

# Mountainside Board of Education Meeting Highlights

September 27, 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  |
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| <u>Approval of Minutes</u>             | <b>BOE approved minutes for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 26, 2016 Regular, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Sessions</li> </ul>   |
| <u>CSA's Report</u>                    | <b>Chief School Administrator:</b><br>Dr. Lubarsky reported that the opening of school went very smoothly and also that there is a new e-alert system in place but you must register for it; Mr. Eric Larson gave a presentation on the Berkeley Heights Send/Receive Contract; Dr. Lubarsky and Mrs. Richards gave a presentation on class size.   |
| <u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u> | Mrs. Jeane Parker reported on the following items: BOE had an iPad technology presentation; New Vice-Principal is from Summit; Retirement of Joe Hubert; Back to School Night is September 29 <sup>th</sup> ; College Fair on October 5 <sup>th</sup> ; Friday Night Lights on October 7 <sup>th</sup> ; National Honor Society tutors; Fall play is "Odd Couple" – November 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> ; Seniors have "open campus"; Berkeley Heights moved up in rankings in NJ Monthly from 36 to 19.   |
| <u>Administration</u>                  | <b>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Lubarsky's goals for 2016-2017</li> <li>Comprehensive Equity Plan for 2016-17 through 2018-19</li> <li>2016-2017 Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff</li> <li>2016-2017 NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Statement of Assurance</li> <li>Beechwood July and August 2016 safety and security drill report</li> </ul>  |
| <u>Budget and Finance</u>              | <b>BOE approved:</b><br><b>As certified by the Board Secretary:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget transfers for the months of July and August; Payment of the Bill List dated August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016 and September 1, 2016, through September 30, 2016; Reports of the Board Secretary for July and August 2016.</li> </ul> <b>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Berkeley Heights Governor Livingston High School General Education Tuition Agreement Contract for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$4,860,008.00 plus an additional \$299,797.00 for prior tuition adjustments; Berkeley Heights Governor Livingston High School Special Education Resource Room Tuition Agreement Contract for the 2016-2017 school year in</li> </ul> |

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|                                    | the amount of \$135,000; Morris-Union Jointure Commission Joint Transportation Agreement for the 2016 Extended School year in the amount of \$21,721.12, and for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$195,368.19; NCLB Title IIA 2015-2016 application as amended and the subsequent receipt of \$21,576 funds; List of Independent Contractors/Agencies for regular and classified students if needed during the 2016-2017 school year; Special education placements and services; travel and related expenses.   |                    |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| <b><u>Personnel</u></b>            | <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2016-2017 School Year Stipend Positions; Maternity Disability Leave for Jessica Goldstein; Resignation of Paraprofessionals, Donna Wolfe, Jennifer Wetzell, Betsy Klein, Nancy Smith; Appointment of Amy Peixoto and Jovan Siconolfi, to the position of Lunch Aide; Appointment of Carolee Flader Lavey, to the position of Library Assistant; Appointment of Kimberly Ryan, Lydra Shehu, Sandra Vendas, Susan Gerakaris to the position of Paraprofessional; Increase Donna Bolton's weekly hours by 9 hours; Addition of Kirsten Post and Kacie Worswick to the 2016-2017 Substitute Teacher List; Appointment of Kristie Crilley, to the position of Social Studies Teacher, at a salary of \$52,998, Step 1 BA; Retirement of James Babernitsh, Custodian, effective September 1, 2016.</li> </ul>  |                    |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| <b><u>Curriculum</u></b>           | <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Deacon Andrew Hetfield House; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip to Bronx Zoo.</li> </ul>  |                    |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| <b><u>Policy</u></b>               | <p><i>BOE approved these policies:</i></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>1140</td> <td>Affirmative Action Program</td> <td>Revised - Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1523</td> <td>Comprehensive Equity Plan</td> <td>Revised - Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1530</td> <td>Equal Employment Opportunities</td> <td>Revised - Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1550</td> <td>Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices</td> <td>Revised - Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2200</td> <td>Curriculum Content</td> <td>Revised - Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2260</td> <td>Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices</td> <td>Revised - Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2411</td> <td>Guidance Counseling</td> <td>Revised - Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2423</td> <td>Bilingual and ESL Education</td> <td>Revised - Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2622</td> <td>Student Assessment</td> <td>Revised - Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5750</td> <td>Equal Educational Opportunity</td> <td>Revised - Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5755</td> <td>Equity in Educational Programs and Services</td> <td>Revised - Mandated</td> </tr> </table> | 1140               | Affirmative Action Program | Revised - Mandated | 1523 | Comprehensive Equity Plan | Revised - Mandated | 1530 | Equal Employment Opportunities | Revised - Mandated | 1550 | Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices | Revised - Mandated | 2200 | Curriculum Content | Revised - Mandated | 2260 | Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices | Revised - Mandated | 2411 | Guidance Counseling | Revised - Mandated | 2423 | Bilingual and ESL Education | Revised - Mandated | 2622 | Student Assessment | Revised - Mandated | 5750 | Equal Educational Opportunity | Revised - Mandated | 5755 | Equity in Educational Programs and Services | Revised - Mandated |
| 1140                               | Affirmative Action Program   | Revised - Mandated |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| 1523                               | Comprehensive Equity Plan  | Revised - Mandated |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| 1530                               | Equal Employment Opportunities   | Revised - Mandated |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| 1550                               | Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices   | Revised - Mandated |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| 2200                               | Curriculum Content   | Revised - Mandated |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| 2260                               | Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices   | Revised - Mandated |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| 2411                               | Guidance Counseling  | Revised - Mandated |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| 2423                               | Bilingual and ESL Education  | Revised - Mandated |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| 2622                               | Student Assessment   | Revised - Mandated |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| 5750                               | Equal Educational Opportunity  | Revised - Mandated |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| 5755                               | Equity in Educational Programs and Services  | Revised - Mandated |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| <b><u>Old Business</u></b>         | No items this month.   |                    |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| <b><u>New Business</u></b>         | No items this month.   |                    |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| <b><u>Committee Reports</u></b>    | Mr. Gioia gave an update on the referendum projects: Gym panels to be installed in October; Better lighting to be installed in gym; HVAC bid to occur in November; Classroom doors to be replaced in mid-October.  |                    |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |
| <b><u>Public Participation</u></b> | Mr. Flynn, parent of 1 <sup>st</sup> grader, asked questions about math and spelling program.  |                    |                            |                    |      |                           |                    |      |                                |                    |      |  |                    |      |                    |                    |      |  |                    |      |                     |                    |      |                             |                    |      |                    |                    |      |                               |                    |      |   |                    |

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