

Mountainside Board of Education Meeting Highlights

February 28, 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>	<p><i>BOE approved minutes for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 24, 2017 Regular and Executive Sessions
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<p><i>Chief School Administrator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gave a follow up presentation on PARCC Math; Gave a presentation on the budget process; Announced the 2016-2017 Teachers/Education Service Professionals and Support Staff Members of the Year; Stated that the boys and girls basketball teams made it to the playoffs; Mentioned that 6th grader, Chauncey Chen, will be competing in the state spelling bee.
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	<p>Mrs. Parker reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Berkeley Heights plans to spend \$1.2 million on upgrading security; AP Program Capstone is available; The Fashion Show, the senior fundraiser, is being held on Friday; Berkeley Heights had many great sport achievements; GL Musical is the week after the Deerfield musical.
<u>Administration</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program due to projections of having two Medicaid classified students; Beechwood and Deerfield Schools January 2017 safety and security drill reports.
<u>Budget and Finance</u>	<p><i>BOE approved:</i></p> <p><i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget transfers for the month of January; Payment of the bill list dated February 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017; Reports of the Board Secretary for January 2017. <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <p>To accept grants from the MEF and Watts Foundation; List of independent contractors/agencies for regular and classified students if needed during the 2016-2017 school year; Special Education placements; School District travel and related expenses.</p>

<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retirement of Barbara Hemmings; Appointment of Hollie Hartford as 5th Grade Leave Replacement Teacher; Appointment of Emily Lelah as 3rd Grade Leave Replacement Teacher; Appointment of Dennis Hassel Jr. as Custodian; Change in Dayna Carroll's maternity leave date from April 14th to March 3rd; Adrienne Ridley to serve as mentor for Kristie Crilley; Medical disability leave for staff member for approximately 8-12 weeks; Notification to take classes from Adrienne Ridley; Appointment of Amanda Somers-Guerrasio as School Psychologist; Appointment of Anavi Sharma as Kindergarten Leave Replacement Teacher; Appointment of Rebecca Walsh as Special Education Leave Replacement Teacher.
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten field trip to South Orange Performing Arts Center; 8th grade field trip to Ripley Grier Studios; 1st grade field trip to Turtleback Zoo; 2nd grade orientation at Deerfield School; Kindergarten field trip to Jenkinson's Aquarium.
<u>Policy</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second reading and adoption of policies: 1510 Americans with Disabilities Act; 2415.30 Title I-Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care; 2418 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973-Students. • First reading of policies: 2431 Athletic Competition; 5116 Education of Homeless Children; 5330.04 Administering an Opioid Antidote; 8330 Student Records.
<u>Old Business</u>	No items this month.
<u>New Business</u>	The Board approved the closing of school on the following days due to 4 unused snow days: Monday, April 17, 2017; Friday, May 26, 2017; Tuesday, May 30, 2017; The 4 th day will be determined at a later date.
<u>Committee Reports</u>	Building and Grounds: Mr. Gioia reported that the Deerfield Mechanical Project is the last large project to be completed and also that the final items such as site work are currently being addressed.
<u>Public Participation</u>	Community member asked a question about the unused snow days.

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