

# Mountainside Board of Education

## Meeting Highlights

October 23, 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 Guidici Pietro, Kate Motz, Jeane Parker, Carmine Venes

### Administrative Team

Nancy Lubarsky, Ed.D., Chief School Administrator

Donna Alonso, 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"> <li>September 25, 2018 Regular and Executive Sessions.</li> </ul>
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<p><i>Chief School Administrator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Lubarsky congratulated and presented Achievement awards to the Mountainside Mid-Atlantic baseball team. Dr. Lubarsky acknowledged the Watts Foundation grant of \$25,000 was received and used for wish list items at both schools. Dr. Lubarsky, along with other faculty, presented PARCC testing results.</li> </ul>
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Parker reported that the Berkeley Heights Superintendent, Mrs. Judy Rattner's last BOE meeting was October 11<sup>th</sup>, and Dr. Richard Noonan was hired as the Interim Superintendent. A search for a permanent replacement will begin soon, ideally having someone in place by the summer of 2019. Mrs. Parker reported that College Night was a great success.</li> </ul>
<u>Administration</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2018-19 Nursing Services Plan; District Professional Development Plan Statement of Assurance; District Mentoring Plan Statement of Assurance; Beechwood and Deerfield Schools September 2018 safety and security drills reports.</li> </ul>
<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 September; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for September 2018.</p> <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolution regarding acceptance of the Watts Foundation grant of \$25,000; annual Comprehensive Maintenance Plan; Resolution/Agreement for Participation in Coordinated Transportation Services provided by Union County Educational Services Commission for the 2018-19 school year; Agreement for Fixed Asset reporting services by Duff &amp; Phelps, LLC for the 2018-19 school year; Independent Contractors/Agencies for regular and classified students, if needed, for 2018-19; parent transportation contract for 2018-19 ESY and regular school year; Special Education placements and services; School district travel.</li> </ul>

<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CSA merit goals for the 2018-19 school year; the release of Donna Alonso from her position as Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Appointment of J. Steven DiGeronimo as Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary; maternity leave for Kaitlin Elliott; revised contract of Margaret Barsa; Appointment of Kathy Goldbeck for homebound instruction; Appointment of Mrs. Barkin for the stipend position of Technology/Audio/Video Club Advisor; Appointment of Timothy Jaqua for the stipend position of Girls' Basketball Coach; Appointment of Ms. Bentley, Ms. Haas, Ms. Loffredo, Ms. Sardina, and Ms. Starling for TEP teacher stipends; the addition of Alexander Choma and Jesse Winter to the substitute list for 2018-19; Ms. Lawrence and Ms. Gerakaris for additional hours; Stephanie Ianniello to mentor Colleen Kelly.</li> </ul>																								
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindergarten field trips to Deerfield for Teddy Bear Making; 5-8 Grade Columbia Middle School; PEAK-Kindergarten to SOPAC-Pinocchio; 6-8 Grade Robotics Students to Robotics Competition; 1-2 Grade to SOPAC-Beauty and the Beast; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to Governor Livingston High School for orientation; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to Washington; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade to Renaissance Fair.</li> </ul>																								
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<u>Old Business</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Parker requested to revisit Policy #7510. Mr. Minks reported that he met with the new Councilwoman, and he wants to coordinate our school facility use in Policy #7510, with the town ordinance.</li> </ul>																								
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<u>Committee Reports</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buildings &amp; Grounds: Mr. Gioia discussed the remaining money in the referendum to repair the canopy at Beechwood. Capital Reserves could be used to complete the project. There is a proposal to expand Beechwood parking lot. Architects will be providing costs.</li> <li>Strategic Planning: Mrs. Motz reported that Dr. Lubarsky will put together a detailed presentation soon to review, based on the outline the committee provides.</li> </ul>																								
<u>Public Participation</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A community member expressed a concern about school security information. Dr. Lubarsky responded, and mentioned that there is a parent information session planned for April 2019.</li> </ul>																								

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