

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

November 27, 2018



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 Guidicipietro, Kate Motz, Jeane Parker, Carmine Venes

Administrative Team

Nancy Lubarsky, Ed.D., Chief School Administrator
Steven DiGeronimo, Interim Business Administrator
Kimberly Richards, Principal - Deerfield School
Christina Orozco, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Instruction

Action Items	Action Taken
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	<p><i>BOE approved minutes for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 23, 2018 Regular and Executive Session.
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<p><i>Chief School Administrator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Lubarsky welcomed the new Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Steven DiGeronimo; Dr. Lubarsky introduced Bob Morrison, who presented the Auditor's Report; Dr. Lubarsky and faculty members reported on Meeting the Needs of Struggling Students.
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Parker reported that the Berkeley Heights Superintendent, Mrs. Judy Rattner retired, and the search for a permanent replacement is ongoing; the Girls Soccer Team won Group Title II; the Football Team won the Thanksgiving game; Marching Band won a competition award; the school play performances will be the weekend of Nov. 30th; Parent Technology Survey requested responses; Articulation meetings between Berkeley Heights and Mountainside are scheduled. Dr. Lubarsky reported that a Community Forum on the Berkeley Heights' Superintendent search will be held at Deerfield on December 10th. More information is forthcoming.
<u>Administration</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018-19 School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance; 2018-19 Emergency Management Plan; 2018-19 NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC); Beechwood and Deerfield Schools October 2018 safety and security drills reports.
<u>Budget and Finance</u>	<p><i>BOE approved:</i></p> <p><i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i></p> <p>Budget transfers for the month of October; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for October 2018.</p> <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution regarding acceptance of the FY 2017-18 audit; Submission of the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report); authorization of Business Administrator to proceed with necessary adjustments & transfers to close the books for 2017-18 fiscal year; Acceptance of DOE Extraordinary Aid and Non-Public School Transportation Aid for the 2017-18 school year; Appointment of Steven DiGeronimo as the Fund Commissioner for the School Alliance Insurance Fund; Golden Arrow Transportation for sports trips; \$37,500 contract with Reading Writing Network Project, LLC for professional development services; School district travel; The renovation of the Beechwood canopy by the RIS Construction Inc.

<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternity leave for Kaitlin Elliott; the appointment of Kathleen Goldbeck to the stipend position of Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach for 2018-19; the addition of Cara Greeley to the substitute list for 2018-19 																					
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-8th Grade selected students to Union County College Teen Arts Festival; 6-8th Grade Student Council members to Hoboken Scavenger Hunt; 8th Grade to Broadway Theatre and Workshop; 6-8th grade; 4th Grade to Ellis Island. 																					
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<u>Old Business</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none 																					
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<u>Committee Reports</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings & Grounds: Architects provided costs to expand Beechwood parking lot; the Board discussed and took action to approve the Beechwood canopy renovation. • Negotiations/Berkeley Heights: We are planning to meet with BH to review the tuition agreement. • PTO Liaison: Mrs. Guidici Pietro reported on the SEL parent training at PTO Education Night. 																					
<u>Public Participation</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none 																					

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