

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOUNTAINSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> BEECHWOOD SCHOOL - 1497 WOODACRES DRIVE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092 DEERFIELD SCHOOL - 302 CENTRAL AVENUE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092</p>
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**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

Mr. Bill Dillon \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Dana Guidiciopietro \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Jordan Hyman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Vivian Pupo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. James Ruban, Jr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Candice Schiano \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carmine Venes \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
RC: Dillon \_\_\_\_\_ Guidiciopietro \_\_\_\_\_ Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Pupo \_\_\_\_\_  
Ruban \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Legal/Personnel

**IV. Close Executive Session and Reconvene Public Session**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
RC: Dillon \_\_\_\_\_ Guidiciopietro \_\_\_\_\_ Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Pupo \_\_\_\_\_  
Ruban \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Flag Salute**

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
RC: Dillon \_\_\_\_\_ Guidiciopietro \_\_\_\_\_ Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Pupo \_\_\_\_\_  
Ruban \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2020
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of December 15, 2020
- ❖ Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 5, 2021

**VII. Public Participation - Agenda Items Only**

In accordance with Board Policy 0167, Public Participation in Board Meetings, in the event it appears 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. Superintendent's Report**

- ❖ School Board Recognition Month
- ❖ Recognition of Teachers, Educational Service Professionals and Support Staff of the Year
- ❖ Educational Program Updates

**X. Business Administrator's Report**

- ❖ Audit Update
- ❖ Touchless Upgrade Update
- ❖ Budget Update

**XI. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report**

**XII. Administration**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
RC: Dillon \_\_\_\_\_ Guidiciopietro \_\_\_\_\_ Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Pupo \_\_\_\_\_  
Ruban \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

1. **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2021 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can 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, which 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 the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's 5,000 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

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**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 Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments;

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 2021 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 advancement of our children's education.

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff – 2020-2021 School Year (Attachment #2)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist Statement of Assurance – 2020-2021 School Year (Attachment #3)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following curricular documents for Mountainside Schools:

Subject Area	Grade Levels
Physical Education	3-5, 6-8
Health	6

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a revision to the 2020-2021 school calendar. (Attachment #3A)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools December 2020 safety and security drill reports (Attachment #4).

**XIII. Budget and Finance**

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Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RC: Dillon \_\_\_\_\_ Guidici Pietro \_\_\_\_\_ Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Pupo \_\_\_\_\_  
       Ruban \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of December 2020 (Attachment #5).
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated December 18, 2020, through January 27, 2021 (Attachment #6).
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of December 2020 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of December 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board Secretary, Raymond Slamb, 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 2020:

December 2020 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for December 2020 as submitted and certified (Attachment #7).

4. Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Mountainside School District in the county of Union, hereby approves the submission of a major amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan to the Department of Education for review and approval. It is further understood that the District is not seeking funding at the current time.
5. **RESOLVED THAT**, by the School Board of Mountainside School District, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Raymond Slamb as the School Alliance Insurance Fund Commissioner, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Fund Commissioner, Raymond Slamb, and the School Alliance Insurance Fund.

6. **RESOLVED THAT**, by the School Board of Mountainside School District approve the following banks to act as a depository for public funds, and that all checks, drafts or other orders for payment or withdrawal of money from said account be signed by the person holding the appropriate title as listed below:

Account	Bank	Signatories
Operating	Valley Bank	Board President/Business Administrator
Payroll	Valley Bank	Board President/Business Administrator
Food Service	Valley Bank	Superintendent/Business Administrator

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Payroll Agency	Valley Bank	Superintendent/Business Administrator
SUI	Valley Bank	Superintendent/Business Administrator
BW School General Fund	Valley Bank	Beechwood Principal/ Business Administrator/Superintendent
DF School General Fund	Valley Bank	Deerfield Principal/Deerfield Secretary
DF Athletic Fund	Valley Bank	Deerfield Principal/Deerfield Secretary
DF Student Council Fund	Valley Bank	Deerfield Principal/Student Council Advisor

7. **WHEREAS**, Raymond Slamb, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary possesses a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certificate;

**WHEREAS**, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Governor and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-7, and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (b), has increased the bid threshold amount for school districts with a Qualified Purchasing Agent , from \$40,000 to \$44,000, effective July 1, 2020;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mountainside Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.4, establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$44,000 for the Board of Education, and further authorizes Raymond Slamb, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to the authority granted by N.J.S.A. 18A: 44-4(B), the Mountainside Board of Education hereby establishes the following per pupil yearly tuition rate for non-disabled pupils enrolled in its preschool program (PEAK) for the 2021-2022 school year: \$4,000 for 5 half day sessions.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board concurs with the agreement with LearnWell Education for 10 hours of educational services per week at \$50 an hour , for student #1601696101.
10. 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 #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.

**XIV. Personnel**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
RC: Dillon \_\_\_\_\_ Guidici Pietro \_\_\_\_\_ Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Pupo \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to recognize the following staff members for their dedication to the students, families, and staff of the Mountainside School District. Their support, professionalism, and commitment is recognized and appreciated on a daily basis:

<b>Beechwood School</b>	
Julie Lima - Special Education Teacher	Teacher of the Year
Lisa Bruno - School Nurse	Educational Services Professional of the Year
Maria DeAnna - Paraprofessional	Support Staff of the Year
<b>Deerfield School</b>	
Sharon Scanlan - 7th Gr. LAL Teacher	Teacher of the Year
Natalie Crisafulli - Math Specialist	Educational Services Professional of the Year
Carolee Lavey - Media Assistant	Support Staff of the Year

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of **Kimberly Richards**, Deerfield Principal, from her position, effective June 30, 2021, and thank her for her 11 years of service. (Attachment #9)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of **Pat Debbie**, Paraprofessional, effective December 31, 2020 , and thank her for her over 23 years of service. (Attachment #10)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of **Victoria Tischia**, Art Teacher, from her stipend position of Art Club Advisor for Grades 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8, effective February 5, 2021.
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of **Gillian Furniss** to the position of Art Teacher (Leave Replacement), at the per diem rate of \$150 for the first 20 days of the assignment, and \$190 per diem for the balance of the assignment, effective approximately February 5, 2021, until June 18, 2021, upon successful criminal background check. Ms. Furniss will also be added to the 2020-2021 substitute list. (Attachment #11)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the extended appointment of **Teresa Banks**, to the position of 6th Grade Leave Replacement, at the per diem rate of \$185, effective January 15, 2021, through February 2021, as necessary.

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7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Natalie Crisafulli** to complete her 150 internship hours as required by Ramapo College course EDLD 612-96 Field-Based Administrative Internship II. (Attachment #12)
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Ellie Barkin-Baron** to complete her third and final administrative internship hours with Kimberly Richards, as required by The College of New Jersey course EDAD691-02: The Principalship II. (Attachment #13)
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a medical leave of absence for **Employee #91011247**, from January 12, 2021 until approximately February 10, 2021.
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the approval of **Christine Kiesewetter**, to be a substitute paraprofessional for the 2020-2021 school year.
11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following 2020-2021 School Year Stipend Positions, contingent upon student enrollment for those student activities subsidized in accordance with Board Policy 2436, Activity Participation Fee Program.

Activity	Staff	Rate
Art Club Advisor - Grade 3/4	Gillian Furniss	\$34.07/session NTE 14 sessions (prorated for partial year)
Art Club Advisor - Grade 5/6	Taylor Donato	\$34.07/session NTE 15 sessions (prorated for partial year)
Art Club Advisor- Grade 7/8	Gillian Furniss	\$34.07/session NTE 11 sessions (prorated for partial year)

**XV. Policy**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RC: Dillon \_\_\_\_\_ Guidici Pietro \_\_\_\_\_ Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Pupo \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following policies/regulations for the first reading:

P 1620	Administrative Employment Contracts	Revised/Mandated
P/R 5330.05	Seizure Action Plan	New/Mandated
P 6440	Cooperative Purchasing	Revised/Mandated

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P/R 6470.01	Electronic Funds Transfer & Claimant Certification	New/Mandated
P/R 7440	School District Security	Revised/Mandated
P 7450	Property Inventory	Revised/Mandated

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

P 2431.3	Heat Participation Policy for Student-Athlete Safety	Revised/Mandated
P/R 5330.04	Administering an Opioid Antidote	Revised/Mandated
P 5620	Expulsion	Revised/Mandated
P 8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations	Revised/Mandated

**XVII. Old Business**

**XVIII. New Business**

**XIX. Committee Reports**

**XX. Public Participation**

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**XXI. Adjournment**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
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