

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

May 10, 2022

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 Dr. Dana Guidiciopietro, at 6:35 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.- arrived at 6:51 p.m.
- Mrs. Candice Schiano
- Mr. Carmine Venes

Also present were Janet Walling, Superintendent of Schools, and Steven Robinson, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

III. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)

Moved: Mr. Hyman Seconded: Mrs. Schiano
RC: Dillon - yes Guidiciopietro - yes Hyman - yes Pupo - yes
 Ruban -absent 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 matters

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 6:38 p.m. to discuss the above mentioned matter to the exclusion of all others. Matters discussed may or may

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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:	<u>Mr. Hyman</u>	Seconded:	<u>Mrs. Schiano</u>		
RC:	Dillon - yes	Guidicipietro - yes	Hyman - yes	Pupo - yes	
	Ruban -yes	Schiano - yes	Venes -yes		

The public meeting reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

V. Flag Salute

VI. Approval of Minutes

Moved:	<u>Dr. Guidicipietro</u>	Seconded:	<u>Mrs. Pupo</u>		
RC:	Dillon -yes	Guidicipietro - yes	Hyman - yes	Pupo - yes	
	Ruban -yes	Schiano - yes	Venes -yes		

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2022
- ❖ Minutes of the 1st Executive Session of April 26, 2022
- ❖ Minutes of the 2nd Executive Session of April 26, 2022

VII. Correspondence - none

VIII. Public Participation - none

IX. President's Report - none

X. Superintendent's Report - Mrs. Walling began with recognizing the retirement of our custodian, Mr. Sieczkowski and thanked him for his 27 ½ years of service to our district. He humbly thanked the Board for the opportunity to work in Mountainside, and will treasure his memories of the staff and students he's known over the years. Next she introduced Mrs. Rouleau, who presented an overview of the Special Education Department, with details on this year's programming, and a look ahead. Mr. Hyman and Mrs. Pupo asked Mrs. Rouleau to elaborate on the self - advocacy groups, to which she responded. Mrs. Walling continued to mention that it was Teacher Appreciation Week and today was School Nurses Day. She thanked the PTO for providing lunch, and thanked principals Mrs. Vierschilling and Mrs. Jenks for special treats for staff. She complimented Mr. Wise for a great kindergarten outdoor concert, and mentioned upcoming concerts in other grades. She thanked Mr. Young for organizing the 8th Grade trip to Washington DC. Grade 5 participated in a D.A.R.E. trip to Patriot's Stadium. There are other trips and activities planned for the weeks ahead, including 3rd Grade Orientation. NJSLA testing is ongoing, she thanked Mrs. Goldbeck for her work on it, and Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Gonzalez for keeping the technology running smoothly. In June, principals from both schools will make presentations to the board. She addressed the bus issues, noting the board office is working on solutions, and thanked Mrs. Bolton for her efforts in transportation.

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XI. Business Administrator's Report - Mr. Robinson mentioned that there will be 3 board seats up for the November 8th election. Interested candidates need to file a nomination petition by July 25 to the county clerk's office. Information is available on our website.

XII. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report - Mr. Hyman reported from the 4/28 meeting that the budget was approved, including a new French teacher, football coach and CMS principal. There were various student activities and sports updates as well. Dr. Varley presented her 1st Student of the Month award. The "Big Ideas" math curriculum was approved, and they thanked the partnership with Mountainside with the research on aligning our programs. Also mentioned was the start of a new college jumpstart program.

XIII. Administration

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

Moved:	<u>Dr. Guidiciopietro</u>	Seconded:	<u>Mrs. Schiano</u>
RC:	Dillon - yes Guidiciopietro - yes	Hyman - yes Pupo - abstained from #2	
	Ruban -yes Schiano - yes	Venes -yes	

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2022-2023 holidays for administrators and secretaries. (Attachment #2)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2022-2023 holidays for the Supervisor of Maintenance and Custodial Services, and custodians. (Attachment #3)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools April 2022 safety and security drill reports. (Attachment #4)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools Bus Evacuation Drill reports. (Attachment #5)

XIV. Budget and Finance

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Budget and Finance #1-6**

Moved:	<u>Mr. Hyman</u>	Seconded:	<u>Mr. Venes</u>
RC:	Dillon - yes Guidiciopietro - 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 April 2022. (Attachment #6)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated April 28, 2022, through May 10, 2022. (Attachment #7)
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of April 2022 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of April 2022; and

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WHEREAS, the Board Secretary, Steven Robinson, 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 2022:

the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of April 2022 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for April 2022 as submitted and certified (Attachment #8).

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

4. 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 \$94/hour, not to exceed \$20,000.00 for ESY 2022 and the 2022-2023 school year. (Attachment #9)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the annual renewal of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, as the health benefits provider for the Mountainside School District, effective 7/1/2022 through 6/30/2023.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Bayada Home Health Care Contract, from April 22,2022, through August 31, 2022, to provide school nursing services as needed, at a rate of \$65/hour. (Attachment #10)

XV. Personnel

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Personnel #1-6**

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

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the certificated tenured personnel list for the 2022-2023 school year. (Attachment #11)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the certificated non-tenured personnel list for the 2022-2023 school year. (Attachment #12)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the secretaries and custodians list for the 2022-2023 school year. (Attachment #13)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staffing for the 2022-2023 Summer Learning Academy from July 5, 2022 through July 28, 2022, Mondays through Thursdays, at rate of *\$43.29/hour, not to exceed 4 hours per day. Program is supported through ARP Federal Grant Funding:

**salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA*

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Nicole Cruts	Taylor Donato	Remove Deborah Posner , as previously approved on 4/26/22, at her request
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5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Maternity Disability Leave for **Rebecca Tafaro**, Special Education Teacher, effective September 27, 2022, until October 19, 2022. She will be permitted to utilize any accumulated sick days. It is also recommended that Mrs. Tafaro be granted unpaid Family Leave from October 20, 2022, until January 19, 2023 in accordance with FMLA and NJFLA. Mrs. Tafaro anticipates returning to work on January 20, 2023. (Attachment #14)

6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the notification to take classes from **Desiree Ganz**, Special Education Teacher, for classes taken at Fairleigh Dickinson, for the 2022 Summer Session for Orton Gillingham, in the amount of \$165. (Attachment #15)

XVI. Curriculum

Moved: Mr. Hyman Seconded: Mrs. Pupo
 RC: Dillon -yes Guidici Pietro - yes Hyman - yes Pupo - yes
 Ruban -yes Schiano - yes Venes -yes

Date	Destination	Grade	Teacher in Charge	Estimated Cost
6/1/22	Field Station Dinosaurs	2	Sue Goracy	\$1205.00-Admission-Paid by PTO \$225.00-Admission-Paid by Chaperones \$499.00-Buses-Paid by PTO \$689.00-Buses-Paid by Student Activity Acct.
6/6/22	3 rd Gr. Deerfield Orientation	2	Sue Goracy	\$350.00-Buses-Paid by BOE
6/9/22	VonThun's Country Farm	K	Stephanie DeBaun	\$1120.00-Admission-Paid by PTO \$320.00-Admission-Paid by Chaperones \$560.00-Buses-Paid by PTO \$628.00-Buses-Paid by Student Activity Acct.
6/14/22	Turtle Back Zoo	1	Janelle Lauterbach	\$970.00-Admission-Paid by PTO \$200.00-Admission-Paid by Chaperones \$1080.00-Buses-Paid by PTO

XVII. Policy

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

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

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

P 2417	Student Intervention and Referral Services	Revised/Mandated
P 3161	Examination for Cause	Revised/Recommended
P 4161	Examination for Cause	Revised/Recommended
P 7410 R 7410	Maintenance and Repair	Revised/Mandated New/Mandated
P 8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations	Revised/Mandated

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

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

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

P 2622	Student Assessment	Revised/Mandated
R 2622	Student Assessment	New/Mandated
P & R 2431.4	Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries	Revised/Mandated
R 8420.7	Lockdown Procedures	New/Mandated

XVIII. Old Business - Mr. Venes noted the negotiation meeting will be rescheduled. Mr. Ruban discussed reviewing the nepotism policy. Mrs. Walling provided updates on it from Strauss Esmay and Mrs. Machado that the board can consider moving forward. Mr. Venes asked about a fire alarm response at DF, to which Mrs. Walling responded about her communications with the police chief.

XIX. New Business - Mr. Hyman asked about crossing guards at DF, to which Mrs. Walling noted that the police dept. is in charge of that position. Mr. Hyman asked for an update on the new DF digital sign. Mrs. Walling responded that the various steps for installation are in the works. Mr. Dillon asked to review the Strategic Plan as a board, to which everyone agreed to do annually.

XX. Committee Reports - none

XXI. Public Participation - none

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XXII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Guidicipietro at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Mr. Venes to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote, 7 ayes - 0 nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Robinson
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary