

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 16, 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 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

At roll call, the following members were present:

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

Also present were Janet Walling, Superintendent of Schools, and Michael Falkowski, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

III. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)

Moved:	<u>Dr. Guidiciopietro</u>	Seconded:	<u>Mrs. Schiano</u>
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. Berkeley Heights Tuition Audit
2. Student Tuition Request

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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XII. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report - Mr. Hyman reported from the Nov. 11th meeting where they discussed the following: Girls Volleyball Team’s success; a Wellness Fair; test scores will be released in Dec.; Berkeley Heights is restarting zoom access for Board of Education meetings; there was a lengthy debate about busing; Governor Livingston is having it’s school play this weekend; the next meeting will be on December 9th.

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 School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance (Attachment #2).
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2021-2022 Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist Statement of Assurance for Beechwood and Deerfield Schools. (Attachment #3).
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools October 2021 safety and security drill reports. (Attachment #4)

XIV. Budget and Finance

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

Moved: Mr. Hyman Seconded: Dr. Guidicipietro
RC: Dillon - yes Guidicipietro - 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 October 2021. (Attachment #5)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated October 21, 2021, through November 17, 2021. (Attachment #6)
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of October 2021 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of October 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Board Secretary, Michael Falkowski, 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,

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as modified to date set forth in the level of detail contained in the Reports of the Board Secretary for October 2021:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the month of October 2021 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for October 2021 as submitted and certified. (Attachment #7)

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Student Activity Accounts Manual. (Attachment #8)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Golden Arrow Transportation to provide transportation for the basketball season, at a rate of \$475.00 per bus.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the cooperative agreement between the Mountainside Board of Education and Berkeley Heights for a middle school wrestling program. (Attachment #9)
7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board shall provide educational programming through LearnWell Education at a rate of \$52 an hour, for student #3691479251, to be provided as per received agreement.

XV. Personnel

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

Moved:	<u>Mr. Hyman</u>	Seconded:	<u>Mrs. Schiano</u>
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 rate increase for substitutes, to be paid at the following rates as follows:
 - \$105/day with only a substitute certification
 - \$115/day with a college degree & substitute certification
 - \$125/day with a teacher certification
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Maternity Disability Leave for **Caitlin Sluberski**, 1st Grade Teacher, effective January 18, 2022, until March 18, 2022. She will be permitted to utilize any accumulated sick days. It is also recommended that Ms. Sluberski be granted unpaid Family Leave from March 21, 2022, until June 21, 2022 in accordance with FMLA and NJFLA. Ms. Sluberski anticipates returning to work January 9, 2023. (Attachment #10)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint **Cory Berger**, to the position of Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach, for the 2021-2022 season, at the stipend rate of \$2,276.
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of **Carmela (Lina) Bove**, as a Lunch Aide, pending paperwork and successful criminal background check, and

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XX. Committee Reports - none

XXI. Public Participation - none

XXII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Guidici Pietro at 8:55 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Pupo to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote, 7 ayes - 0 nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Michael Falkowski
Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary