

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 25, 2015**

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 7:02 p.m. in the Susan O. Collier Media Center, 1497 Woodacres Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey.

II. Roll Call

At roll call, the following members were present:

Mrs. Cathy Jakositz
Mrs. Jeane Parker
Mr. James Ruban, Jr
Mr. Carmine Venes

Also present were Dr. Nancy Lubarsky, Chief School Administrator, and Mr. Eric Larson, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Mr. Dante Gioia, Mr. Christopher Minks, and Mrs. Kate Motz arrived after roll call.

III. Executive Session – The following resolution was approved by roll call vote:

Moved: Venes	Seconded: Jakositz		
RC) Gioia –	Jakositz – Yes	Minks –	
Motz – Yes	Parker – Yes	Ruban – Yes	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 when that will be.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:08 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.

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The public meeting was reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

IV. Flag Salute

V. Approval of Minutes

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

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 28, 2015
- ❖ Minutes of the 1st Executive Session of July 28, 2015
- ❖ Minutes of the 2nd Executive Session of July 28, 2015

VI. Correspondence - None

VII. Public Participation - None

VIII. President’s Report – None

IX. Chief School Administrator’s Report

The Elks presented a donation of \$1,500 which will be used to enhance media through purchasing a video/editing station at Deerfield School.

Dr. Lubarsky gave an update on referendum projects and the impact they will have on the opening of school.

X. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

Mrs. Jeane Parker reported that senior parking assignments have been made. She also mentioned that Freshmen Orientation will take place on August 31st.

XI. Administration

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

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

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Waiver Application regarding the number of observations for tenured teachers. (Attachment #2).

XII. Budget and Finance

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

Motion #8 was tabled.

Moved: Minks	Seconded: Gioia		
RC) Gioia – Yes	Jakositz – Yes	Minks – Yes	

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Motz – Yes

Parker – Yes

Ruban – Yes

Venes – Yes

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

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the month of July 2015 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for July 2015 as submitted and certified (Attachment #5).

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the final fee of \$6,000 to Suplee, Clooney & Company for work in connection with the Berkeley Heights tuition charges (previously approved for \$5,000).
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the agreement with Berkeley Heights to pay the tuition adjustment for the 2013-2014 school year over two years with \$234,797 due in school year 2015-2016 and \$234,798 due in school year 2016-2017.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, overtime pay for Wayne DeVico, for referendum projects in July, in the amount of \$849.42 (Attachment #6).
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, special education placements and services as per (Attachment #7).
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, payment of \$210,233 to Daskal, LLC, for payment application #3 for work performed on the Deerfield locker rooms.

Note: The above motion #8 was tabled.

XIII. Personnel

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Personnel: #1-20**

Moved: Gioia

Seconded: Jakositz

RC) Gioia – Yes

Jakositz – Yes

Minks – Yes

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Motz – Yes

Parker – Yes

Ruban – Yes

Venes – Yes

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, Maternity Disability Leave for Melissa Conover, PE/Health Teacher, effective November 2, 2015, until December 7, 2015. She will be permitted to utilize any accumulated sick days. The district anticipates Mrs. Conover returning to work on or about December 8, 2015. (Attachment #8).
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the resignation of Evan Morrison, School Social Worker, and to thank him for 6 years of service to the Mountainside School District (Attachment #9).
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the resignation of Lori Rubino, Paraprofessional, and to thank her for 16 years of service to the Mountainside School District (Attachment #10).
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Leah Sachs, as 4th Grade Teacher (Leave Replacement), effective September 1, 2015, until January 11, 2016, at a salary of \$150 per day for the first twenty days of employment and \$185 per day for the remainder of her employment (Attachment #11).

Note: Originally approved Kelly Moore who withdrew from the position.

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Rose Carvajales, as Paraprofessional (part time), at a rate of \$21.85 per hour, effective September 1, 2015, until June 30, 2016 (Attachment #12).
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Carmine Ann Casolaro, as Paraprofessional (part time), at a rate of \$21.85 per hour, effective September 1, 2015, until June 30, 2016 (Attachment #13).
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Jennifer McSweeney, as Paraprofessional (part time), at a rate of \$21.85 per hour, effective September 1, 2015, until June 30, 2016 (Attachment #14).
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Donna Wolfe, as Paraprofessional (part time), at a rate of \$21.85 per hour, effective September 1, 2015, until June 30, 2016 (Attachment #15).
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Marin Baltuch, as Paraprofessional (part time), at a rate of \$21.85 per hour, effective September 1, 2015, until June 30, 2016 (Attachment #16).
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Carol Rolband, ELS/Spanish Consultant, for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$64.37 per hour for 6 hours per week (Attachment #17).

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11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Tyra Hawkins, as Lunch Aide, at a rate of \$13.00 per hour, effective September 1, 2015, until June 30, 2016 (Attachment #18).
12. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following staff members to serve as a mentor for the 2015-2016 school year.

Staff Member	Assignment	Amount
Deborah Weiss	PE/Health Zachary Worswick 9/1/15 – 11/30/15	\$221.40
Judith Segall	Special Education Julie Lima 9/1/15 – 12/30/15	\$295.20
Corrin Lavery	7 th Grade Science Gary Chan 9/1/15 – 12/30/15	\$340.40
Jodi Groth	Special Education Jeff Meierdierck 9/1/15 – 12/30/15	\$295.20
Nancy Kinney	5 th Grade Hillary Whitacre 9/1/15 – 11/30/15	\$221.40

13. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Edward Aponte, Custodian, to the 2015-2016 stipend position of Play Set Design & Construction, at a stipend amount of \$2,222.
14. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Christopher Eckert, Physical Education Teacher, to the 2015-2016 stipend position of Recreation Activities Club Advisor, at a rate of \$32.19 per session, not to exceed 30 sessions.

Note: Originally approved Caitlyn Murphy and Kristin Trentham. They will serve as subs if Mr. Eckert is absent.

15. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Zachary Worswick, Physical Education/Health Teacher (Leave Replacement), to the 2015-2016 stipend position of Baseball Coach, at a stipend amount of \$2,868.
16. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Jayne Hartnett, Special Education Teacher, and Rosemarie Sardina, Special Education Teacher, to the 2015-2016 stipend position of Administrative Detention Co-Advisors (who alternate supervision), at a rate of \$21.56 per session, not to exceed 60 sessions.

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17. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the addition of Patrice DeCastro to the 2015-2016 Substitute Teacher List (Attachment #19).
18. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the addition of Jason Bolton to the 2015-2016 Substitute Custodian List (Attachment #20).
19. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Gabriella Campana, as School Social Worker, at a salary of \$55,772, Step 1 MA, effective September 1, 2015, until June 30, 2016 (Attachment #20A).
20. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Amy Peixoto, as Paraprofessional (part time), at a rate of \$21.85 per hour, effective September 1, 2015, until June 30, 2016 (Attachment #20B).

XIV. Curriculum - None

XV. Policy - None

XVI. Old Business - None

XVII. New Business - None

XVIII. Committee Reports

Mr. Gioia gave an update on referendum projects.

Mr. Minks reported on the status of the RFP process.

XIX. Public Participation

Frank Kelly asked questions on the RFP process and the tuition rate calculation.

Jordan Hyman asked questions on personnel item #4, the superintendent's goals for 2015-2016 school year, the negotiations with Berkeley Heights, and on results of accountant's report on GL tuition.

Mauro Wolfe asked questions on Berkeley Heights negotiations, the RFP process, and the performance of Mountainside's high school students.

Doug Guenther asked questions on performance of Mountainside's high school students.

Troy Doll asked questions on the tuition rate calculations.

Michael Ford asked questions on tuition rate calculations.

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XX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Minks at 9:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Venes to adjourn. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Eric D. Larson
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary