

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

May 22, 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>	<i>BOE approved minutes for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 24, 2018 Regular and Executive Sessions.
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<i>Chief School Administrator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maschio's Food Service Team presented an overview of their new lunch options for students and faculty.
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	None
<u>Administration</u>	<i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations on HIB Incident; 2018-2019 holidays for administrators, secretaries and custodians; Beechwood and Deerfield Schools April 2018 safety and security drill reports and bus emergency evacuation drill reports.
<u>Budget and Finance</u>	<i>BOE approved:</i> <i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget transfers for the month of April; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for April 2018; <i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax payment schedule for the 2018-2019 school year from the Borough of Mountainside to the Mountainside Board of Education; Mountainside Board of Education to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Middlesex County Educational Services Commission; Donna Alonso to solicit bids for both the rehab and reconstruction of the Beechwood School canopy; Agreement between Union County Educational Services Commission and the Mountainside Board of Education for Special Education and Vocational Technical Schools Coordinated Transportation Services; Union County Vocational Technical Schools Tuition Agreement Contract; Managed Print Services Agreement between the Mountainside Board of Education and Atlantic Tomorrow's Office; Renewal of contract with Maschio's Food Services, Inc.; 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 Dayna Carroll; Appointment of Ann Cooke to perform 30 summative evaluations; Appointment of Ann Cooke to perform student evaluations; Appointment of Barbi Higinbotham and Jayne Hartnett for homebound instruction; Tuition reimbursement for Kim Hain; Notification to take classes from Suzanne Jenks. 																		
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 field trip to NJ Sea Grant Consortium. 																		
<u>Policy</u>	<p><i>BOE had first reading of these policies:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="505 405 1563 852"> <tr> <td>0169.02</td> <td>Board Member Use of Social Networks</td> <td>New Suggested</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3437</td> <td>Military Leave – Teaching Staff Members</td> <td>Revised Recommended</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4437</td> <td>Military Leave – Support Staff Members</td> <td>Revised Recommended</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7425</td> <td>Lead Testing of Water in Schools</td> <td>New Recommended</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8630</td> <td>Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility</td> <td>Revised Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9242</td> <td>Use of Electronic Signatures</td> <td>New Recommended</td> </tr> </table>	0169.02	Board Member Use of Social Networks	New Suggested	3437	Military Leave – Teaching Staff Members	Revised Recommended	4437	Military Leave – Support Staff Members	Revised Recommended	7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools	New Recommended	8630	Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility	Revised Mandated	9242	Use of Electronic Signatures	New Recommended
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<u>Old Business</u>	<p>Mr. Ruban discussed joint snow plowing agreement with the town council. Dr. Lubarsky will contact Mr. Debbie to discuss bidding of the Mountainside School District as an alternate.</p>																		
<u>New Business</u>	<p>Mr. Venes reported that he attended the County School Boards Association meeting where Mrs. Helen Kirsch was recognized for serving 35 years on the Board. He also mentioned that school security was discussed at the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Gioia reported that he attended the NJSBA Delegate Assembly where there was discussion about replacing PARCC testing with a new standardized test. He also mentioned that Dr. Lawrence Feinsod, Executive Director of NJSBA, said that additional aid was distributed unfairly. In response, The Delegate Assembly passed a resolution that school aid should be distributed based on school funding formula. They also discussed school security and recommended collaborating with police, having a Social Emotional Learning Committee, and having a class 3 officer. Mr. Gioia said we are on point with all of these recommendations.</p>																		
<u>Committee Reports</u>	<p>The Social Emotional Learning Committee met on May 18th and narrowed down the many options to two. Company representatives made presentations. A recommendation will be made at the next Board Meeting.</p>																		
<u>Public Participation</u>	<p>None</p>																		

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