

# MOUNTAINSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



January 21, 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 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><i>BOE approved minutes for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 17, 2019 Regular and Executive Sessions</li> <li>January 7, 2020 Reorganization Meeting</li> </ul>
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Walling recognized Teachers/Educational Services Professionals and Support Staff of the Year; Ms. Isabel Machado, board attorney, had a presentation on Board Ethics; Mrs. Walling mentioned a Municipal Alliance sponsored Prevention Links Program for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; she thanked the Watts Foundation for their generous \$4,000 donation for BW Media Center books. Mrs. Walling noted we are looking to utilize a new communication program, School Messenger. She and Mr. Slamb met with Maschio's Food Service to discuss the program, new Chef Days &amp; advisory committees. Union County Board of Elections met to discuss the possibility of alternate polling locations. Mrs. Walling will be reaching out to chairs of various BOE committees recently established at the reorganization meeting.</li> </ul>
BH Liaison Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
Administration	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 19-20 SY; Beechwood and Deerfield December 2019 Safety and Security Drills;</li> </ul>
Budget and Finance	<p><i>BOE approved.</i></p> <p><i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i></p> <p>Budget transfers for December; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for December 2019.</p> <p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acceptance of the FY 18-19 audit and submission of the CAFR; Appointment of Raymond Slamb as the School Alliance Fund Commissioner; Valley Bank to act as depository for public funds; Acceptance of a Watts Foundation grant of \$4,000 to be used for BW Media Center books; Acceptance of jukebox donation to Deerfield School; Special Education placements; 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>Recognition of the following staff members as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="451 134 1479 415"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Beechwood School:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amanda Roy, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher</td> <td>Teacher of the Year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leila Morrelli, speech</td> <td>Educational Services Professional of the Year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amy Peixoto, paraprofessional</td> <td>Support Staff of the Year</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Deerfield School:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nancy Kinney, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher</td> <td>Teacher of the Year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sonia Branco, nurse</td> <td>Educational Services Professional of the Year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Denise Barone, secretary</td> <td>Support Staff of the Year</td> </tr> </table> </li> <li>Acceptance of resignation of Bridget Lawrence; Notification to take classes from Adrienne Ridley, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, for class at Liberty University for 2020 Winter Session for 3 graduate credits for \$1,845; Notification to take classes from Zachary Worswick, Phys. Ed. Teacher, for class at University of Missouri – Columbia for the 2020 Spring Session for 3 graduate credits in the amount of \$453.03; the addition of Susan Sylvestri to the 2019-20 Substitute list, pending paperwork.</li> </ul>	Beechwood School:		Amanda Roy, 1 <sup>st</sup> grade teacher	Teacher of the Year	Leila Morrelli, speech	Educational Services Professional of the Year	Amy Peixoto, paraprofessional	Support Staff of the Year	Deerfield School:		Nancy Kinney, 5 <sup>th</sup> grade teacher	Teacher of the Year	Sonia Branco, nurse	Educational Services Professional of the Year	Denise Barone, secretary	Support Staff of the Year									
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<b>Committee Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buildings &amp; Grounds committee chair, Mr. Gioia mentioned discussions regarding election use space options. He also wants to explore potential new uses of an old media room in DF. The committee is checking into a pipe issue in the girls' locker room, and discussing a request from MSBL regarding batting cages.</li> </ul>																									
<b>Public Participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>																									

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