

# Mountainside Board of Education

## Meeting Highlights

January 23, 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>December 20, 2017 Regular and Executive Sessions</li> <li>January 2, 2018 Reorganization Meeting</li> </ul>
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<p><i>Chief School Administrator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduced Councilwoman, Wendy Caccamo, as the new liaison to the Board of Education; In honor of School Board Recognition Month, read a resolution to the Board Members acknowledging them for their service; Presented an analysis of the Guidance Program; Gave an update on the playground and field upgrades being proposed; Mrs. Alonso discussed the budget calendar.</li> </ul>
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	<p><i>Mrs. Parker:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed their reorganization meeting and said that she is on the subscription bussing and athletic committees; Mentioned that 2 students made a presentation on the need for Physics II to be added to the curriculum</li> </ul>
<u>Administration</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) program; Beechwood and Deerfield Schools December 2017 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 December; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for December 2017.</li> </ul> <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget calendar for 2018-2019; Move unidentified balance of \$5,627.66 from Payroll to General Operating Account and unidentified balance of \$2,824.93 from Payroll Agency Account to General Operating Account; yearly tuition rate for non-disabled pupils in preschool program for 2018-2019 school year at \$7,500 for 5 full day sessions; School district travel.</li> </ul>

<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resignation of Valerie Wass, Paraprofessional; Maternity Disability Leave for Lori Topel, Grade 5 Teacher; Request for tuition reimbursement from Adrienne Ridley, Suzanne Jenks, and Kim Hain; Notification to take classes from Suzanne Jenks and Kim Hain.</li> </ul>																					
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades 6-8 to Union County Teen Arts Fest; Grade 6-8 Band to Jazz in the Middle Festival; Grades 6-8 Student Council to Watson Adventures.</li> </ul>																					
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<u>Old Business</u>	None																					
<u>New Business</u>	<p>The Board voted to change the date of the June Board Meeting from June 26<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Mr. Venes reported that he attended the County School Board Meeting where there was a discussion about eliminating PARCC testing, legalization of marijuana, and the new Commissioner of Education.</p>																					
<u>Committee Reports</u>	<p>Mr. Minks reported on the possibility for a meeting with the senior citizens on the success of the referendum.</p> <p>Mrs. Parker talked about the survey to parents and staff and the need to have good participation.</p>																					
<u>Public Participation</u>	Community members expressed their concerns regarding 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade lunch seating practices at Beechwood School.																					

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