

# Mountainside Board of Education

## Meeting Highlights

February 27, 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>January 23, 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>Asked for a moment of silence for Parkland students; Acknowledged the passing of Doug Black, videographer for the Board Meetings; Discussed confusion about the softball coach; Discussed additional security measures; Stated that Watts Foundation gave a grant for new stage curtains at Beechwood School; Gave an update on the Beechwood playground equipment; Gave a presentation on MAP/PARCC data.</li> <li>Community members expressed concerns about the number of half days on the calendar, shortage of substitute teachers, and location of playground equipment.</li> </ul>
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	<p><i>Mrs. Parker reported:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cell tower will soon be fully operational; GLHS Spring Musical is March 15-18; There are 4 National Merit Scholars at GLHS; Prom Fashion Show is Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>; Summer Institute will be held this summer.</li> </ul>
<u>Administration</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2018-2019 School Year Calendar; Beechwood and Deerfield Schools January 2018 safety and security drill reports.</li> </ul>
<u>Budget and Finance</u>	<p><i>BOE approved:</i></p> <p><i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget transfers for the month of January; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for January 2018.</li> </ul> <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract for educational services provided to student on medical leave; Corrective Action Plan for Food Services for year ended June 30, 2017; Acceptance of donations from PTO, Beechwood Student Activity Account, MEF, and Watts; School district travel.</li> </ul>

<u><b>Personnel</b></u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointment of Deborah Conley as part time Basic Skills Instructor; Appointment of Jill MacConnell as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Leave Replacement Teacher; Appointment of Erika Vaughn as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Leave Replacement Teacher; Appointment of Donna Antonucci, Lydra Shehu, Alicia Lang as part time Paraprofessionals; Additional hours of work for Teresa Schrul, and Susan Meagher; Morgan Felt and Maria Deanna for homebound instruction; Appointment of Daniel Wilkenfeld as Assistant Softball Coach.</li> </ul>																		
<u><b>Curriculum</b></u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 5 field trip to Trailside Nature and Science Center.</li> </ul>																		
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<u><b>Old Business</b></u>	<p>Dr. Lubarsky mentioned that the Board Meeting will be on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at Deerfield Media Center.</p> <p>Mrs. Parker thanked everyone who participated in the school climate survey and said the results should be compiled by April.</p>																		
<u><b>New Business</b></u>	<p>Dr. Guidici Pietro reminded everyone that the PTO Spring Fling is on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Payment and table reservations are due by March 16<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Mr. Venes said that the Library has Makers Day on March 10<sup>th</sup>. They will have everything from crafts to robotics. He also mentioned that the Library has programs to bring books, CDs etc. to homebound residents.</p>																		
<u><b>Committee Reports</b></u>	<p>Finance Committee - Mr. Gioia reported that they talked about 2 fields, doors, and security upgrades.</p> <p>Social Emotional Learning Curriculum Meeting - Mrs. Motz reported that the first meeting of the Social Emotional Learning Committee was held. The meeting was very well organized. Administrators, Child Study Team members, and parents talked about plans and assignments.</p>																		
<u><b>Public Participation</b></u>	<p>Community members asked questions about academic progress in the lower grades, MAP/PARCC presentation, teacher evaluation system and donors choose grants.</p>																		

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