

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

May 23, 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
Joy L. Blom, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Kimberly Richards, Principal - Deerfield School
Christina Orozco, Supervisor of Special Services

Action Items	Action Taken
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	BOE approved minutes for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 25, 2017 Regular and Executive Sessions
<u>CSA's Report</u>	Chief School Administrator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented kindergarten student, Alyssa Coulter, a Certificate of Excellence for placing 2nd in the AAA Traffic Safety Poster Contest; Recognized 17 students who participated in the MUJC Music Festival.
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	Mrs. Parker reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many Mountainside student athletes had impressive achievements; Sports awards will be held on May 31st; Senior Prom is on June 9th; Graduation will take place on June 20th.
<u>Administration</u>	As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holidays for 12 month employees for 2017-2018; Beechwood and Deerfield April 2017 safety and security drill reports.
<u>Budget and Finance</u>	BOE approved: As certified by the Board Secretary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget transfers for the month of April; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for April 2017. As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax payment schedule for 2017-2018 school year for the Borough of Mountainside; Student transportation provided by Durham School Services for 2017-2018 school year; Renewal of contract with Maschio's Food Services for 2017-2018 school year; Renewal of contract with the Y of Westfield for Before/After Care Program Services for 2017-2018 school year; 2017-2018 fee amounts for student activities; Donation of drum and flutes; Special Education placements and services; School district travel; Out of district settlement for Mountainside student; Awarding of Deerfield Building Wide Renovations to the lowest bidder, APEX Enterprises of Union, Inc.; Rejection of the bids for the District Wide Site Improvements due to budget constraints and/or improper paperwork.

<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract renewals for Dennis Hassel, Jr., Custodian, and Amanda Somers-Guerrasio, School Psychologist, for 2017-2018; Contract renewals for lunch aides, JoAnne DiPaola, Christine Kiesewetter, Jovan Siconolfi, and Christine Zagami, and Media Assistant, Carolee Lavey; Appointment of Marjorie Nussbaum, to the position of Spanish Teacher; Appointment of Daniel Kessler to the position of Social Studies Teacher; Kelcie Wavra, Caldwell University student, to complete her student internship in the Deerfield School Guidance Department; Revised salary for Laurie Wilson for 2 additional periods per week for data management responsibilities; Notification to take graduate classes from Kim Hain, Pre-K Teacher, and Adrienne Ridley, 6th Language Arts Teacher. 															
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-8 Select Chorus field trip to Shackamaxon Country Club. 															
<u>Policy</u>	<p><i>BOE had first reading of these policies:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="451 573 1430 867"> <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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<u>Old Business</u>	None															
<u>New Business</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Venes spoke about school funding and discrepancies between districts. Board members had a discussion about cancelling one of the summer board meetings. They will decide at the June Board Meeting. 															
<u>Committee Reports</u>	Building and Grounds Committee – Mr. Gioia reported on the status of the referendum projects.															
<u>Public Participation</u>	A community member asked about the administration re-organization approved at the last Board Meeting. She also asked about our math program and the disposition of the Beechwood playground.															

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