

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

August 28, 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"> July 24, 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 with regard to new doors at Deerfield, the garden, & playground. Dr. Lubarsky thanked Janet Fullowan for her years of service, and welcomed Kelli Castro. Dr. Lubarsky thanked Jason Whitaker and Kim Richards on PowerSchool implementation, and thanked Jason for reaching the goal of 1:1 Chromebooks in 4 years. Dr. Lubarsky mentioned the following dates: 9/5-Open House at Beechwood, 9/6-9/7 are full days, 9/10-school is closed, and 9/20 & 9/27 are Back-to-School Nights. She mentioned a Full Day Schedule is 8:30-3:10, and a Half Day Schedule is 8:30-1:00.
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Parker reported that Berkeley Heights' seniors petitioned for an open campus. Judith Rattner is retiring soon, so they will be looking for an interim superintendent until a statewide/nationwide search is completed. Freshman Orientation was 8/31 and the first day of school was 9/6. Mrs. Parker noted that a junior and senior have been selected as Board Liaisons.
<u>Administration</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive Equity Plan Annual Statement of Assurance for 2018-19 School Year; Beechwood and Deerfield Schools July 2018 safety and security drill 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 July; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for July 2018.</p> <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor Livingston General Education and Special Education Resource Room Tuition Agreement Contracts for 2018-2019, Nonpublic School Transportation Aide, FY18 Extraordinary Aide, Grants for Beechwood swing set, transportation contract for student for 2018-2019 ESY and Regular School Year, cafeteria price list for 2018-2019, 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"> • Maternity Disability Leave for Kelly Bakker; Rachel Kirson-part-time Speech Language Specialist, Margaret Barsa-Special Education Teacher; Axl Hirsh-8th Gr. Math Teacher; Melissa Gubernat-Special Education leave replacement; Natalie Crisafulli-Math Specialist; Marin Baltuch-Paraprofessional; Debra Graham-Paraprofessional; Genevieve Cooper and Lydra Shehu-Lunch Aides; Anne Cook-Teacher Evaluator; Courtney Hunter-CST; Julie Lima-CST; Carla Clausen-School Occupational Therapist; Suzanne Jenks & Natalie Crisafulli-summer curriculum writing; amendment of resolution #18 under Personnel dated June 12, 2018; 2018-2019 Substitute and Teacher/Support Staff list and pay rate; 2018-2019 Stipend Positions.
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none
<u>Policy</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board voted no on the first reading of Policy 1550 – Equal Employment/Anti-Discrimination Practices and Policy 8505 – Local Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods
<u>Old Business</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Venes asked about SRO and Class 2 Officer. Dr. Lubarsky responded.
<u>New Business</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Alonso reported on the insurance settlement from March storm damage in the amount of \$21,000. Mrs. Motz commented on her positive experience using PowerSchool.
<u>Committee Reports</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ruban discussed the Beechwood canopy. • Dr. Guidici Pietro mentioned the PTO’s Welcome Breakfast on 9/13 from 8:30-10:00 • Mr. Gioia congratulated the baseball team who won the Mid-Atlantic State Championships and suggested we invite them to a future BOE meeting.
<u>Public Participation</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community member asked about staffing in the district. Mr. Ruban responded.

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