



Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

April 28, 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"> March 17, 2020 Regular Session
President's Report	Mr. Ruban thanked students and parents for working hard, adapting, and supporting each other during challenging times. He commended teachers, staff, administrators, and our superintendent for engaging students, and keeping everyone informed.
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Walling recognized Soil Conservation poster award winners. She also gave updates on distance learning from Beechwood and Deerfield as well as a presentation of NJSLA-S Spring 2019 Science Results. Mrs. Walling is monitoring guidance from the state and county on preparations for an eventual reopening and hopes everyone has been staying safe and healthy. She and administrators will work with PTO and others to plan meaningful ways to celebrate 8th grade graduation and other school activities within allowed guidelines. She and Mr. Slamb presented the final budget for 20/21, to which there were some questions from the public that were discussed further.
BH Liaison Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Gioia reported that BH is adjusting its budget due to COVID closures and cancellation of some capital expenditures. They are delaying the planned referendum until 2021 due to the current situation, which will delay the full-day kindergarten program. There was also an update on distance learning presented.
Administration	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes to the 19/20 calendar due to unused snow days establishing May 21st and 22nd as days school will now be closed; the Emergency Preparedness Plan; Beechwood and Deerfield March 2020 Safety and Security Drills.

Budget and Finance	<p><i>BOE approved:</i> <i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i> Budget transfers for March; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for March 2020.</p> <p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the tentative budget for 20/21; An agreement between Durham Transportation Services and the Mountainside School District dated 4/6/20 related to the COVID-19 crisis and adjusted payments; the annual fee for Subscription Busing for 20/21 SY at \$475; Renewal of the FSMC base year contract with Maschio's Food Services, Inc. for the 20/21 SY, the service mgmt. fee is \$9,020 with a guaranteed return of \$1,000; Annual renewal of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ as the health benefits provider for the Mountainside School District effective 7/1/20 through 6/30/21.
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Personnel	<p>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificated tenured personnel list for 20/21; Certificated non-tenured personnel list for 20/21; secretaries and custodians list for 20/21. 												
Curriculum	<p>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> none 												
Policy	<p>BOE had second reading and adoption of the following policies:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">8210</td> <td style="width: 60%;">School Year</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Revised/Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8220</td> <td>School Day</td> <td>Revised/Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8462</td> <td>Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children</td> <td>Revised/Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5330</td> <td>Administration of Medication</td> <td>Revised/Mandated</td> </tr> </table>	8210	School Year	Revised/Mandated	8220	School Day	Revised/Mandated	8462	Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children	Revised/Mandated	5330	Administration of Medication	Revised/Mandated
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Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Guidici Pietro mentioned that the school play was outstanding, and she thanked the students and staff. 												
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTO Liaison, Dr. Guidici Pietro, thanked the outstanding work of teachers and staff for the smooth transition to distance learning. She noted the PTO meeting will be rescheduled upon the Governor's guidelines, and the Crilly Scholarship will still be awarded. 												
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 												
Public Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member of the community asked about the district's curriculum during distance learning, to which Mrs. Walling responded. Another member of the community thanked every teacher, administrator, and board member for supporting the students during these times of uncertainty. 												

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