

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

November 22, 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"> October 25, 2016 Regular and Executive Sessions
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<i>Chief School Administrator:</i> Science teacher, Ellie Barkin, and her students gave a Robotics Presentation; Dr. Lubarsky introduced the new Supervisor of Special Services, Christina Orozco; Dr. Lubarsky spoke about the District Evaluation Advisory Committee and our Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification initiative. The district can earn points for sustainability actions accomplished & supported with evidence; Mr. Larson presented the Board of Education election results and the Standard & Poor's Rating Upgrade. Mr. Gioia commented on the progress the district has made in the past several years which is reflected in technology and curriculum upgrades, referendum renovations, and the increase in the Standard & Poor's ratings.
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	Mrs. Jeane Parker reported on the following items: Fall play was the "Odd Couple" which was very well received; Guidance program has increased the number of colleges that visit the school as well as many other department enhancements.
<u>Administration</u>	<i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beechwood and Deerfield October safety and security drill reports and bus emergency evacuation 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 October; Payment of the Bill List dated November 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016; Reports of the Board Secretary for October 2016. <i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribution from 2015-2016 excess funds of \$300,000 to be put into Berkeley Heights tuition reserve; Receipt of funds from the state for unbudgeted Extraordinary Aid of \$52,029 and Non-Public Transportation Aid of \$18,124 to be used in 2016-2017; Special education placements and services; Travel and related expenses

<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Amanda Baker as Recreation Activities Club Assistant; Addition of Paola Conte and Rachel Pater to the Substitute Teacher list.
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th grade field trip to Ellis Island; 6th grade field trip to Beach Dynamics, Sandy Hook; PEAK field trip to the Paper Mill Playhouse; 2nd grade field trip to Liberty Science Center; 8th grade field trip to the Spanish Tavern.
<u>Policy</u>	No items this month.
<u>Old Business</u>	No items this month.
<u>New Business</u>	The Board approved the change of the December Board Meeting from December 21 st to December 19 th ; The Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.; Mrs. Jakositz stated that the Union County Educational Services Commission has many great programs in which the district can take advantage.
<u>Committee Reports</u>	No items this month.
<u>Public Participation</u>	None

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