

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

December 19, 2016



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>	<i>BOE approved minutes for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 22, 2016 Regular and Executive Sessions
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<i>Chief School Administrator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Auditor, Bob Morrison, presented FY 2015-2016 Audit Report; Dr. Lubarsky praised the musical concerts that took place in December; Dr. Lubarsky reminded everyone about the January 3rd Board of Education Reorganization Meeting; Dr. Lubarsky wished everyone "Happy Holidays".
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	No report this month.
<u>Administration</u>	<i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beechwood and Deerfield Schools November 2016 safety and security drill reports.
<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 November; Payment of the bill list dated December 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; Reports of the Board Secretary for November 2016. <i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarding of the Mechanical Upgrades Project to DeSesa Mechanical, Inc.; Acceptance of a \$1,000 donation from Ficken Family Charitable Distribution for the Deerfield Band Program; Special education placements and services; Travel and related expenses.
<u>Personnel</u>	<i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of Theresa Brown as School Psychologist; Appointment of Elizabeth Scollon as Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher; Resignation of Kaitlin Elliott, 5th grade teacher; Appointment of Ellie Barkin as Technology Club Advisor; Notification to take graduate class from Kim Hain, Pre-K Teacher; Appointment of Adrienne Ridley and April Starling as homebound instructors.

<u>Curriculum</u>	<i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students to Union County Teen Arts; 7th grade field trip to NJ Renaissance Fair.
<u>Policy</u>	No items this month.
<u>Old Business</u>	No items this month.
<u>New Business</u>	Mr. Gioia recognized the retirement of John Sincaglia from the Berkeley Heights Board of Education and his 12 years of service.
<u>Committee Reports</u>	Building & Grounds – Mr. Gioia reported that the contract for mechanical upgrades at Deerfield School was awarded tonight and it is under budget.
<u>Public Participation</u>	None

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