



# MOUNTAINSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### September 24, 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>August 27, 2019 Regular and Executive Sessions</li> </ul>
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Walling mentioned the opening of school, thanking teachers, staff and custodians for preparing the classrooms and buildings. She noted the positive response to keynote speaker, Dr. Alan Brown, on teachers' first day. New dismissal procedures at Beechwood are in place and new security measures in both buildings are in effect. There was a partial power outage at Deerfield, building sheltered-in-place, and power was quickly restored by PSE&amp;G. Mosquito spraying by county taking place soon.</li> </ul>
BH Liaison Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Gioia reported on a "Women in Technology" presentation at BH. Regarding teacher negotiations, final fact finding meeting report is due mid-November.</li> </ul>
Administration	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Walling's Merit goals; Statement of Assurance Regarding use of Paraprofessional Staff for 2019-20; Three Union County College students and one FDU student to complete 50 observation hours for fieldwork course.</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 August; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for August 2019.</p> <p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Memorandum of Agreement between the BOE and MEA from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022; Golden Arrow for fall sports transportation; 3 MUJC transportation contracts; 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>2019-20 Non-Affiliated personnel list; 19-20 Paraprofessional staff list; adjusted hours for Amy Peixoto from 9:45-3:00 effective 10/1/19; tuition reimbursement for Adrienne Ridley for 3 graduate credits in the amount of \$1,845; R. Sardina for math and K. Haas for LAL for homebound instruction for the 19-20 SY; N. Kinney, S. Goracy, S. Burke, and K. Goldbeck to serve as mentors to J. Albanese, J. Wargaski, D. Blass and L. Hall respectively; Appointment of S. Vendas as part-time lunch aide; Accept the resignation of E. Carpenter as lunch aide effective 10/18/19; Stipend positions.</li> </ul>																				
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Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>																				
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Gioia reported that the MEA agreement was ratified and renewed.</li> <li>Mr. Hyman noted that the opening days at Beechwood were great.</li> </ul>																				
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Guidici Pietro reported that the PTO had a successful welcome breakfast at BW. She also congratulated Ms. Terry Foppert of UCESC, who was named Union County Superintendent of the Year.</li> <li>Mr. Hyman reported that the public library's 3D printers have been repaired, this year is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mountainside, and there will be a book sale October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>																				
Public Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A parent commented that middle school curriculum should teach how to sign one's name and the US states and capitals.</li> </ul>																				

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