky, Chief School Administrator, has been partially completed during the 2018-2019 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Union County Interim Superintendent of Schools in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1(e)(10)(iv); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of confirmation of satisfaction of the above goals from the Union County Interim Superintendent of Schools, the applicable Merit Bonus provisions of the Chief School Administrator's contract shall be paid.

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2019-2020 Nursing Services Plan. (Attachment #2).
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2018-2019 New Jersey Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for Beechwood and Deerfield Schools. (Attachment #3)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the authorization of the Superintendent, the Business Administrator and Building Principals to apply for grants.
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools September 2019 safety and security drill reports (Attachment #4).

XIII. Budget and Finance

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

Moved: Mr. Minks Seconded: Mr. Gioia

RC:

Gioia -yes	Guidici Pietro -yes	Hyman -yes	Ruban -yes
Minks -yes	Schiano -absent	Venes -absent	

1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of September 2019 (Attachment #5).

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2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated October 1, 2019, through October 23, 2019 (Attachment #6).
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the preliminary Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of September 2019 and the preliminary Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of September 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 September 2019:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the months of September 2019 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for September 2019 as submitted and certified (Attachment #7).

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the annual Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (Attachment #8).
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, special education placements and services as per (Attachment #9).
6. Move to approve in accordance with MBOE policy 6471, School District Travel, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the travel and related expenses itemized in (Attachment #10). This travel is deemed educationally necessary and fiscally prudent, and all travel expenditures shall be directly related to and within the scope of the staff member's current responsibilities and the district's Professional Development Plan.
7. Move to approve in accordance with MBOE policy 6471, School District Travel, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the travel and related expenses itemized in (Attachment #10A). This travel is deemed educationally necessary and fiscally prudent, and all travel expenditures shall be directly related to and within the scope of the staff member's current responsibilities and the district's Professional Development Plan.

XIV. Personnel

The following motions were approved as amended by roll call vote: **Personnel #1-15**

Moved: Mr. Gioia Seconded: Mr. Minks

RC:

Gioia	-yes	Guidici Pietro	-yes	Hyman	-yes	Ruban	-yes
Minks	-yes	Schiano	-absent	Venes	-absent		

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Raymond Slamb III, School Business Administrator and Board Secretary, for the 2019-2020 school year, at an annual salary of \$107,000, prorated to \$53,500, effective January 1, 2020 through June

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- 30, 2020. Appointment is pending contract approval by the Interim County Superintendent. (Attachment #11)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Judith Wargaski, to the position of 1st Grade Teacher (Leave Replacement), at the rate of \$185 per diem, amended to begin November 25, 2019, until approximately April 10, 2020.
 3. Move to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Dana Peterson, as an Orton Gillingham Reading Instructor, for student #1002593, for up to 3 hours per week, at the rate of \$100/hour, from October 23, 2019 to February 21, 2020.
 4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of Christine Zagami to the 2019-2020 Substitute Teacher List. (Attachment #12)
 5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of Elizabeth Carpenter to the 2019-2020 Substitute Teacher List. (Attachment #13)
 6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of Vanessa Mahoney to the 2019-2020 Substitute Teacher List, pending paperwork. (Attachment #14)
 7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of Charikleia Mamai to the 2019-2020 Substitute Teacher List, pending paperwork. (Attachment #15)
 8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Gary Chan, to the stipend position of Assistant Girls' Softball Coach, for the 2019-2020 school year, at a rate of \$2,047, and to rescind the appointment of April Starling from this position, as approved at the August 27, 2019 Board meeting. **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.*
 9. Move to rescind upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Sharon Bradley from this position of Assistant Play Director, as approved at the September 24, 2019 Board meeting.
 10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of the following staff members to the stipend position of FM Math Club advisors, at a rate of \$32.19/session, not to exceed 45 sessions: **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.*

April Starling
Axl Hirsch
Rachel Halek
 11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Elena Bentey to the stipend position as TEP advisor, at a rate of \$32.19/session, not to exceed 30 sessions: **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.*

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12. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the approval of Abigail Lamera, a student intern from UCVTS, to complete her “Structured Learning Experience” required hours at Deerfield School. (Attachment #16)
13. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Barbi Higinbotham for LAL homebound instruction, for student # 2162896934, not to exceed 5 hours per week, at a rate of \$39.71/hour, from October 23, 2019 to June 18, 2020. *salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.
14. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adjust the hours of Amy Peixoto, paraprofessional, to reflect 8:15-3:00, at her current five days per week schedule, effective October 24, 2019 through June 18, 2020.
15. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adjust the hourly pay rate for Heather Kronengold to \$25.39, to reflect appropriate adjustment for years of experience.

XV. Curriculum

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

Moved: Seconded:

RC:

Gioia -yes Guidici Pietro -yes Hyman -yes Ruban -yes
Minks -yes Schiano -absent Venes -absent

Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following field trips for the 2019-2020 school year:

Date	Destination	Grade	Teacher in Charge	Estimated Cost
11/2/19 (Sat.)	Union Cty. Robotics Competition Columbia Middle School, BH	6-8	Barkin	Entry funded by students Parents transport
4/16/20	Chatham Middle School Jazz Festival	6-8 Jazz Band	Wise	BOE=\$100 registration Parents transport (after school)
10/17/19	DF for Teddy Bear Making w/8 th gr.	K	Ms. Herscheit	Bus: \$325.00 - Paid by BOE
10/18/19	DF for Teddy Bear Making w/8 th gr.	K	Mrs. Spekhardt	Bus: \$325.00 - Paid by BOE

XVI. Policy

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

Moved: Seconded:

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Minks -yes Schiano -absent Venes -absent

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following policies for first reading:

8630	Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility	Revised/Mandated
8670	Transportation of Special Needs Students	Revised/Mandated

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following policies for second reading and adoption:

3218	Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances	Revised/Mandated
4218	Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances	Revised/Mandated
3159	Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities	Revised/Mandated
6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures	Revised/Mandated

XVII. Old Business - none

XVIII. New Business – There’s a middle school wrestling program agreement with BH in the works.

XIX. Committee Reports

Dr. Guidicipietro (PTO Liaison), mentioned the success of the Fall Festival. Mr. Hyman (Library Liaison), mentioned an 8th grade volunteer program, and Union County Teen Arts program are upcoming.

XX. Public Participation - none

XXI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Guidicipietro at 9:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hyman to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote, 5 ayes - 0 nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Steven DiGeronimo
Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary