

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	_____
Dr. Dana Guidiciopietro	_____
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 _____	Guidiciopietro _____	Minks _____	Motz _____
Parker _____	Ruban _____	Venes _____	

❖ Legal/Personnel

IV. Close Executive Session and Reconvene Public Session

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

V. Flag Salute

VI. Approval of Minutes

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

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2018
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of February 27, 2018

VII. Correspondence

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WHEREAS, the Board Secretary, Donna Alonso, 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 February 2018:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the month of February 2018 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for February 2018 as submitted and certified (Attachment #5).

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2018-2019 school year and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2018-19 Total Expenditures	\$17,342,545	\$213,232	\$1,704,922	\$19,260,699
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$1,309,781	\$213,232	\$467,721	\$1,990,734
Taxes to Be Raised	\$16,032,764	0	\$1,237,201	\$17,269,965

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Westfield Leader in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Beechwood School Susan O. Collier Library Media Center, Mountainside, New Jersey, on April 24, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2018-2019 school year.

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the

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approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 *et seq.* as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$20,000 for all staff and Board members.

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following resolution binding the Mountainside Board of Education to purchase electric generation services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (“ACES”) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS:

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2023 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

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WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2023 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following resolution binding the Mountainside Board of Education to purchase natural gas services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services ("ACES") Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS:

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WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2023, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2023 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, to accept the following donations:

Verizon Foundation	\$750	In recognition of the volunteer efforts of Mrs. Amy Radick to be put towards the Deerfield School musical.
Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program	\$500	Based on nomination from Mr. Karn Jit Singh, Owner of Exxon Station on Rt. 22 in Mountainside to be put toward the STEM programs at Deerfield School.

8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, to amend the May 23, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes, Budget and Finance, Motion #7, to include the following cafeteria price list for 2017-2018:

Student lunch	\$2.85
Reduced lunch	\$.40
Extra entrée with lunch	\$1.75
Adult lunch	\$3.35
Milk	\$.50

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WHEREAS, the Union County Superintendent's Roundtable supports and sponsors an Annual Teacher Recognition Program for outstanding teachers in Union County;

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education strongly supports district teaching staff members in their endeavor to promote excellence in education;

WHEREAS, the criteria for selection of the recipient of the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program includes use of effective instructional techniques and methods; establishment of productive classroom climate and rapport with students; and development of feelings of self-worth and love of learning in students; and

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education recognizes and sincerely appreciates the dedicated services of Kristin Trentham, PEAK Teacher, to the students of the Mountainside Public School District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Kristin Trentham is recognized as the Mountainside School District recipient of the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program Award for the 2017-18 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution becomes a part of the official minutes of Mountainside Board of Education, and a copy forwarded to Kristin Trentham.

3. **WHEREAS**, the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program was developed in 1985 for the purpose of acknowledging teachers who exhibit outstanding performance;

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education, using the teacher recognition program as a model, developed a District Support Staff Recognition Program in 2008-09.

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education strongly upholds our support staff members in their dedication and devotion to keeping the Mountainside School District functioning and providing assistance to the faculty so our students can learn;

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education recognizes and sincerely appreciates the dedicated services of Carmine Ann Casolaro, Paraprofessional, at Beechwood School, to the students of the Mountainside Public School District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Carmine Ann Casolaro is recognized as the recipient of Mountainside School District Support Staff Member of the Year for the 2017-18 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution becomes a part of the official minutes of Mountainside Board of Education, and a copy forwarded to Carmine Ann Casolaro.

4. **WHEREAS**, the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program was developed in 1985 for the purpose of acknowledging teachers who exhibit outstanding performance;

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WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education, using the teacher recognition program as a model, developed a District Support Staff Recognition Program in 2008-09.

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education strongly upholds our support staff members in their dedication and devotion to keeping the Mountainside School District functioning and providing assistance to the faculty so our students can learn;

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education recognizes and sincerely appreciates the dedicated services of Linda Lombardo, School Secretary, at Deerfield School, to the students of the Mountainside Public School District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Linda Lombardo, is recognized as the recipient of the Mountainside School District Support Staff Member of the Year for the 2017-18 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution becomes a part of the official minutes of Mountainside Board of Education, and a copy forwarded to Linda Lombardo.

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, to amend Personnel resolution #7 from the meeting of February 27, 2018 to read Teresa Schrul, Paraprofessional, to work an additional 4 hours per week starting February 12, 2018.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Dara Blass to the position of part time Paraprofessional, at a salary of \$22.36 per hour, for a total of 21 hours per week, effective March 12, 2018, until June 19, 2018 (Attachment #7).
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following staff member for homebound instruction: Sharon Scanlan, for 1 hour per week, at a rate of \$39.71/hour, from March 7, 2018 to June 19, 2018.
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the resignation of Morgan Felt from the stipend position of Assistant Play Director. She will be paid \$1,229.50 (50% of \$2,459).
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Victoria Tiscia, to assume the remainder of the stipend position of Assistant Play Director. She will be paid \$1,229.50 (50% of \$2,459).
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following staff member to serve as mentor for the 2017-2018 school year:

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Staff Member	Assignment	Amount (To be paid by mentee)
Christine Delaney	Jill MacConnell 5th Grade Leave Replacement 3/1/18 – 6/19/18	\$295.20

11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, request permission for Eden Joseph, a student at Montclair State University, to observe in a classroom setting, which is a requirement for a class in which she is presently enrolled (Attachment #8).
12. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Tara Pirozzoli to the position of Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant (LDTC) at a salary of \$60,213, Step 5 MA, effective June 1, 2018 until June 30, 2018 (Attachment #8A).

XV. Curriculum

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

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following field trips for the 2017-2018 school year:

Date	Destination	Grade	Teacher in Charge	Estimated Cost
4/3/18	Governor Livingston High School	8	Ms. DalCortivo	Cost of Buses: \$475.42 Paid by BOE
4/23/2018 Rain Date: 4/30/2018	Staten Island Zoo	1	Ms. Groth	PTO Admission: \$528.00 PTO Buses: \$713.06 Chaperones: \$160.00
5/15/2018	Jenkinson's Aquarium	K	Ms. Ianniello	PTO Admission: 441.00 PTO Buses: \$713.06 Chaperones: \$200.00
5/18/18 or 5/25/18	Music in the Parks Festival, Jackson, NJ	6-8 Band Chorus	Mr. Wise Mr. Rosenblum	Cost of Trip: \$9,688 \$3,000 paid by MEF Balance of Cost – Paid by students
5/23/2018	Liberty Science Center	2	Ms. Murphy	PTO Museum Admission: \$983.25 PTO Buses: \$713.06 MEF IMAX Admission: \$349.50 Chaperones Admission: \$301.00

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				Petty Cash: \$20.00 Bus Parking
6/1/18	Spanish Tavern	8	Ms. Nussbaum	Cost of Restaurant: \$2,325 paid by students Cost of Bus: \$237.71 paid by BOE

XVI. Policy

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

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following policies for second reading and adoption:

7510	Use of Facilities	Revised
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2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following policies for first reading:

7440	School District Security	Mandated - Revised
7441	Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds	Mandated - Revised

XVII. Old Business

XVIII. New Business

XIX. Committee Reports

XX. Public Participation

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

XXI. Executive Session – Resolution (Attachment #9)

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

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XXII. Adjournment