

# MOUNTAINSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION



## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

November 19, 2019

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

These are not the official minutes. Please check our website for the official minutes and additional information.

Our meetings are recorded and can be viewed on our website or on Channel 35.

### Mountainside School District Board of Education

James W. Ruban, Jr. (President), Christopher Minks (Vice President)  
Dante Gioia, Dana Guidicipietro, Jordan Hyman,  
Candice Schiano, Carmine Venes

### Administrative Team

Janet Walling, Superintendent of Schools  
Steven DiGeronimo, Interim 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

*BOE approved minutes for:*

- October 22, 2019 Regular and Executive Sessions

Superintendent's Report

- Mrs. Walling recognized winners of the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest; she mentioned the PTO Parent Education Night was informative; Mrs. Richards presented "Spotlight on Deerfield", highlighting academic achievements, teams, and programs; the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Acapella group sang, and student artwork was displayed.

BH Liaison Report

- Mr. Gioia reported on the full day kindergarten program, referendum and development plans, as well as board elections. He also noted updates on the negotiations.

Administration

*As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:*

- School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review SOA; 19/20 Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist for BW and DF; Addition of Morris Psychological Group as a resource for neuropsychological evaluations; Addition of Child Development Center - St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson for neurodevelopmental evaluations at a cost of \$450 each; BW and DF October 2019 Safety and Security Drills.

Budget and Finance

*BOE approved:*

*As certified by the Board Secretary:*

Budget transfers for October; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for Oct. 2019.

*As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:*

- Stipend payment schedule as agreed upon between the BOE and MEA from 7/1/19 -6/30/22; 3 yr. agreement w/ Waste Mgmt. of NJ, Inc. from 11/1/19-10/31/22 for \$18,500.40; negotiations with D&L Paving, Solutions Architecture and the BOE to repair DF parking lot for a contract cost of \$33,000 and approved payment of \$10,400 for the Board's full responsibility; student accident insurance from Bollinger Specialty Group through Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Mgmt. Services effective 11/20/19-11/20/20 with annual premium of \$3,957; authorization of Business Admin. to proceed with all necessary adjustments and transfers to close books for 18/19 fiscal year; acceptance of NJDOE Extraordinary Aid and Non-Public School Transportation Aid for 18/19 SY for \$112,843 & \$20,590 respectively and further resolved the adjustment of excess Extraordinary Aid -\$20,345 and Non-Public Transportation Aid of +\$20,590 for the 18/19 fiscal year excess surplus calculation; to accept cooperative agreement between the BOE and BH for middle school wrestling program; to award Golden Arrow Transportation contract for the 19/20 basketball season sports trips at a rate of \$330/for first 3 hrs. and \$120/hr. for add'l overtime; Special Ed. placements and services; School district travel; Dr. L. Hanes and Associates as a service provider for home instruction as needed at \$60/hr.

Personnel	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</i></p> <p>Updated stipend list for 19/20; to rescind personnel item #14 from 10/22/19 and reinstate Amy Peixoto's schedule of 4.25 hrs/day M-F effective 11/11/19; the revised Maternity Disability Leave for Janelle Lauterbach to begin November 21, 2019; the revised dates for LTS Judith Wargaski from 11/18/19-4/14/20; Ann Victor as student observer under the supervision of S. Potkulski and C. Paserchia from Next Step Pediatric Therapy; B. Higinbotham for home instruction; the addition of Tara Rene and Avril Grant to the substitute list pending paperwork.</p>																																																												
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New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Minks thanked the Board as he is stepping down and congratulated newly elected board member Bill Dillon and re-elected members James Ruban and Carmine Venes; Mrs. Schiano mentioned the U12 &amp; U14 soccer teams won championships; Mr. Venes attended the NJSBA convention noting the Commissioner of Education's speech, county meetings and testing changes to come.</li> </ul>																																																												
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Gioia noted the DF parking lot has been repaired; state medical benefits have changes but there's no action being taken at this time; MSBL met regarding a merger with BH, Eric Cantagallo of the MSBL was present. He discussed anticipated field projects and requested to waive fees as Tier 4 Group per policy 7510, to which the Board discussed the financial impact on the district; Mr. Jordan gave information on the library and their newsletter.</li> </ul>																																																												
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board voted to waive fees for MSBL per policy #7510, subject to formalization of a field maintenance agreement between the Mountainside BOE and Softball/Baseball League.</li> </ul>																																																												
Public Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mountainside Education Foundation (MEF) is hosting a Talent Show on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Deerfield School.</li> </ul>																																																												

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