

**Regular Meeting
Agenda May 9, 2023**

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

II. Roll Call

Mr. Bill Dillon	_____
Mr. Michael Goodwin	_____
Dr. Dana Guidiciopietro	_____
Mr. Jordan Hyman	_____
Mrs. Vivian Pupo	_____
Mrs. Candice Schiano	_____
Mr. Carmine Venes	_____

III. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)

Moved:	_____	Seconded:	_____
RC:	Dillon _____ Goodwin _____	Guidiciopietro _____	
	Hyman _____ Pupo _____	Schiano _____ Venes _____	

❖ Legal/Personnel

IV. Close Executive Session and Reconvene Public Session

Moved:	_____	Seconded:	_____
RC:	Dillon _____ Goodwin _____	Guidiciopietro _____	
	Hyman _____ Pupo _____	Schiano _____ Venes _____	

V. Flag Salute

VI. Approval of Minutes

Moved:	_____	Seconded:	_____
RC:	Dillon _____ Goodwin _____	Guidiciopietro _____	
	Hyman _____ Pupo _____	Schiano _____ Venes _____	

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2023
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of April 18, 2023

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VII. Correspondence

VIII. Public Participation - Agenda Items Only

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IX. President's Report

X. Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Retiree Recognition
- ❖ Beechwood Year in Review Presentation by Mrs. Vierschilling
- ❖ HIB Grades Report
- ❖ District Updates

XI. Business Administrator's Report

- ❖ Audit for the 2021-22 school year
- ❖ Demographic Study update

XII. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

XIII. Administration

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidici Pietro _____
Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2023-2024 holidays for administrators and secretaries. (Attachment #2)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2023-2024 holidays for the Supervisor of Maintenance and Custodial Services, and custodians. (Attachment #3)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lead Testing Program Statement of Assurance for 2022-2023. (Attachment #4)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools April 2023 safety and security drill reports. (Attachment #5)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools Bus Evacuation Drill reports. (Attachment #6)

XIV. Budget and Finance

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidici Pietro _____

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Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated April 20, 2023, through May 10, 2023. (Attachment #7)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Mountainside Board of Education, accepts the FY 2021-2022 audit, and approves the submission of the A.C.F.R. (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report) as presented by the firm of Hodulik & Morrison, P.A., a division of PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP.
3. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Mountainside Board of Education, accepts and approves the FY 2021-2022 School Audit Recommendation Corrective Action Plan. (Attachment #8)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the Watts Foundation donation in the amount of \$1,500 to be used towards Deerfield Robotics. (Attachment #9)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with IMAC Agency as the district's State Health Benefits Program Consultants from January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$15,000. (Attachment #10)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a 12-month agreement with BrightStar Care for nursing services, at a rate of \$95/hour, effective May 1, 2023. (Attachment #11)
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Tri-County Behavioral Care to provide In-District Counseling Services to students and families referred by school district personnel for the 2023-24 school year, 2 days per week in the amount of \$60,000. Services to be funded with ARP grant funds. (Attachment #12)
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the agreement between the Mountainside Board of Education and New Jersey School Boards Association to participate in the ACES NJSBA Cooperative Pricing System. (Attachment #13)
9. 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 \$95/hour, not to exceed \$26,600.00 for ESY 2023 and the 2023-2024 school year. (Attachment #14)
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an addition to the Independent Contractors/Physicians/Agencies for the 2022/2023 school year as attached. (Attachment #14A)
11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Trinitas for occupational therapy service at a rate of \$77 per 30 minute session, at an estimated total of \$6,545.00 for ESY 2023.

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12. 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 #14B). 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.
13. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with G2 Athletics, LLC for a 3-Day Sports Camp for Beechwood students, to be held June 21-23, 2023, at a cost of \$825 as outlined under Tier 6 usage fees in district Policy 7510.

XV. Personnel

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidici Pietro _____
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1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the certificated tenured personnel list for the 2023-2024 school year. (Attachment #15)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the certificated non-tenured personnel list for the 2023-2024 school year. (Attachment #16)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the secretaries and custodians list for the 2023-2024 school year. (Attachment #17)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an unpaid Family Leave for **Cory Berger**, 5th Grade Teacher, from October 2, 2023 until December 22, 2023 in accordance with FMLA and NJFLA. Mr. Berger anticipates returning to work on January 2, 2024. (Attachment #18)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of **Bruce Littinger** Special Education Consultant, LLC, from the position of School Social Worker Leave Replacement, effective immediately.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of **Stephanie Cuccio**, to the position of 1st Grade Elementary Teacher, at a salary of \$62,681, MA Step 6, for the 2023-2024 school year. (Attachment #19)
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of **Sarah Geller**, to the position of Special Education Teacher, at a salary of \$63,951, MA Step 7, for the 2023-2024 school year. (Attachment #20)
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of **Madison Phillips**, to the position of 3rd Grade Elementary Teacher, at a salary of \$55,377, BA Step 2, for the 2023-2024 school year.

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9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of **Muriel Maloney**, to the position of 4th Grade Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher, at a salary of \$54,875, BA Step 1, prorated from 5/15/23-6/20/23.
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of **Hailey Gutowski**, to the position of long term substitute for Kindergarten, at a per diem rate of \$185, from May 31, 2023-June 20, 2023.
11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of **Mara Hermelee**, to the position of School Social Worker Leave Replacement, at a salary of \$58,451, MA Step 2, prorated from an approximate start date of 5/10/23-10/26/23, pending paperwork and successful criminal background. (Attachment #21)
12. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the re-appointment of **April Lachica-Campos** to the position of Kindergarten Leave Replacement, at the salary of \$54,875, Step 1 BA, prorated, effective September 5, 2023 through November 20, 2023.
13. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of **Christine Zagami**, Library Assistant, effective June 12, 2023, and thank her for her service to the Mountainside School District. (Attachment #22)
14. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Child Study Team Staffing effective June 22, 2023 to August 31, 2023.

Name	Assignment	Rate	Not to Exceed
Mara Hermelee	School Social Worker (for meetings/evaluations)	\$44.00/hour	NTE 50 hours

15. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff for 2022-2023 School Year Stipend Positions, contingent upon student enrollment for those student activities subsidized in accordance with Board Policy 2436, Activity Participation Fee Program as follows and to rescind **Corrin Lavey** as an 8th Gr. trip chaperone, previously approved on 1/31/23.

Name	Position	Rate
Dan Kessler	8th Gr. trip overnight chaperones	\$265 (1-2 year rate)

16. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of the following to the Substitute Teacher List for 2022-2023 school year, pending paperwork and successful criminal background check. (Attachment #23)

Name	Certification	Rate/day
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Aneta Ferriere	Sub Cert w/ degree	\$115
Jen O'Holla Herits	Sub Cert w/ degree	\$115

17. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Lori Topel** as the Summer Learning Academy Program Organizer, at a rate of \$44 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours. Cost will be supported through ARP Federal Grant funding.
18. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of **Kylie Beirne** to the position of Special Education Teacher, at a salary of \$57,949, MA Step 1, for the 2023-2024 school year. (Attachment #24)

XVI. Policy

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

P 6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures	Revised/Mandated
P 6115.04	Federal Funds - Duplication of Benefits	New/Mandated
P 6311	Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants	Revised/Mandated
R 8420.2	Bomb Threats	New/Mandated
R 8420.7	Lockdown Procedures	Revised/Mandated
R 8420.10	Active Shooter	New/Mandated

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

P 5305	Health Services Personnel	Revised/Mandated
P 5308	Student Health Records	Revised/Mandated
P 5310	Health Services	Revised/Mandated

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XVII. Old Business

XVIII. New Business

XIX. Committee Report

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XXI. Executive Session

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XXII. Adjournment

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
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Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____