

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

II. Roll Call

Mr. Dante Gioia	_____
Mrs. Cathy Jakositz	_____
Mr. Christopher Minks	_____
Mrs. Kate Motz	_____
Mrs. Jeane Parker	_____
Mr. James Ruban, Jr.	_____
Mr. Carmine Venes	_____

III. Executive Session – Resolution (Attachment #1)

Moved: _____	Seconded: _____		
RC) Gioia _____	Jakositz _____	Minks _____	Motz _____
Parker _____	Ruban _____	Venes _____	

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IV. Flag Salute

V. Approval of Minutes

Moved: _____	Seconded: _____		
RC) Gioia _____	Jakositz _____	Minks _____	Motz _____
Parker _____	Ruban _____	Venes _____	

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2015
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of December 16, 2015
- ❖ Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 5, 2016
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of January 5, 2016

VI. Correspondence

VII. Public Participation

In accordance with Board Policy 0167, Public Participation in Board Meetings, in the event it appears

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the public comment portion of the meeting may exceed 30 minutes, the presiding officer may limit each statement made by a participant to three (3) minutes' duration.

VIII. President's Report

IX. Chief School Administrator's Report

1. Elks Presentation
2. School Board Recognition Month

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2016 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Mountainside Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Mountainside Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) scores and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mountainside Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2016 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mountainside Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

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- 3. PARCC Presentation
- 4. Board Ethics Training
- 5. 2016-2017 School Year Calendar

X. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

XI. Administration

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
 RC) Gioia _____ Jakositz _____ Minks _____ Motz _____
 Parker _____ Ruban _____ Venes _____

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the 2016-2017 School Year Calendar (Attachment #2).
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools December 2015 safety and security drill reports (Attachment #3).

XII. Budget and Finance

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
 RC) Gioia _____ Jakositz _____ Minks _____ Motz _____
 Parker _____ Ruban _____ Venes _____

1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of December 2015 (Attachment #4).
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated January 1, 2016, through January 31, 2016 (Attachment #5).
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of December 2015 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of December 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary, Eric Larson, 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 December 2015:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Reports for the month of December 2015 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for December 2015 as submitted and certified (Attachment #6).

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following

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resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and pursuant to the authority granted by N.J.S.A. 18A: 44-4(B), the Mountainside Board of Education hereby establishes \$2,500.00 as the per pupil tuition rate for non-disabled pupils enrolled in its preschool program for the 2016-2017 school year.

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, special education placements and services as per (Attachment #7).
6. Move to approve in accordance with MBOE policy 6471, School District Travel, and upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the travel and related expenses itemized in (Attachment #8). 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.

XIII. Personnel

Moved: _____	Seconded: _____
RC) Gioia _____	Jakositz _____
Parker _____	Ruban _____
	Minks _____
	Motz _____
	Venes _____

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the retirement of Lynn Slotkin, Art Teacher, effective July 1, 2016, and to thank her for 25 years of service to the Mountainside School District (Attachment #9).
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the retirement of Judith Segall, Basic Skills Teacher, effective July 1, 2016, and to thank her for 23 years of service to the Mountainside School District (Attachment #10).
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Donna Camara-Antonucci, as Paraprofessional, effective January 21, 2016 until June 30, 2016, at a salary of \$21.85 per hour (Attachment #11).
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following staff member to serve as mentor for the 2015-2016 school year.

Staff Member	Assignment	Amount
Shannon Keegan	2 nd Grade Leave Replacement Jennifer Griffith 1/4/16 – 6/30/16	\$442.80

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Patricia Bruce, BSI, to the stipend position of Chess Club Advisor Grades K-2 for the 2015-2016 school year, at a stipend of \$32.19 per session (not to exceed 30 sessions).

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Note: Originally approved April Starling who withdrew her acceptance of the position.

- Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following appointments for the 2015-2016 school year:

Ellie Barkin	TEP Teacher	\$32.19 per hour
Jayne Hartnett	TEP Teacher	\$32.19 per hour
Holly Loffredo	TEP Teacher	\$32.19 per hour
Dawn Bladzinski	TEP Teacher	\$32.19 per hour

- Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the request for tuition reimbursement from Rosemarie Sardina, Special Education Teacher, taken at Nova Southeastern University for the fall 2015 session for three (3) graduate credits in the amount of \$2,034.00 (Attachment #12).
- Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the notification to take classes from Rosemarie Sardina, Special Education Teacher, at Nova Southeastern University for the winter 2015 I and II sessions for six (6) graduate credits in the amount of \$4,068.00 (Attachment #13).

XIV. Curriculum

XV. Policy

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
 RC) Gioia _____ Jakositz _____ Minks _____ Motz _____
 Parker _____ Ruban _____ Venes _____

- Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following policies for second reading and adoption:

3431.1	Family Leave	Revised Mandated
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5337	Service Animals	New Suggested
5516	Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices (ECRD)	Revised Mandated

XVI. Old Business

XVII. New Business

XVIII. Committee Reports

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XIX. Public Participation

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XX. Executive Session – Resolution (Attachment #14)

Moved: _____	Seconded: _____		
RC) Gioia _____	Jakositz _____	Minks _____	Motz _____
Parker _____	Ruban _____	Venes _____	

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XXI. Adjournment