

# 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. Dante Gioia	_____
Mrs. Cathy Jakositz	_____
Mr. Christopher Minks	_____
Mrs. Kate Motz	_____
Mrs. Jeane Parker	_____
Mr. James Ruban, Jr.	_____
Mr. Carmine Venes	_____

**III. Executive Session – Resolution (Attachment #1)**

Moved: _____	Seconded: _____		
RC) Gioia _____	Jakositz _____	Minks _____	Motz _____
Parker _____	Ruban _____	Venes _____	

❖ Legal/Personnel

**IV. Flag Salute**

**V. Approval of Minutes**

Moved: _____	Seconded: _____		
RC) Gioia _____	Jakositz _____	Minks _____	Motz _____
Parker _____	Ruban _____	Venes _____	

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2016
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of December 19, 2016
- ❖ Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2017
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of January 3, 2017

**VI. Correspondence**

**VII. Public Participation**

In accordance with Board Policy 0167, Public Participation in Board Meetings, in the event it appears

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the public comment portion of the meeting may exceed 30 minutes, the presiding officer may limit each statement made by a participant to three (3) minutes' duration.

### VIII. President's Report

#### IX. Chief School Administrator's Report

##### 1. School Board Recognition Month

**WHEREAS,** The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2017 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

**WHEREAS,** The Mountainside Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

**WHEREAS,** The Mountainside Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

**WHEREAS,** New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; and

**WHEREAS,** New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

**WHEREAS,** School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

**WHEREAS,** Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

**WHEREAS,** New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) scores and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Mountainside Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2017 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Mountainside Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.



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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and pursuant to the authority granted by N.J.S.A. 18A: 44-4(B), the Mountainside Board of Education hereby establishes the following per pupil yearly tuition rates for non-disabled pupils enrolled in its preschool program for the 2017-2018 school year: \$3,500.00 for 5 half day sessions and \$7,000 for 5 full day sessions.

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the attached list of Independent Contractors/Agencies for regular and classified students if needed during the 2016-2017 school year (Attachment #7).
6. Move to approve in accordance with MBOE policy 6471, School District Travel, and upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, 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.

**XIII. Personnel**

Moved: _____	Seconded: _____		
RC) Gioia _____	Jakositz _____	Minks _____	Motz _____
Parker _____	Ruban _____	Venes _____	

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the resignation of Jennifer Kuperman, LDTC, effective February 18, 2017, and to thank her for her service to the Mountainside School District (Attachment #9).
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the resignation of Kimberly Ryan, Paraprofessional, effective February 1, 2017, and to thank her for her service to the Mountainside School District (Attachment #10).
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the resignation of Theresa Brown, School Psychologist, effective March 20, 2017, and to thank her for her service to the Mountainside School District (Attachment #11).
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, Maternity Disability Leave for Michelle Jamnik, Kindergarten Teacher, effective April 17, 2017, until May 17, 2017. She will be permitted to utilize any accumulated sick days. It is also recommended that Mrs. Jamnik be granted an unpaid Family Leave from May 18, 2017 until June 20, 2017 in accordance with FMLA and NJFMLA. Mrs. Jamnik anticipates returning to work on September 1, 2017 Attachment #12).
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, Maternity Disability Leave for Susan Burke, Special Education Teacher, effective March 27, 2017, until May 26, 2017. She will be permitted to utilize any accumulated sick days. It is also recommended that Mrs. Burke be granted an unpaid Family Leave from May 30, 2017 until June 20, 2017 in accordance with FMLA and NJFMLA. Mrs. Burke anticipates returning to

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work on September 1, 2017 (Attachment #13).

6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, Maternity Disability Leave for Dayna Carroll, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, effective April 14, 2017, until June 12, 2017. She will be permitted to utilize any accumulated sick days. It is also recommended that Mrs. Carroll be granted an unpaid Family Leave from June 13, 2017 until November 17, 2017 in accordance with FMLA and NJFMLA. Mrs. Carroll anticipates returning to work on November 20, 2017 (Attachment #14).
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following staff members for homebound instruction:

Teacher	Hours Per Week	From	To	Rate
Corrine Lavery	1 hour	11/16/16	11/16/16	\$39.71
Jayne Hartnett	1 hour	11/22/16	11/22/16	\$39.71

8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the request for tuition reimbursement from Adrienne Ridley, Special Education Teacher, taken at Nova Southeastern University for the fall 2016 session for three (3) graduate credits in the amount of \$1,845.00 (Attachment #15).
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the addition of Jennifer Barbera to the Substitute Teacher list (Attachment 16).

**XIV. Curriculum**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RC) Gioia \_\_\_\_\_ Jakositz \_\_\_\_\_ Minks \_\_\_\_\_ Motz \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parker \_\_\_\_\_ Ruban \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following field trips for the 2016-2017 school year:

Date	Destination	Grade	Teacher in Charge	Estimated Cost
2/3/17	Rogate, Bergen County Community College	7, 8	Ms. Goldstein	Cost of Bussing: \$251.88 Paid by BOE
4/26/17	Trailside Nature and Science Center	5	Mrs. Kinney	Cost of Trip: \$480.00 Paid by PTA Cost of Bussing: \$710.90 paid by PTA
5/26/17 Rain or shine	Music in the Parks Festival, Jackson, NJ	6-8	Mr. Wise, Mr. Rosenblum	Cost of Trip: \$8,022.00 Cost of Bussing: \$1,954.83 Paid by MEF Grant (in process), students, and fundraiser

