



# MOUNTAINSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### October 22, 2019

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), Christopher Minks (Vice President)  
Dante Gioia, Dana Guidiciopietro, 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	<p><i>BOE approved minutes for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September 24, 2019 Regular and Executive Sessions</li> </ul>
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Walling presented NJSLA results, with Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Jenks, Mrs. Cruz, and Mrs. Crisafulli. The Board discussed the results. She discussed that Mountainside Schools conducted activities at all grade levels in recognition of the state mandated week of Respect and Violence and Vandalism Awareness Week. They also participated in activities for Red Ribbon Week. Mrs. Walling mentioned she is reviewing and preparing for QSAC requirements. She is also developing a 2020/21 preliminary calendar with BH, and is looking to explore the possibility of other options for election sites for next year.</li> </ul>
BH Liaison Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Gioia reported that there was successful college fair at GL with 150 colleges represented. The Today Show taped an episode on vaping at GL; Band and Baseball trips are upcoming; SAT test score results were presented with GL's average 1185 vs. the state average of 1090; AP test information was also shared.</li> </ul>
Administration	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Lubarsky's Merit goals; 19/20 Nursing Service Plan; 18-19 NJ DOE School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for BW and DF; Administration to apply for grants; Safety and Security drills for September.</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 September; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for September 2019.</p> <p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Comprehensive Maintenance Plan; Special Education placements; School District travel.</li> </ul>

Personnel	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appointment of Raymond Slamb III as Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Appointment of J. Wargaski as leave replacement from 11/25/19-4/10/20; Appointment of D. Peterson as OG Reading Instructor for 3hrs/wk. from 10/23/19-2/21/20; Addition of the following substitutes: C. Zagami, E. Carpenter, V. Mahoney, and C. Mamai pending paperwork; Stipend positions; Student intern A. Lamera to complete hrs. at Deerfield; Appointment of B. Higinbotham for homebound instruction for the 19-20 SY; adjusted hours for Amy Peixoto from 8:45-3:00 effective 10/24/19; adjustment of pay rate for H. Kronengold to \$25.39/hr. for years served.</li> </ul>																													
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Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Guidici Pietro reported that the PTO had a successful Fall Festival. Mr. Hyman reported that the public library has an 8<sup>th</sup> grade volunteer program, and the Union County Teen Arts program is upcoming</li> </ul>																													
Public Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>																													

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