

**Minutes of the Special Meeting
August 10, 2020**

MOUNTAINSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**BEECHWOOD SCHOOL - 1497 WOODACRES DRIVE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
DEERFIELD SCHOOL - 302 CENTRAL AVENUE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092**

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Also, Mountainside Board of Education policies may be accessed via the district website.

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. virtually via Zoom meeting application.

II. Roll Call

At roll call, the following members were present:

Mr. Bill Dillon - via Zoom
Mr. Dante Gioia - via Zoom
Dr. Dana Guidici Pietro - via Zoom
Mr. Jordan Hyman - via Zoom
Mr. James Ruban, Jr. - via Zoom
Mrs. Candice Schiano - via Zoom
Mr. Carmine Venes - via Zoom

Also present were Janet Walling, Superintendent of Schools, Raymond Slamb, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary (via Zoom).

III. Executive Session - none

IV. Close Executive Session and Reconvene Public Session - none

V. Flag Salute

VI. Public Participation - none

VII. Superintendent's Report - Mrs. Walling provided an update on the storm damage. She gave a presentation on instruction options and reopening plan updates for both in-person and remote learning. She mentioned that administrators are working on plans in case we need to return to all virtual learning. Several board members asked questions to which Mrs. Walling responded. Topics discussed were symptoms of COVID vs. common cold, teacher responsibilities in the afternoon, student assessments, extra-curricular activities and sports and dismissal plans. Mrs. Walling highlighted the proposed changes to the school calendar, noting that it will allow for students to come in for small group orientations.

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VIII. Administration

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

Moved: Mr. Venes Seconded: Mr. Gioia

RC: Dillon -yes Gioia -yes Guidicipietro -yes Hyman -yes
 Ruban -yes Schiano -yes Venes -yes

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, changes to the 2020-2021 school district calendar. (Attachment #2).

IX. Budget and Finance

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Budget and Finance #1**

Moved: Mr. Venes Seconded: Mr. Gioia

RC: Dillon -yes Gioia -yes Guidicipietro -yes Hyman -yes
 Ruban -yes Schiano -yes Venes -yes

1. 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 #3). 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.

X. Personnel

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Personnel #1-5**

Moved: Mr. Gioia Seconded: Mr. Hyman

RC: Dillon -yes Gioia -yes Guidicipietro -yes Hyman -yes
 Ruban -yes Schiano -yes Venes -yes

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Ann Cooke, The Learning Consultant, LLC., for LDT-C Services for the Child Study Team, from August 11, 2020 through August 31, 2020, at a rate of \$50 per hour.

XI. Policy

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

Moved: Mr. Gioia Seconded: Mr. Venes

RC: Dillon -yes Gioia -yes Guidicipietro -yes Hyman -yes
 Ruban -yes Schiano -yes Venes -yes

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following policies for first reading:

1648.02	Restart and Recovery Plan-Fully Remote Learning Option	New/Mandated
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XII. Public Participation - Several community members asked questions about the reopening plans to which Mrs. Walling responded. Topics discussed were: guidance on plans and protocols if there is a positive COVID case, fever-free for 24 hours and if doctor's note required to return, school supply lists for in-person vs. virtual students, transportation availability, start times, small group orientations, access to plans in writing, online vs. in-person instruction details, substitute pay scale and sourcing, and live-streaming classes.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Hyman at 8:21 p.m., seconded by Mr. Gioia to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote, 7 ayes - 0 nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Raymond Slamb
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary