

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 29, 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 7:00 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. Kate Motz
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. Jeane Parker arrived after roll call.

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

Moved: Jakositz	Seconded: Motz		
RC) Gioia –	Jakositz – Yes	Minks –	
Motz – Yes	Parker –	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 7:05 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 8:02 p.m.

IV. Flag Salute

V. Approval of Minutes

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

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VI. Correspondence - None

VII. Public Participation - None

VIII. President’s Report – None

IX. Chief School Administrator’s Report

Dr. Lubarsky gave a timeline for referendum projects.

Dr. Lubarsky provided an update on faculty and procedures.

Dr. Lubarsky presented a PowerPoint on her goals.

X. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

Mrs. Jeane Parker reviewed GL’s student performance results of the class of 2015 which were presented at the last Berkeley Heights Board Meeting.

XI. Administration

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Administration: #1 - 4**

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountainside Board of Education has approved three Quantitative and two Qualitative Merit Goals established in the employment contract for Nancy Lubarsky, Ed. D., Chief School Administrator, for the 2015-2016 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 Superintendent of Schools in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1 (e)(10)(iv) (Attachment #2).

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2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Statement of Assurance – School Year 2015-2016 (Attachment #3).
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff – 2015-2016 School Year (Attachment #4).
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the New Jersey Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act Statement of Assurances for Beechwood and Deerfield schools, July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 (Attachment #4A).

XII. Budget and Finance

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Budget & Finance: #1-9**

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

1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of August 2015 (Attachment #5).
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated September 1, 2015, through September 30, 2015 (Attachment #6).

Note: Check #16381 on hold pending credits due.

3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the preliminary Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of August 2015 and the preliminary Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of August 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 August 2015:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the month of August 2015 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for August 2015 as submitted and certified (Attachment #7).

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Morris-Union Jointure Commission Joint Transportation Agreement for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$111,819.00 (Attachment #8).
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Berkeley Heights Governor Livingston High School General Education Tuition Agreement Contract

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for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$4,339,237.50 plus an additional \$234,797.00 for prior tuition adjustments (Attachment #9).

6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Berkeley Heights Governor Livingston High School Special Education Resource Room Tuition Agreement Contract for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$125,000 (Attachment #10).
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Master Special Education Tuition Agreement with Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2020 (Attachment #11).
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, special education placements and services as per (Attachment #12).
9. 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 #13). 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

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Personnel: #1-6**

Moved: Jakositz	Seconded: Gioia			
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 resignation of Marlena Sofie, Paraprofessional, and to thank her for her service to the Mountainside School District (Attachment #14).
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the resignation of Melissa Conover, Health and Physical Education Teacher, effective November 19, 2015, and to thank her for her service to the Mountainside School District (Attachment #15).
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following staff member for summer employment:

Staff Member	Assignment	Hours	Rate	Total
Heather Goldstein	Summer related duties	70 hours	\$39.71 per hour	\$2,780.00

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following staff member to serve as a mentor for the 2015-2016 school year.

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5756	Transgender	New
8540	Free and Reduced Rate Meals School Nutrition Programs	Revised
8550	Outstanding Food Service Charges	New
8820	Opening Exercises/Ceremonies	Revised

XVI. Old Business - None

XVII. New Business - None

XVIII. Committee Reports

Mr. Gioia reported on the following referendum projects:

- Front vestibule is almost done.
- There is a glass shortage worldwide.
- Lockers are behind schedule due to the manufacturer.
- Media Center construction uncovered some unforeseen structural modifications.

Mr. Gioia met with legislators about the severe financial consequences of send/receive relationships.

Final RFP submission date for send/receive is October 15th and there is a special executive session for that date.

XIX. Public Participation

PTA President, Jovan Siconolfi, announced that Board of Education Candidates Night will take place on October 13th, at 7:00 p.m., at Beechwood Media Center. It will be a question and answer format for candidates to voice their views. The BOE Election is November 3rd.

Mauro Wolfe asked a question about one of the Superintendent's goals for the upcoming year. He also asked a question about Mountainside's students' performance at Governor Livingston High School. He asked question about how the GL tuition impacts the K-8 budget.

Jordan Hyman asked a question about the Superintendent's goals. He also asked a question about the send/receive Berkeley Heights meetings and the RFP process.

Bill Dillon asked a question about class size.

XX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Venes at 9:52 p.m., seconded by Mr. Minks to adjourn. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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