

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 27, 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 7:06 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:

Mr. Dante Gioia
Mr. Christopher Minks
Mrs. Kate Motz
Mr. James Ruban, Jr.

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

Mrs. Jeane Parker arrived after roll call. Mrs. Cathy Jakositz and Mr. Carmine Venes were absent.

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:15 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 8:10 p.m.

IV. Flag Salute

V. Approval of Minutes

Moved: Gioia	Seconded: Motz		
RC) Gioia – Yes	Jakositz – Absent	Minks – Yes	
		(Abstain from approving Minutes of Sept. 29 th Executive Session)	
Motz – Yes	Parker – Yes	Ruban – Yes	Venes – Absent

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 29, 2015
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of September 29, 2015
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of October 15, 2015

VI. Correspondence

- ❖ Letter from David C. Hesper, Commissioner of Education, approving waiver request regarding the reduction in the number of teacher observations

VII. Public Participation - None

VIII. President's Report – None

IX. Chief School Administrator's Report

Dr. William Librera reported on the RFP process and the results.

Dr. Lubarsky presented a PowerPoint on data for Mountainside students attending GL which included range of SAT scores and course selections for each grade.

X. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

Mrs. Jeane Parker reported on the following items:

- A strategic plan initiative is underway.
- Google Docs have been implemented.
- Four courses were added: AP Music Theory, AP Environmental Science, Wind Ensemble, and Film Studies II-Director Seminar.

XI. Administration

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Administration: #1 - 3**

Moved: Minks	Seconded: Gioia		
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Motz – Yes	Parker – Yes	Ruban – Yes	Venes – Absent

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1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the 2015-2016 Nursing Services Plan. (Attachment #2).
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the 2015-2016 Emergency Management Plan (Attachment #3).
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools September 2015 safety and security drill reports (Attachment #4).

XII. Budget and Finance

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Budget & Finance: #1-8**

Moved: Minks

Seconded: Gioia

RC) Gioia – Yes

Jakositz – Absent

Minks – Yes

Motz – Yes

Parker – Yes

Ruban – Yes

Venes – Absent

1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of September 2015 (Attachment #5).
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated October 1, 2015, through October 31, 2015 including check #16381 on hold from the September 29th Board of Education Meeting (Attachment #6).
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the preliminary Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of September 2015 and the preliminary Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of September 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 September 2015:

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

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the annual Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (Attachment #8).
5. 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 \$21,133.65.00 (Attachment #9).
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, to accept the following donations:

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6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Caitlin Murphy, Grade 2 Teacher, to the stipend position of Recreation Activities Club Assistant, for the 2015-2016 school year, at a rate of \$32.19 per session, not to exceed 10 sessions.
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the addition of Bridget Hartnett to the 2015-2016 Substitute Teacher List (Attachment #14).
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the addition of Kira Williams to the 2015-2016 Substitute Teacher List (Attachment #15).
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the addition of Fiorina DiMonte to the 2015-2016 Substitute Custodian List pending criminal history background clearance (Attachment #16).
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Sarah Onore, as 8th Grade LAL Teacher, at a salary of \$53,498, Step 2 BA, prorated, effective on or about November 11, 2015, until June 30, 2016, pending satisfactory reference check (Attachment #16A).

XIV. Curriculum

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

Moved: Gioia	Seconded: Minks		
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Motz – Yes	Parker – Yes	Ruban – Yes	Venes – Absent

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following field trips for the 2015-2016 school year:

Date	Destination	Grade	Teacher in Charge	Estimated Cost
4/29/16 Tentative	GLHS	8	H. Goldstein	Cost of Bussing: \$471.22 paid by BOE
5/24/16	NJ Sea Grant Consortium	6	Dubno/Barkin	Cost of Trip: \$2,660 paid by PTA Cost of Bussing: \$1,148.49 paid by PTA
5/25/16 Tentative	Spanish Tavern	8	Hemmings	Cost of Trip & Bussing: \$2,400 paid by students
6/2/16 Rain or shine	NJ Renaissance Fair	7	Isaacs	Cost of Trip: \$1,736.50 paid by PTA Cost of Bussing: \$824.56 paid by PTA

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4/5/16	NJMEA State MS Band Fest – Bridgewater-Raritan MS	6-8 Band	Wise	Cost of Trip: \$100.00 paid by BOE Cost of Bussing: \$353.39 paid by BOE
5/19/16 Tentative	Watson Adventures Leadership Training, Hoboken, NJ	6-8 Student Council	Goldstein/Jamnik	Cost of Trip: \$990.00 paid by Student Council Cost of Bus: \$294.50 paid by Student Council
1/6/2016	Deerfield School for Teddy Bear Making	Kindergarten	Ms. Ianniello	Bussing: 235.61 Paid by BOE
3/17/2016	Deerfield School for Teddy Bear Making	Kindergarten	Ms. Herscheit	Bussing: 235.61 Paid by BOE
5/18/2016	Deerfield School for Teddy Bear Making	Kindergarten	Ms. Hunter	Bussing: 235.61 Paid by BOE

XV. Policy

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

Moved: Minks

Seconded: Gioia

RC) Gioia – Yes

Jakositz – Absent

Minks – Yes

Motz – Yes

Parker – Yes

Ruban – Yes

Venes – Absent

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

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

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following policies for 1st reading:

3322	Teaching Staff Member’s Use of Personal Cellular Telephones/ Other Communication Devices	Suggested	Revised
4322	Support Staff Member’s Use of Personal Cellular Telephones/ Other Communication Devices	Suggested	Revised
5330	Administration of Medication	Mandated	Revised
5339	Screening for Dyslexia	Mandated	Revised
5615	Suspected Gang Activity	Recommended	Revised

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XVI. Old Business - None

XVII. New Business - None

XVIII. Committee Reports

Referendum Update – Mr. Gioia reported that secure vestibule and locker room are completed; Media Center is going well; Windows and heating to come. Windows delayed due in part to glass shortage.

Strategic Planning Committee – Mrs. Motz and Mrs. Parker discussed progress of the September 2012 strategic plan goals and the intention to update the plan because most goals have been met prior to the anticipated completion date.

XIX. Public Participation

Carlos and Lisette Gomez commented on a dress code discussion in school.

Michele Tilyou commented on ACT/SAT preparation.

Venessa Rittman commented on ACT/SAT preparation.

Jean McCauley commented on standardized tests for lower grades.

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

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No action was taken.

XXI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Minks at 11:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Gioia to adjourn. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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