

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

June 27, 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> | <p><i>BOE approved minutes for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 23, 2017 Regular and Executive Sessions |
| <u>CSA's Report</u> | <p><i>Chief School Administrator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deerfield Principal, Mrs. Richards and three teachers, gave a presentation on the science curriculum; PTA President, Mrs. Wu, gave a report on donations given to the district; Dr. Lubarsky gave a presentation on her merit goals; Mr. Larson gave a report on Chapter 47 Compliance. |
| <u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u> | <p><i>Mrs. Parker reported:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Parker reported that the GLHS graduation ceremony was a great success and congratulated the Class of 2017. |
| <u>Administration</u> | <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 of the 5 Quantitative and Qualitative Merit Goals for Dr. Lubarsky have been satisfied and were achieved during the 2016-2017 school year; recommendations on HIB incidents on June 9, 2017 and June 12, 2017; 2017-2018 Shared Services Subcontract Agreement for School Business Administration Services between the Mountainside Board of Education and the Garwood Board of Education; NJDOE Waiver Application used primarily for emergent hiring; Safety and Security Drill Statement of Assurance; Submission of a waiver to the Union County Superintendent for preschool and kindergarten toilet rooms for 2017-2018; Beechwood and Deerfield May and June 2017 safety and security drill reports; Beechwood and Deerfield Bus Emergency Drill Reports. |

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| <p><u>Budget and Finance</u></p> | <p><i>BOE approved:</i> <i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget transfers for the month of May; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for May 2017; Payment of supplementary bill lists and payroll which shall become due on or before June 30, 2017. <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewal of membership with School Alliance Insurance Fund; Re-appointment of Paula Hatch, as Treasurer of Mountainside School District; Business Administrator to make transfer of all funds in excess of the allowable 2% of adjusted expenditures at the conclusion of 2016-2017 school year, and funds awarded by the NJDOE for 2016-2017 Extraordinary Aid and/or Non-Public Transportation Aid consistent with all applicable laws and regulations in the amount not to exceed \$457,000 to Tuition Adjustment Reserve, \$100,000 to the Maintenance Reserve, and \$600,000 to the Capital Reserve; Transfer from the capital reserve to Fund 30 for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for any closeout associated with the referendum projects which would be within the original scope of the approved referendum; Awarding of the contract for the District Wide Site Improvements to the lowest bidder, D & L Paving Contractors, Inc.; Application and subsequent receipt of IDEA Consolidated Grants for fiscal year 2018; 2017-2018 Right to Know Services and Asbestos Management Services from RAMM Environmental Services, Inc.; Union County Educational Services Commission Special Education Tuition Contract for 2017-2018; Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Tuition Agreement Contract for 2017-2018; Contract with CDK Systems, Inc. for accounting software services for 2017-2018; Contract with Strauss Esmay Associates for policy alert and support system; Parent transportation contract; Hiring of JAG Consulting for technology services; Special Education placements and services. |
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| <p><u>Personnel</u></p> | <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2017-2018 employment contract for Eric Larson; Increase in salaries of the non-affiliated personnel; Appointment of Kaitlin Elliott as Basic Skills Instructor, Carla Clausen as Occupational Therapist, Eileen Chapel as School Social Worker, Christina Orozco as Interim Administrator for 20 days of work during the summer; 2017-2018 School Year Stipend Positions; Rosemarie Sardina for 17 hours of homebound instruction and Jayne Hartnett for 2 hours of homebound instruction; Appointment of paraprofessionals for 2017-2018 school year; Appointment of Megan Petrillo, Jeannene Smith, and Sandra Vendas for Beechwood School Summer Academic Camp; Appointment of Lisa Bruno, Leila Morelli, Emily Lelah, and Diana Diaz for Extended School Year Staffing; Eileen Chapel, Leila Morrelli, Amanda Somers-Guerrasio, and Caitlin McGarrity for Child Study Team Staffing as needed during the summer; Laurie Wilson and Heather Goldstein for summer related duties; Request for tuition reimbursement from Kim Hain and Adrienne Ridley; Notification to take classes from Suzanne Jenks; Resignation of Hilary Whitacre, 5th Grade Teacher; Appointment of Christina Orozco to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Instruction effective 9/1/17. |
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| <p><u>Curriculum</u></p> | <p>Science Curriculum was tabled awaiting additional information to be presented at the July Board Meeting.</p> |
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| <p><u>Policy</u></p> | <p><i>BOE approved these policies:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="451 1549 1432 1831"> <tr> <td>0000.02</td> <td>Introduction</td> <td>Revised - Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2415.06</td> <td>Unsafe School Choice Options</td> <td>Revised - Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2464</td> <td>Gifted and Talented Students</td> <td>Revised - Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2622</td> <td>Student Assessment</td> <td>Revised - Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5116</td> <td>Education of Homeless Children</td> <td>Revised - Recommended</td> </tr> </table> | 0000.02 | Introduction | Revised - Mandated | 2415.06 | Unsafe School Choice Options | Revised - Mandated | 2464 | Gifted and Talented Students | Revised - Mandated | 2622 | Student Assessment | Revised - Mandated | 5116 | Education of Homeless Children | Revised - Recommended |
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| <p><u>Old Business</u></p> | <p>None</p> |
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| <p><u>New Business</u></p> | <p>Beechwood Playground - Dr. Lubarsky reported that we are applying for a matching grant through the Union County Kids Recreation Trust. She said that we received donations from Watts, PTA, and MEF to make up our portion of the matching money.</p> |
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| <u>Committee Reports</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Minks, Senior Citizen Liaison, will explore the possibility of informational sessions for senior citizens.• Building and Grounds Committee – Mr. Gioia reported that they voted on the last major project. He said that all projects have been on budget and the Building & Grounds Committee is very pleased with the results. |
| <u>Public Participation</u> | None |

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