

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

September 26, 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
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	<i>BOE approved minutes for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 22, 2017 Regular and Executive Sessions
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<i>Chief School Administrator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke about the opening of school; Drop-off and pick-up procedures at Beechwood and Deerfield; Change in bus company for sports related events; Gave a presentation on Teacher Evaluation.
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	<i>Mrs. Parker reported:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors started open campus; October 2nd is College Night; Annual Band of Champions will take place on October 15th; 40th Anniversary of Berkeley Heights Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program; Cell tower, after 5 years, will soon go live and will enhance reception for the district and provide some funding; Track and field work is almost done.
<u>Administration</u>	<i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff; NJDOE School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act Statement of Assurance.
<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 August; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for August 2017. <i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change orders totaling \$35,820 to D & L Paving; Berkeley Heights Governor Livingston High School General Education Tuition Agreement Contract for 2017-18; Berkeley Heights Governor Livingston High School Special Education Resource Room Tuition Agreement Contract for 2017-18; MUJC Joint Transportation Agreement for 2017-18; MUJC for use as transportation for sports trips; Donation of office/school supplies from Mr. Zuzovsky, The Source Group; Disposal of outdated science, social studies, and Everyday Math textbooks; Special Education placements and services; School district travel.

<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicole Mansfield to the position of 5th Grade Leave Replacement Teacher; Morgan Felt from part time to full time status; April Starling, Rachel Halek, and Peter Scholl to teach the morning math program; Susan Meagher and Genevieve Cooper to the position of lunch aide; Increase in Donna Bolton's weekly hours by 5 hours; April Starling mentor to Rachel Halek; Jayne Hartnett mentor to Morgan Felt; Kristin Trentham mentor to Paige Primmer; Elena Bentey mentor to Rebecca Walsh; Meghan Crilly mentor to Daniel Wilkenfeld; Payment to Susan Goracy for 3 hours to attend Child Study Team Meeting on July 10, 2017; The addition of Bridget Lawrence, Susan Buchner, Nancy Dos Santos, Colleen Kelly, Elizabeth DeRose, JoAnne DiPaola, and Judith Wargaski to the Substitute Teacher List; Request for tuition reimbursement from Kim Hain for 3 graduate credits taken in the summer; Employment contract for Dr. Nancy Lubarsky. 																								
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th grade field trip to the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House; 3rd grade field trip to the Bronx Zoo. 																								
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<u>Old Business</u>	None																								
<u>New Business</u>	Board voted to reschedule the October 24 th Board Meeting to October 23 rd due to New Jersey School Board's recognition of Mountainside's Sustainable New Jersey Bronze Award at their conference on October 24 th .																								
<u>Committee Reports</u>	Mr. Gioia provided an update on the referendum projects. Everything is on schedule and budget. There are minimal remaining funds and plans are underway to apply such funds.																								
<u>Public Participation</u>	<p>Community members asked about the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status of the playground equipment at Beechwood. Location of the Berkeley Heights cell tower. Hiring of substitutes who are residents with children in the district. Bus 2 issues Drop off and pick up at Beechwood. 																								

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