



# Mountainside Board of Education

## Meeting Highlights

### May 26, 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	<i>BOE approved minutes for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 28, 2020, Regular Session</li> </ul>
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Walling recognized Micheal Healy for his Project Help poster. She also recognized Peer Leaders and Student Council members for their fundraising efforts for "Family Promise". They have surpassed their goal amount for helping families in need in Elizabeth. Mrs. Walling gave updates on distance learning, with the expansion of live lessons as well as virtual field trips and field day. She continues to monitor guidance from the governor and NJDOE on preparations for the 8th gr. graduation and an eventual reopening, at which time current plans will be reviewed and updated as needed. Mrs. Jenks is working with the 2nd and 3rd gr. teachers to try and arrange a virtual orientation for Deerfield.</li> </ul>
BH Liaison Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Gioia reported that BH announced annual Teachers of the Year through a Zoom ceremony. There were discussions on Board ethics training regarding OPRA and proper executive session protocols.</li> </ul>
Administration	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The updated Emergency Preparedness Plan; 20/21 Holidays for administrators and secretaries; 20/21 Holidays for the Supervisor of Maintenance and Custodial Services and custodians.</li> </ul>
Budget and Finance	<p><i>BOE approved:</i>  <i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i>            Budget transfers for April; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for April 2020.</p> <p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximums for the General Fund 20-21 SY for Architecture/Engineering, Legal, Audit and Physician totaling \$72,250; Greenwood Lawn Services contract for \$17,543 from July 1, 2020 -June 30, 2021; RAMM Environmental Services contract for 20-21 SY not to exceed \$4,850; GCN contract for \$1,400 for the 20/21 SY; CDK Systems, Inc license renewal from July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 for \$11,425; Revised agreement with Next Step Pediatric Therapy for PT from March-June 2020 for</li> </ul>

	<p>\$6,187; modification of FSMC base year contract with Maschio's Food Services due to coronavirus; UCESC special education tuition and fees for the 20-21 SY; Renewal of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc. for \$1,730 for the 20-21 SY; Contract renewal with Progressive Therapy of NJ for BCBA services for ESY 20-21 at a rate of \$115/hr, not to exceed 3 hrs./wk and for the regular 20-21 SY not to exceed 14 hrs./ wk.; Agreement with Next Step Pediatric Therapy for PT services for 20-21 ESY and regular SY at a rate of \$90/hr., up to 14 hrs./wk., not to exceed \$15,700; Agreement with Learning Ally for Institution State License services for \$2,499 for the 20-21 SY.</p>
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<b>Personnel</b>	<p>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Study Team Staffing effective June 22-August 31, 2020; Maternity leave for Eileen D'Antonio effective 9/1/20-1/8/21; Maternity leave for Rebecca Tufaro effective 9/1/20-1/15/21; Jason Whitaker to oversee the production of DF virtual graduation for a \$1,500 stipend; temporary summer custodial workers; revised notification to take classes and tuition reimbursement for Zachary Worswick for 3 graduate credits in the amount of \$1,359.09; ESY 20-21 Staffing of special education teachers and paraprofessionals.</li> </ul>						
<b>Curriculum</b>	<p>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• none</li> </ul>						
<b>Policy</b>	<p>BOE had a first reading of the following policies:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">3421.13</td> <td style="width: 65%;">Postnatal Accommodations</td> <td style="width: 20%;">New</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4421.13</td> <td>Postnatal Accommodations</td> <td>New</td> </tr> </table>	3421.13	Postnatal Accommodations	New	4421.13	Postnatal Accommodations	New
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<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>						
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Gioia hopes to have a compressed in-person 8th gr. graduation ceremony if possible. Mr. Hyman asked about the July/August planning of events for 8th graders. Mrs. Walling responded that we need further guidance from the state and there is a certain amount of time needed to properly plan such events.</li> </ul>						
<b>Committee Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a discussion about state revenue shortfalls and the effect of state aid on next year's budget. Also mentioned was the law requiring payments to contractors.</li> </ul>						
<b>Public Participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member of the community asked if attachments for the now virtual board meetings could be made available online, which will be looked into for future meetings.</li> </ul>						

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