



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
February 23, 2021**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board adjourn to executive session at 6:32 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.

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

Moved: Mr. Dillon                      Seconded: Dr. Guidicipietro  
RC:                      Dillon - yes      Guidicipietro - yes      Hyman - yes      Pupo - yes  
                                 Ruban -yes      Schiano - yes              Venes -yes

The public meeting reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

**V. Flag Salute**

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

Moved: Mr. Hyman                      Seconded: Dr. Guidicipietro  
RC:                      Dillon - yes      Guidicipietro - yes      Hyman - yes      Pupo - yes  
                                 Ruban -yes      Schiano - yes              Venes -yes

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**VII. Public Participation - none**

**VIII. Board Presentations** - The firm of Hodulik & Morrison, P.A., a division of PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP. had an audit presentation for the 2019-20 school year. Mrs. Isabel Machado, Board Attorney had an annual presentation on Board Ethics.

**IX. President's Report - none**

**X. Superintendent's Report** - Mrs. Walling provided updates about Beechwood's 100th day activities and some of the creative activities and opportunities in which students can participate. She noted all grades are completing benchmarks and the administrators and staff are meeting to review data on student growth. Mrs. Walling mentioned the next transition date is March 1st for students to return to in-person instruction. She and Dr. Varley will be presenting at Thursday's Berkeley Heights BOE meeting about collaborative activities and programming between our districts. Mrs. Walling reviewed spring activities and sports, noting Mr. Rosenblum is working on virtual play, maintaining cohorts for over 100 students, while baseball and softball coaches with administration are examining safety protocols and using game assistants to help ensure health and safety guidelines for the season; There may be opportunities for wrestling at Berkeley Heights and we are looking at safety protocols to see if it is possible.

**XI. Business Administrator's Report** - Mr. Slamb provided an update to the touchless upgrade project. He noted the one year extension of the Maschio's food services contract. Mr. Slamb mentioned the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II projected allocation is \$247,000, and he will apply when the application opens on March 15th.

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**XII. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report** - Mr. Hyman reported that Berkeley Heights approved full day Kindergarten for September. The district was featured on TODAY show about teaching during the pandemic. He noted Governor Livingston’s rolling return to winter sports, with streaming information on the website, and the Governor’s recent order allowing parents to attend games. GL had 30 students partake in American Math Competition and 20 sit for the National Spanish Exam. There was a presentation by the Diversity Taskforce consultant to guide overall strategic plan in this area. The Spring Musical will be virtual at the high school. Finally, there was a presentation on the results and feedback of the parent survey from December on instruction so far this year.

**XIII. Administration**

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

Moved: Mr. Venes      Seconded: Dr. Guidicipietro

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

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report, from September 1, 2020-December 31, 2020, as reported to the NJ Department of Education. (Attachment #2)
2. **WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2021-2022 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mountainside Board of Education, desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having two Medicaid eligible classified students and is therefore not required to participate in SEMI.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mountainside Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to accept the waiver approval issued by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Union following submission of an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2021-2022 school year.

3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools January 2021 safety and security drill reports (Attachment #3).
4. \_\_\_ Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following curricular documents for Mountainside Schools:

Subject Area	Grade Levels
Performing Arts	3-5
Health	7, 8

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**XIV. Budget and Finance**

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

Moved: Mr. Venes

Seconded: Mrs. Schiano

RC:               Dillon - yes    Guidici Pietro - yes    Hyman - yes    Pupo - yes  
                  Ruban -yes    Schiano - yes        Venes -yes

1.    **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of January 2021 (Attachment #4).
2.    **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated January 28, 2021, through February 24, 2021 (Attachment #5).
3.    **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of January 2021 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of January 2021; 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 January 2021:

January 2021 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for January 2021 as submitted and certified (Attachment #6).

4.    **RESOLVED THAT**, the Mountainside Board of Education, accepts the FY 2019-2020 audit, and approves the submission of the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) as presented by the firm of Hodulik & Morrison, P.A., a division of PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP.
5.    **RESOLVED THAT**, the Mountainside Board of Education, accepts and approves the FY 2019-2020 School Audit Recommendation Corrective Action Plan. (Attachment #7)
6.    Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Emergency SSO Breakfast Contract with Maschio's Food Services, Inc. due to the Novel Coronavirus.
7.    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.

**XV. Personnel**

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Personnel #1-8**

Moved: Dr. Guidici Pietro

Seconded: Mr. Hyman



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

Bylaw 0145	Board Member Resignation and Removal	Revised/Mandated
P 2431	Athletic Competition	Revised/Mandated
R 2431.1	Emergency Procedures for Sports and Other Athletic Activity	New/Mandated
P 4125	Support Staff Members	Revised/Mandated

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

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

**XVII. Old Business - none**

**XVIII. New Business - PTO Liaison, Dr. Guidici Pietro reported Parent Education Night will be via zoom March 8th, discussing coping with loss during the pandemic. Library Liaison, Ms. Pupo reported a possible interactive kiosk to display Digital Archive of Deerfield school murals depending on grant funding, and drive-up is still available while they remain closed. Mr. Dillon asked if there is any concern with our ability to maintain distancing as students return in-person, to which Mrs. Walling responded; and Mrs. Schiano asked if any classes had all students back in-person, to which Mrs. Walling responded.**

**XIX. Committee Reports - Budget and Finance: Mr. Dillion reported they met February 10th to review Mrs. Jenks contract, auditor's recommendations and CAP and CAFR, and the touchless upgrades project. Curriculum: Mrs. Schiano reported on the areas that were revised last year and what areas are still in the works, she discussed alignment with BH in the area of math and the possibility of alignment with the ELA program, she noted that research regarding social studies curriculum is being completed, and that there will be updated NJ standards. Strategic Planning: Mrs. Schiano said they evaluated goals and progress, and hoped to meet monthly, and she again noted our**

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alignment with BH; Community Outreach: Mr. Hyman discussed stakeholders in the community and ways to ensure strong communication. Grants & Alternate Funding: Mr. Hyman reviewed with the committee current grants and how previous grants were utilized like Watts, Sustainable Jersey, MEF and PTO. They reviewed historic grants and Mr. Slamb will look back at their usage. They will develop a wish list for future grants. Health & Wellness: Dr. Guidiciopietro discussed Covid-19 protocols and thanked the administration for their efforts to keep schools open. They discussed SEL programming, and counselor's corner.

**XX. Public Participation - none**

**XXI. 2nd Executive Session**

Moved: Dr. Guidiciopietro

Seconded: Mrs. Schiano

RC:                   Dillon - yes      Guidiciopietro - yes      Hyman - yes      Pupo - yes  
                          Ruban -yes        Schiano - 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 then that will be.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board adjourn to executive session at 6:32 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. No action was taken.

**XXII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mrs. Pupo at 9:33 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hyman to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote, 7 ayes - 0 nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Raymond Slamb  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary