

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

March 19, 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"> February 27, 2018 Regular and Executive Sessions
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<i>Chief School Administrator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congratulated everyone involved in the production of Beauty and the Beast; Congratulated 7th grade health bee team for winning 2nd place in the United Health Care Competition; Recognized the Teachers of the Year and the Support Staff Members of the Year; Gave an update on the Beechwood playground; Presented a Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science curriculum update; Gave a presentation on the tentative budget. Community members asked questions and commented about the curriculum presentation.
<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; February 2018 safety and security 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 February; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for February 2018. <i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018-2019 Tentative Budget; Purchase of electric generation services and natural gas services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES); \$750 donation from Verizon Foundation and \$500 donation from Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program; amended cafeteria price list; school district travel.

<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolutions acknowledging Kathleen Goldbeck and Kristin Trentham as Teachers of the Year and Carmine Ann Casolaro and Linda Lombardo as Support Staff Members of the Year; Dara Blass to the position of Paraprofessional; Sharon Scanlan for homebound instruction; Resignation of Morgan Felt from the stipend position of Assistant Play Director; Appointment of Victoria Tiscia to resume the remainder of the stipend position of Assistant Plan Director; Christine Delaney to serve as mentor for Jill MacConnell; student from Montclair State University to observe in a classroom setting; Appointment of Tara Pirozzoli to the position of LDTC. 						
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 8 field trip to Governor Livingston High School; Grade 1 field trip to Staten Island Zoo; Kindergarten field trip to Jenkinson’s Aquarium; Grade 6-8 Band and Chorus field trip to Music in the Parks Festival; Grade 2 field trip to Liberty Science Center; Grade 8 field trip to Spanish Tavern. 						
<u>Policy</u>	<p><i>BOE had first reading of these policies:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="475 636 1468 810"> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 636 583 716">7440</td> <td data-bbox="583 636 1133 716">School District Security</td> <td data-bbox="1133 636 1468 716">Mandated - Revised</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 716 583 810">7441</td> <td data-bbox="583 716 1133 810">Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds</td> <td data-bbox="1133 716 1468 810">Mandated - Revised</td> </tr> </table>	7440	School District Security	Mandated - Revised	7441	Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds	Mandated - Revised
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<u>Old Business</u>	<p>Mr. Venes mentioned that Mountainside resident Pat Knodel, passed away in February. She had served as a Board Member for 29 year.</p>						
<u>New Business</u>	<p>Dr. Guidici Pietro reminded everyone that the PTO Spring Fling and Science Fair are coming up. She also commented on how wonderful the musical was.</p>						
<u>Committee Reports</u>	<p>Finance Committee - Mr. Gioia reported that they are addressing the storm damage.</p> <p>Social Emotional Learning Curriculum Meeting – Mrs. Motz reported that the committee is moving ahead nicely.</p>						
<u>Public Participation</u>	<p>A community member asked about possible changes in the curriculum.</p>						

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