

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

April 25, 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"> March 28, 2017 Regular, 1st and 2nd Executive Sessions April 4, 2017 Special Meeting and Executive Session
<u>CSA's Report</u>	Chief School Administrator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gave an overview of the 2017-2018 final budget.
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	Mrs. Parker reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STEM presentations of Berkeley Heights programs were well received; Community inclusion program is a model program for special needs students, local businesses are well represented; 4/26 is safety presentation for parents for prom weekend; 4/27 is final budget presentation.
<u>Administration</u>	As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Education Policies and Procedures for Eligibility Under Part B of the IDEA Statement of Assurances for 2016-2017; Beechwood and Deerfield Schools March 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 months of February and March; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for March 2017. The final budget for 2017-2018 was approved with a 2% tax levy increase for the general fund. As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$450 annual fee for subscription bussing for 2017-2018; Dr. Ronald Frank, MD FAAFP, to provide School Physician Services, in the amount of \$2,250 for the 2017-2018 school year; Special Education placements and services; School district travel.
<u>Personnel</u>	As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The certificated tenured personnel list for 2017-2018; Certificated non-tenured personnel list for 2017-2018; Non-certificated personnel list for 2017-2018; Movement on the salary guide for Sonia Branco from step 8 BA to step 8 MA, effective September 1, 2017, for completion of degree, Master of Science in Nursing; Organizational Chart for 2017-2018; Reduction in force for 2 employees in administrative positions; Abolishment of positions of Director of Curriculum and

	Instruction and Supervisor of Special Education; Job description for Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Instruction; Resignation of Gabriella Campana, School Social Worker.						
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th grade field trip to Washington DC; 6th, 7th, 8th grade field trip to Columbia Middle School for STEM Competition. 						
<u>Policy</u>	<p><i>BOE approved these policies:</i></p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2460</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Special Education</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Revised Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2467</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Revised Mandated</td> </tr> </table>	2460	Special Education	Revised Mandated	2467	Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents	Revised Mandated
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<u>Old Business</u>	Mrs. Jakositz thanked the Supervisor of Special Services for all she has achieved in her tenure in the district.						
<u>New Business</u>	Dr. Lubarsky mentioned an upcoming professional development workshop for faculty on enhanced safety procedures.						
<u>Committee Reports</u>	Building and Grounds Committee – Mr. Gioia reported that we are on time and on budget on all projects.						

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