

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

May 25, 2021

MOUNTAINSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL - 1497 WOODACRES DRIVE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092

DEERFIELD SCHOOL - 302 CENTRAL AVENUE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092

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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 6:34 p.m.

II. Roll Call

At roll call, the following members were present:

- Mr. Bill Dillon
- Mr. Jordan Hyman
- Dr. Dana Guidiciopietro - arrived at 6:35 p.m.
- Mrs. Vivian Pupo
- Mr. James Ruban, Jr.
- Mrs. Candice Schiano
- Mr. Carmine Venes

Also present were Janet Walling, Superintendent of Schools, and Raymond Slamb, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

III. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)

Moved: Mr. Hyman Seconded: Mr. Venes

RC: Dillon - yes Guidiciopietro - absent 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
2. HIB incident

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.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board adjourn to executive session at 6:34 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: Mrs. Pupo Seconded: Mrs. Schiano
RC: Dillon - yes Guidiciopietro - yes Hyman - yes Pupo - yes
 Ruban -yes Schiano - yes Venes -yes

The public meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

V. Flag Salute

VI. Approval of Minutes

Moved: Dr. Guidiciopietro Seconded: Mrs. Pupo
RC: Dillon - yes Guidiciopietro - yes Hyman - yes Pupo - yes
 Ruban -yes Schiano - yes Venes -yes

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- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of April 27, 2021

VII. Public Participation - none

VIII. President's Report - none

IX. Superintendent's Report - Mrs. Walling mentioned how great it has been having traditional activities happening in our schools. She thanked the PTO and Mountainside Police for organizing the Beechwood Bike Rodeo. She thanked Mr. Rosenblum and Mrs. Barkin for the Movie Under the Stars play. We are looking forward to other activities such as Kindergarten Teddy Bear Day, field days, & 8th Gr. graduation on June 17th. She noted BNL will be taking individual 8th grade student pictures and stitching them together as a class picture which will be available for purchase. She thanked Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Gonzolez for the transition to synchronous learning. There will be no afternoon instruction on May 28th, June 8th (for PD), or June 17-18th. Mrs. Walling provided information on the Summer Learning Academy regarding criteria, funding, and response so far. She noted all districts are required to create a reopening plan which will be submitted to the state by June 24th. She will take into consideration parent/staff feedback and noted it may be adjusted as regulations and situations change in the state. The Board asked several questions regarding the Road Forward Plans, as well as Summer Learning Academy, to which Mrs. Walling responded.

X. Business Administrator's Report - Mr. Slamb provided an update on district projects of lighting, paving, security film, and sidewalks. The Security Grant was amended and approved and awaiting appropriation by the state. The district is exploring options for transportation next year, since Durham is not renewing. Mr. Slamb overviewed the areas in Budget and Finance. The board

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asked questions and discussed some of these topics further, particularly the ESSER II grant funds and transportation issues, to which Mr. Slamb responded.

XI. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report - Mr. Hyman reported from meetings held 4/29 and 5/13, where the main agenda was full day Kindergarten & redistricting which will be implemented in the fall. Traffic study results will be shared 6/10. GL hosted a county track meet 5/12-13, the Hill Toppers performed their school play, & AP exams were administered. The public is asking to rename Upper Columbia Field to Annie Young Field in honor of a 3rd grader; the vote is anticipated on 6/10. GL prom is on 6/4, and graduation on 6/16, with rain date 6/17. Educators of the Year were recognized.

XII. Administration

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

Moved: Dr. Guidiciopietro Seconded: Mrs. Schiano

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

1. Move to accept the Superintendent’s recommendations on the HIB incident dated April 22, 2021.
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2021-2022 holidays for administrators and secretaries (Attachment #2).
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2021-2022 holidays for the Supervisor of Maintenance and Custodial Services, and custodians (Attachment #3).
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools April 2021 safety and security drill reports. (Attachment #4)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following curricular documents for Mountainside Schools:

Subject Area	Grade Levels
Dance	Grades K, 1, 2, 6, 7, 8
Physical Education	Grades K, 1, 2

XIII. Budget and Finance

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Budget and Finance #1-23**

Moved: Mr. Hyman Seconded: Dr. Guidiciopietro

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

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1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of April 2021. (Attachment #5)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated April 29, 2021, through May 26, 2021 (Attachment #6).
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of April 2021 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of April 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 April 2021:

the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of April 2021 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for April 2021 as submitted and certified (Attachment #7).

4. **WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for professional services and public relations, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3©14.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountainside Board of Education hereby establishes the following maximums for the General Fund 2021 – 2022 year as follows:

- Architecture/Engineering \$10,000
- Legal \$32,000
- Audit \$30,000
- Physician \$2,250

For a total amount of \$ 74,250.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board concurs with the purchase of the below with Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II (ESSER II), Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CARES ACT) funds to support remote/synchronous learning:

PO #	Vendor	Contract #	Cost	Description
P202100746	GovConnection	NCPA 01-44	\$20,476.22	82 Chromebooks for 6th grade to support remote learning
P202100734	CDWG, Inc	ESCNJ18/19-03	\$17,351.84	Asus Zenscreens for

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				teachers to support synchronous learning
P202100713	CDWG, Inc	ESCNJ18/19-03	\$11,875.00	475 Cases for Chromebooks to support remote learning
P202100704	Zoom	Proprietary Technology	\$8,900.00	Zoom Licenses to support remote learning & remote Board Meetings
P202100750	Lightspeed Technologies, Inc.	NJ State #17-FOOD-002 61/T0114	\$12,590.00	Bluetooth Microphones to support synchronous learning

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board concurs with the purchase of the below with CARES Act - Coronavirus Relief Funds School District Subaward funds to support remote/synchronous learning:

PO #	Vendor	Contract #	Cost	Description
P202100250	GovConnection	NCPA 01-44	\$20,778.17	Access point expansion DF to support remote/synchronous learning
P202100050	Aspire Technologies	Multiple Quotes	\$7,392.64	Access point expansion BW to support remote/synchronous learning
P202100047	Extel Communication	State Contract #88737	\$8,450.00	Cabling for access points to support remote/synchronous learning

7. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board concurs with the amendment of previously approved motion, XIII.8, dated August 25, 2020, to the below (changes in bold):

Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **the purchase of 16 Chromebooks** and 155 Chromebook licenses from **GovConnection, Inc.** at a cost of **\$6,984.12**. **To be funded with ESSER II funds.**

8. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board concurs with the purchase of the below with Title Funds:

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PO #	Vendor	Funds	Cost	Description
P202100693	Teachers College Reading & Writing	Title Iia	\$850.00	June Reading & Writing Conference
P202100736	Teachers College Reading & Writing	Title Iia	\$850.00	June Reading & Writing Conference
P202100677	Bureau of Education & Resource	Title Iia	\$279.00	What's New For School Library Professional Development
P202100108	Curriculum Associates, LLC.	Title Iia	\$1,000.00	iReady PD for Teachers Grade 1-8
P202100052	Link It!	Title Iia	\$1,500.00	Onsite Training for Teachers
P202100015	Reading Plus	Title IV	\$1,500.00	Reading Plus Site License

9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, 2020-2021 ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Title Iia Personnel:

Name	Salary	ESEA Title Iia	Approximate % of Salary	Approximate Benefits
J. Wargaski	\$53,916.00	\$7,660.00	14%	\$3,074

10. Move to approve a contract between Union County Educational Services Commission and the Mountainside School District for Special Education Tuitions and Fees for Programs and Services for the 2021-2022 school year. (Attachment #8)
11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board concurs with the addendum to lease 1712865 with Lenovo Financial Services for 155 Chromebooks at an updated cost of \$7,502.39 per year for 5 years. (Attachment #9)
12. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Frontline Technology Group, LLC., for IEP/504 software, effective 7/1/21-6/30/22. (Attachment #10)
13. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Frontline Technology Group, LLC., for absence and substitute management software, effective 7/1/21-6/30/22. (Attachment #11)
14. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the quote from Greenwood Lawn Service for Lawn Care in an amount not to exceed \$17,390.00, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022 (Attachment #12).

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15. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2021-2022 Right to Know Services and Asbestos Management Services from RAMM Environmental Services, Inc., not to exceed \$5,000 (Attachment #13).
16. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Global Compliance Network, Inc. (GCN), from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, at a rate of \$1,400. (Attachment #14)
17. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, CDK Systems, Inc. license renewal, from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$11,260. (Attachment #15)
18. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resolution authorizing the Mountainside Board of Education to renew a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Educational Data Services, Inc, with a licensing and maintenance fee of \$1,730 for the 2021-2022 school year. (Attachment #16)
19. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the contract renewal with Progressive Therapy of New Jersey for BCBA services for ESY 2021 from June 21, 2021 through July 16, 2021, at a rate of \$115/hr., not to exceed 3 hrs. per week. (Attachment #17)
20. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the contract renewal with Progressive Therapy of New Jersey for BCBA services for the 2021/2022 school year, at a rate of \$115/hr., not to exceed 14 hrs. per week. (Attachment #18)
21. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Next Step Pediatric Therapy for physical therapy services and evaluations at a rate of \$90/hour, not to exceed \$19,300.00 for ESY 2021 and the 2021-2022 school year. (Attachment #19)
22. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Learning Ally for Institution State License services at a rate of \$2,499 for the 2021-2022 school year. (Attachment #20)
23. 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 # **2783369621**.

XIV. Personnel

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Personnel #1-10**

Moved: Dr. Guidiciopietro Seconded: Mrs. Pupo

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

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Child Study Team Staffing effective June 21, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

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Name	Assignment	Rate	Not to Exceed
Eileen D'Antonio	School Social Worker (attend meetings, conduct/prepare evaluations)	\$43.29/hour	NTE 50 hours
Amanda Somers-Guerrasio	School Psychologist (attend meetings, conduct/prepare evaluations)	\$43.29/hour	NTE 50 hours
Leila Morrelli	Speech and Language Specialist	\$43.29/hour	NTE 50 hours
Stephanie DeBaun Kelly Herscheit Janelle Lauterbach	General Education Teachers	\$43.29/hour	Per meeting
Shannon Keegan Caitlin McGarrity Lori Topel	Special Education Teachers	\$43.29/hour	Per meeting

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staffing of the 2021-2022 **ESY Program** from June 21, 2021 through July 16, 2021 Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00-12:00, as detailed below:

2021- 2022 ESY June 21st – July 16th, 2021 (*no school July 5th)

No School on Fridays

Salary based on MEA staff contract

ESY Nurse (1):

Lisa Bruno	School Nurse	\$43.29
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ESY Special Education Teachers:

Name	Grade Level	Position	Salary/Hour
Julie Lima	K-2	Special Education Teacher	\$43.29
Dayna Carroll	3-4	Special Education Teacher	\$43.29
Rosemarie Sardina	5-7	Special Education Teacher	\$43.29

Paraprofessionals:

Name	Position	Salary/Hour
Terri Schrul	Paraprofessional	\$26.11
Elizabeth Carpenter	Paraprofessional	\$25.03

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Sandra Vendas	Paraprofessional	\$26.11
Marilyn Nacci	Paraprofessional	\$26.11
Carmine Cosalaro	Paraprofessional	\$26.11
Lydra Shehu	Paraprofessional	\$25.03
Nicole Ellis	Substitute Paraprofessional	\$26.11
Maria DeAnna	Substitute Paraprofessional	\$26.11

3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staffing of the 2021-2022 **Summer Learning Academy** from June 21, 2021 through July 16, 2021(*no school July 5th), Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00-12:00, at rate of \$43.29/hour, not to exceed 4 hours per day, paid for through ESSER II Federal Grant Funding:

Holly Ambrose	Barbi Higinbotham
Teresa Banks	Axl Hirsch
Nicole Cruts	Michelle Jamnik
Michelle Cruz	Adrienne Ridley
Kelly Herscheit	Lori Topel

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following temporary custodial workers for summer employment, upon successful criminal background check: (Attachment #21)

Name	Days	Rate	Approx. Total
Luke Williams	8 Weeks	\$16.85/hr.	\$5,000
Dylan Capparelli	8 Weeks	\$16.85/hr.	\$5,000

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to amend Personnel item #11 from the April 27, 2021 agenda to reflect 2 weeks of mentoring completed by Sue Goracy for Isaiah James, for the prorated amount of \$49.20.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the extension of a medical leave of absence for **Employee #91011247**, from May 15, 2021 until June 30, 2021.
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Dana Peterson, Orton Gillingham instructor, to work during the ESY program 4x weekly; 50 minutes/session with Student #4034358073 from June 21, 2021 through July 16, 2021, not to exceed 4 sessions per week, at a rate of \$100 per session.

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8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of **Lauren Klein** to the 2020-2021 substitute list, pending paperwork. (Attachment #22)
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of **Paola Conte** to the 2020-2021 substitute list, pending paperwork. (Attachment #23)
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2020-2021 fee amounts for student activities in accordance with Board Policy 2436, Activity Participation Fee Program for Baseball and Softball at \$195 per student. If two or more children in a family play a sport, the cost is \$150 per sport.

XV. Policy

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

Moved: Mr. Venes Seconded: Mr. Hyman

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

Mr. Ruban asked about notifying parents of P9713, to which Mrs. Walling responded.

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

P/R 5330.01	Administration of Medical Cannabis	Revised/Mandated
P 6360	Political Contributions	Revised/Mandated
P 8330	Student Records	Revised/Mandated
P 9713	Recruitment by Special Interest Groups	Revised/Mandated

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

P 2415	Every Student Succeeds Act	Revised/Mandated
P 2415.02	Title I - Fiscal Responsibilities	Revised/Mandated
P 2415.05	Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations	Revised/Mandated
P 2415.20 R 2415.20	Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints	Revised/Mandated New/Mandated

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- XVI. **Old Business** - Mr. Hyman asked about the status of the library kiosks, to which Mrs. Walling responded.
- XVII. **New Business** - **Library Liaison**, Mrs. Pupo reported that the library opened May 17th, and the April book sale was successful, with another planned on 6/11-12 to support Friends of the Library. **PTO Liaison**, Dr. Guidiciopietro reported that the Spring Fling fundraiser will be held on May 26th. She also noted that Nick Schiano took 4th place in state wrestling, and 8U softball came in 2nd in their tournament and 2nd Grade baseball won a Union County game vs. Scotch Plains.
- XVIII. **Committee Reports** - **Budget and Finance**: Mr. Dillon noted year end and summer projects, like paving, LED light vendor and safety films for windows. He also reviewed grant funds, ESSER II & ARP, security, and Durham updates on transportation.
- XIX. **Public Participation** - none
- XX. **Executive Session** - Resolution (Attachment #1)

Moved: Dr. Guidiciopietro Seconded: Mrs. Schiano

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XXI. Close Executive Session and Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Pupo at 10:08 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Schiano to close Executive Session and adjourn. The Public Session was not reconvened as no further action was taken. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote, 7 ayes - 0 nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Raymond Slamb
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary