



# Mountainside Board of Education

## Meeting Highlights

### March 17, 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 Ruban, Jr. (President), Dana Guidiciopietro (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	<b><i>BOE approved minutes for:</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 25, 2020 Regular and Executive Sessions</li> </ul>
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Walling presented the preliminary budget for the 20/21 school year. She also commented on the implementation of the first days of distance learning instruction. She complimented the staff and administration for their work in ensuring a smooth roll out of instruction for all students.</li> </ul>
BH Liaison Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
Administration	<b><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIB incidents dated 2/24/20; Beechwood and Deerfield February 2020 Safety and Security Drills.</li> </ul>
Budget and Finance	<p><b><i>BOE approved:</i></b>  <b><i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i></b>          Budget transfers revised for January; Budget transfers for February; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary February 2020.</p> <p><b><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The tentative preliminary budget for the 2020-2021 school year including a maximum travel expenditure amount set at \$16,500, public hearing on the final budget will be held on 4/28/20 at Beechwood; the use of \$98,412 Banked Cap; withdrawal of \$50,000 from capital reserves for repair of Deerfield girls' locker room pipe repair; \$105,000 withdrawal from tuition reserves for 20/21 tuition expenditures; Dr. Ronald Frank to provide School Physician Services for \$2,250 for the 20/21 school year; contract with GovConnection to purchase technology partially funded by PTO in the amounts of \$54,348.25 and \$15,810.40; the BOE entered agreement with Master Special Ed. Tuition Agreement with Educational Services Commission of NJ; Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Hunterdon Cty. Ed. Services Commission; Acceptance of \$17,000 grant from Watts Foundation for specific uses; Golden Arrow Transportation for spring sports; School District Travel.</li> </ul>

<b>Personnel</b>	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acceptance of the retirement of Elena Bentey, effective July 1, 2020; Acceptance of the retirement of Laurie Wilson, effective July 1, 2020; the revised unpaid Family Leave of Janelle Lauterbach from April 13 - May 1, returning to work May 4, 2020; the revised dates for Judith Wargaski, Gr. 1 long term replacement, through May 5, 2020; the revised dated for Lauren Hall, Special Ed. long term replacement, through March 31, 2020; revised step and salary of Christina Borris, p/t Speech-Language Therapist, to \$24,327.20 (40% of \$60,818), Step 3 MA+30, effective March 16 to June 18, 2020, pending paperwork.</li> </ul>																						
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