

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

September 25, 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"> • August 28, 2018 Regular and Executive Sessions.
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<p><i>Chief School Administrator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Lubarsky discussed details of the opening of school. Back-to-School Nights were 9/20 & 9/27. Dr. Lubarsky mentioned a Honeywell test on 9/26. Dr. Lubarsky introduced Rachel Pater, the new Councilwoman and Education Liaison for Mountainside.
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ruban mentioned that Mrs. Parker was attending a meeting at Berkeley Heights, so there was no report.
<u>Administration</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Assurance Regarding the use of Paraprofessional Staff 2018-19 School Year; NJ Dept. of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act Statement of Assurances for Beechwood and Deerfield Schools.
<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 August; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for August 2018.</p> <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morris-Union Jointure Commission transportation agreement for ESY & regular school year, special education placements, and School District Travel.

<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended CSA contract; maternity leave for Brittney Steitz; Ms. Starling, Ms. Halek and Mr. Hirsch for morning math club; Ms. Halek, Ms. Scanlan and Ms. DeAnna for homebound instruction; Ms. Meagher and Ms. Nacci for additional hours; Michele Saltalamaccia, Claudia Shehady and Patricia Sharkey as lunch aides; Ms. Kinney and Ms. Woo as mentors; Ms Higinbotham and Ms. Hunter stipends for Recreation Club Assistants; Sarah Onore revised stipend position; tuition reimbursement for Ms. Ridley and Ms. Jenks; notification to take classes for Ms. Jenks; Colleen Kelly as 2nd gr. leave replacement.
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class trips: The Hetfield House on 10/16/18 and Trailside Nature and Science Center on 5/2/19
<u>Policy</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board voted yes on the 2nd reading of Policy 1550 – Equal Employment/Anti-Discrimination Practices and Policy 8505 – Local Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods. First reading of policies 5350-Student Suicide Prevention, 5533-Student Smoking, and 8561-Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs.
<u>Old Business</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none
<u>New Business</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Guidici Pietro, as PTO liaison mentioned PTO Welcome Breakfast, Ice Cream Social and Fall Festival. Discussion of parking availability and options to increase space, Dr. Lubarsky will look into general costs.
<u>Committee Reports</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buildings & Grounds: discussed the Beechwood canopy. Strategic Planning: meeting on 9/27, report to follow shortly
<u>Public Participation</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community member agreed with the idea of expanding parking.

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