

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

December 20, 2017



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, Cathy Jakositz, Kate Motz, Jeane Parker, Carmine Venes

Administrative Team

Nancy Lubarsky, Ed.D., Chief School Administrator

Eric Larson, Business Administrator

Kimberly Richards, Principal - Deerfield School

Christina Orozco, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Instruction

| Action Items | Action Taken |
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| <u>Approval of Minutes</u> | <i>BOE approved minutes for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 28, 2017 Regular and Executive Sessions |
| <u>President's Report</u> | <i>Mr. Ruban:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanked Eric Larson for his service as the Business Administrator; Thanked Cathy Jakositz for her service as a Board Member. |
| <u>CSA's Report</u> | <i>Chief School Administrator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chorus sang for the Board of Education and members of the community; Ms. Barkin gave a presentation on the Robotics Club activities; Dr. Lubarsky shared Mr. Devico's update on the Beechwood field status; Dr. Lubarsky presented an analysis on the relationship between MAP and PARCC; Dr. Lubarsky discussed the QSAC Equivalency Process Application for High Performing Districts; Dr. Lubarsky reported on the Watts grants received so far this year. |
| <u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u> | <i>Mrs. Parker reported:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistant Principal, Tara Oliveira, was named 2018 Visionary Assistant Principal of the Year by the NJ Principals and Supervisors Association; Interact Club made 1300 sandwiches for the Market Street Mission; Fall play, <i>Suite Surrender</i>, was a success; Girls Cross Country Team won the Central Jersey Group 2 Championship; AP Capstone program was introduced at GL. |
| <u>Administration</u> | <i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QSAC Equivalency Process Application for High Performing Districts; Beechwood and Deerfield November 2017 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 November; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for November 2017. <i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Termination of the Business Services Subcontract Agreement with Garwood for the services of a School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Special Education placements and services; and School district travel. |

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| <u>Personnel</u> | <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resignation of Eric Larson, School Business Administrator; Employment contract with Donna Alonso as part time School Business Administrator; payment of 2.5 days in December of compensation for Donna Alonso; Homebound instruction for Jayne Hartnett, April Starling, and Kristen Haas; Appointment of Kristen DalCortivo and Ramona Ramesar as Guidance Counselors; and appointment of Suzanne Jenks to the stipend position of PARCC Coordinator. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Curriculum</u> | <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PEAK field trip to the Paper Mill Playhouse; 8th grade field trip to Ripley Green Palace Theater; 8th grade field trip to Washington DC; 4th grade field trip to Ellis Island | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Policy</u> | <p><i>BOE had second reading and adoption of these policies:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="451 470 1443 779"> <tr> <td>1220</td> <td>Employment of Chief School Administrator</td> <td>Revised-Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1310</td> <td>Employment of School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary</td> <td>Revised-Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3111</td> <td>Creating Positions</td> <td>Revised-Recommended</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3124</td> <td>Employment Contract</td> <td>Revised-Recommended</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3125</td> <td>Employment of Teaching Staff Members</td> <td>Revised-Mandated</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>BOE had first reading of these policies:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="451 879 1443 968"> <tr> <td>3141</td> <td>Resignation</td> <td>Revised-Recommended</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3144</td> <td>Certification of Tenure Charges</td> <td>Revised-Recommended</td> </tr> </table> | 1220 | Employment of Chief School Administrator | Revised-Mandated | 1310 | Employment of School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary | Revised-Mandated | 3111 | Creating Positions | Revised-Recommended | 3124 | Employment Contract | Revised-Recommended | 3125 | Employment of Teaching Staff Members | Revised-Mandated | 3141 | Resignation | Revised-Recommended | 3144 | Certification of Tenure Charges | Revised-Recommended |
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| <u>Old Business</u> | <p>Mrs. Jakositz articulated how much the district has improved and her respect for the integrity of the board members.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>New Business</u> | <p>The Board voted to hold the March meeting on Monday, March 19th, for the Adoption of the Tentative Budget.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Committee Reports</u> | <p>Building and Grounds Committee – Mr. Gioia reported that there was a meeting with representatives from the Board and the township to discuss snow plowing. He feels there will be adequate attention to the district’s new layout of parking lots. He said that the possibility of planning future meetings was discussed in order to enhance communications.</p> <p>Mr. Gioia also stated that puddling at Deerfield will be fixed over the holiday break.</p> <p>Strategic Planning Committee – Mrs. Parker said that a survey for parents, teachers, and students for feedback on various district areas will be distributed in February 2018.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Public Participation</u> | <p>None</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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