

Mountainside Board of Education Meeting Highlights

October 25, 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
Jamie Koransky, 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"> September 27, 2016 Regular and Executive Sessions
<u>Correspondence</u>	Letter was received from Executive County Superintendent approving Dr. Lubarsky's 2016-2017 goals.
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<i>Chief School Administrator:</i> MEF representative, Karen Dillon, reviewed past MEF activities and the MEF's mission and thanked the Board for its support. She also mentioned upcoming events; Dr. Lubarsky gave a presentation on PARCC testing. Dr. Lubarsky also mentioned that a Bill of Rights kiosk will be in the Deerfield lobby for a couple of months.
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	Mrs. Jeane Parker reported on the following items: BOE reviewed PARCC results; Band won Group II Open Class competition; Pageant of Champions was a success; 10 new courses are being added; GL Principal, Robert Nixon, is President of Union County Principals Association.
<u>Administration</u>	<i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016-2017 Nursing Services Plan; 2016-2017 Emergency Management Plan; Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials; Beechwood and Deerfield September safety and security drill reports; resolution of support from the Mountainside School District authorizing the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grant Application.

<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 September; Payment of the Bill List dated October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016; Reports of the Board Secretary for September 2016. <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive Maintenance Plan; to accept \$6,000 grant from the Watts foundation; appointment of Samantha New as co-signer on checks for the Deerfield Student Activities Fund.
<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resignation of Jamie Koransky, Supervisor of Special Services; 2016-2017 Substitute Teacher/Support Staff List; appointment of Lydra Shehu as Lunch Aide; appointment of Kristin Trentham, Stephanie Ianniello, Caitlin Murphy as Recreation Activities Club Assistants; Laurie Wilson to serve as mentor for Kelly Trentham; Correct Kristie Crilley's salary to reflect MA status; Increase hours of Carol Rolband, ELS/Spanish Consultant; appointment of Sarah Onore and Elena Bentey as TEP teachers; request for tuition reimbursement and also request to take classes from Adrienne Ridley; addition of Jesse Winter to the Substitute Teacher list; appointment of Christina Orozco, to the position of Supervisor of Special Services
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten field trips to Deerfield for Teddy Bear Making; field to trip to Wendy's for Magazine Drive winners; field trip to Clifton High School for Robotics Competition; field trip to Watson Adventures in Morristown for Grades 6-8 Student Council.
<u>Policy</u>	No items this month.
<u>Old Business</u>	No items this month.
<u>New Business</u>	Mr. Gioia suggested that more information on Robotics Competition be shared at a future Board Meeting.
<u>Committee Reports</u>	Mrs. Jakositz reported that the Curriculum Committee met and grade level curriculum pamphlets were reviewed; Mrs. Parker said that we are in year 4 of 5-year Strategic Plan. Plan is being updated to include focus on curriculum.
<u>Public Participation</u>	Gary White and son, Eric White, proposed that Mountainside school district develop an initiative for students to raise awareness about Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP) Disease.

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