



Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

June 23, 2020

This newsletter provides a monthly summary of discussions and actions taken at the Mountainside Board of Education meetings.

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Mountainside School District Board of Education

James W. Ruban, Jr. (President), Dana Guidici Pietro (Vice President)
 Bill Dillon, Dante Gioia, Jordan Hyman,
 Candice Schiano, Carmine Venes

Administrative Team

Janet Walling, Superintendent of Schools
 Raymond Slamb, Business Administrator
 Kimberly Richards, Principal - Deerfield School
 Suzanne Jenks, Principal – Beechwood School
 Sheri Rouleau, Supervisor of Special Services

Action Items	Action Taken
Approval of Minutes	<p>BOE approved minutes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 26, 2020, Regular Session and Executive Session
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Walling reviewed successful virtual end-of-year activities, traditions, and award ceremonies, including 8th-grade graduation, 5th-grade orientation, and 2nd-grade clap-out. She noted that the pick-up/drop-off process went well. She commented on parent surveys regarding returning in the fall as she continues to monitor state guidance. Mrs. Walling reminded everyone that the 8th-grade will have an in-person recognition ceremony July 14th, so families should fill out the survey to gauge the number of attendees, 3 tickets per family are anticipated, while following social distancing protocols. Mrs. Walling acknowledged retirees, Mrs. Bentey and Mrs. Wilson, and thanked them for their years of dedication to the district. Mrs. Walling presented her goals, where they discussed how to continue progress in math, ensuring a smooth transition to Algebra I for all 8th graders.
BH Liaison Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Gioia reported that BH held virtual student awards ceremonies, which are available on the school's website. They discussed student achievement comparing similar districts, focusing on continued collaboration with Mountainside in math, and looking for ways to increase student engagement.
Administration	<p>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Walling's goals; Security Drill Statement of Assurance; Lead Testing Statement of Assurance; waiver for PK and K toilet rooms for 20-21 SY.
Budget and Finance	<p>BOE approved:</p> <p>As certified by the Board Secretary:</p> <p>Budget transfers for May; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for May 2020.</p> <p>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated tax payment schedule to the Borough for 20-21; year-end payables, adjustments, and transfers to close the books for the 19-20 fiscal year and to complete actions needed to open the 20-21 fiscal year; application for IDEA Consolidated Grants for 2021 FY; the acceptance/refusal of ESSA grants applications; re-appointment of Paula Hatch, Treasurer for 20-21; Student

Transportation Contract renewal with Durham School Service for 20-21; Tuition Agreement with UCVTC for 20-21; contract with R&L DataCenters, Inc. for payroll and related services for 20-21; Contract with Next Step Pediatric Therapy for PT for 20-21; Contract with Trinitas Children’s Therapy Services for OT for 20-21; Acceptance of donation from Anil Chiramel of \$370 to DF Robotics Club; Contract with BNL for 8th gr. graduation photography on 7/14; Contract with Audio Visual Pros for sound system services for 8th gr. graduation on 7/14; quote from Northfield Construction Corp. in the amt. of \$27,000 for DF girls locker room renovations; Special Education placements and services; School District Travel.

Personnel As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:

- Appointment of Raymond Slamb, Business Administrator for 20-21; Salary of Janet Walling for 20-21; Re-hiring on non-affiliated personnel for 20-21; Paraprofessional list for 20-21; Maternity Disability Leave for Nicole Mansfield from 9/21/20-2/21/21; Family Leave for Tom Wise from approx. 9/17/20-9/24/20 and 2/8/21-3/26/21; resignation of Erica Bell, LDTC, effective 6/30/20; Appointment of Suzanne Jenks to over NJDOE and other state/federal data reporting for 20-21 for a stipend of \$5,000; Appointment of Deb Posner to the stipend position of Athletic Coordinator for 20-21 for \$2,210; Ellie Barkin to complete administrative internship hours with Suzanne Jenks; Medical leave of absence for employee #90194044; Appointment of Taylor Donato to the position of MS Science Teacher, Step 2MA, at a salary of \$57,478 for 20-21; List of staff members to chaperone the 8th Gr. Recognition program on 7/14 paid at a rate of \$34.07/hr.; Summer employment for Kristen DalCortivo, NTE 70 hrs at a rate of 42.03/hr.; Appointment of Dana Peterson, Orton Gillingham instructor, from July 7-Aug. 28, 2020 for 3 hrs/ wk., at \$100/hr and to work 3 hrs./wk. for the 20-21 SY.

Policy BOE had a second reading and adoption of the following policies:

3421.13	Postnatal Accommodations	New
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Old Business

- None

New Business

- A board member asked about not giving out formal grades on 1-4 report cards to which Mrs. Walling responded.

Committee Reports

- Library will have curbside pick-up available June 29th for hard and digital copies, visit website for hours and information on digital checkout.
- Budget and Finance: Discussed proposed State Aid cut/least disruptive way to bridge gap in the budget and CARES Act grant funding/potential uses including technology, sanitizing, and touchless bathroom upgrades. Field usage requests will follow standards set by State with what sports/activities are allowed and should follow normal approval process. Currently working with the architect to get DF Girl’s Locker Room pipe repaired. Discussed partial subscription busing refunds for the time when district was closed due to pandemic.

The BOE approved 2 additional motions:
 prorated subscription busing refunds for period that district was closed due in the pandemic in the amount of \$76 per student; repair of Beechwood Cafeteria air conditioner in an amount NTE \$7,000.00.

Public Participation

- None

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