

# Mountainside Board of Education Meeting Highlights

June 28, 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>	<b>BOE approved minutes for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 24, 2016 Regular and Executive Sessions</li> </ul>
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<b>Chief School Administrator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8<sup>th</sup> grade students gave a presentation on solar energy.</li> <li>Jovan Siconolfi and Kelly Hwang reviewed the year's PTA activities and donations.</li> <li>Jason Whitaker gave a technology presentation.</li> <li>Dr. Lubarsky gave a presentation on grant totals for the year (one of her goals).</li> <li>Eric Larson reported on Chapter 47 Compliance – recognition of contracts and intentions for contracts.</li> </ul>
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	<b>Mrs. Parker:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congratulated the Governor Livingston graduating class of 2016.</li> <li>Reported that Berkeley Heights' Strategic Plan will be presented at their June 29<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.</li> </ul>
<u>Administration</u>	<b>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achievement of one of Dr. Lubarsky's goals; approval of the revised 2016-2017 Shared Services Subcontract Agreement for School Business Administration Services between Mountainside and Garwood; NJDOE Waiver Application used for emergent hiring; Security Drill Statement of Assurance; NJDOE School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act Statement of Assurances for Beechwood and Deerfield; Deerfield and Beechwood May and June 2016 safety and security drill reports.</li> </ul>
<u>Budget and Finance</u>	<b>BOE approved:</b> <b>As certified by the Board Secretary:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget transfers for the month of May; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for May 2016.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOA and salary guides between Mountainside BOE and MEA; the re-appointment of Paula Hatch as Treasurer; CSA to make application for and accept subsequent receipt of the NCLB Consolidated Grants Title I and Title IIA; BA to pay supplementary bill lists and payroll; BA to transfer all funds in excess of the allowable 2% of adjusted expenditures, and funds awarded by the NJDOE for 2015-16 Extraordinary Aid and/or Non-Public Transportation Aid not to exceed \$457,000 to the Tuition Adjustment Reserve, \$50,000 to the Maintenance Reserve, and \$600,000 to the Capital Reserve; Donations from the Elks, MEF, Watts Foundation, YMCA, Donors Choose, and Pet Supplies Plus; Greenwood Lawn Service for Lawn Care; 2016-17 Right to Know Services and Asbestos Management Services from RAMM Environmental Services, Inc; CDK Systems, Inc. for accounting software services; Strauss Esmay Associates for Policy Alert and Support System; 5-year agreement with Lightpath as internet provider; JAG Consulting for technology services; Contract to Maschio's Food Services; Special Education placements and services.</li> </ul>															
<p><b><u>Personnel</u></b></p>	<p><b>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised employment contract for Eric Larson, BA; Salary increases for the non-affiliated personnel; New Special Education Teacher; New Leave Replacement Kindergarten Teacher; New Leave Replacement Social Studies Teacher; Appointment of 17 part time paraprofessionals; Appointment of 3 staff members for Beechwood AIM Extension Program; Appointment of 7 staff members for Extended School Year Staffing; Appointment of 5 staff members for Summer Child Study Team Staffing; Appointment of 5 staff members for summer employment; Judith Segall to serve as mentor for Julie Lima from 1/4/16-6/21/16; Increase in Donna Bolton's hours by 9 hours during the summer; New staff member Sonia Branco to shadow Kathleen MacDonald for 5 days; New staff member Victoria Tiscia to shadow Lynn Slotkin for 2 days; Tuition reimbursement for Rosemarie Sardina; Increase in salaries for Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Deerfield Principal, and Supervisor of Special Services; Performance goal structure for Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Deerfield Principal, and Supervisor of Special Services; Movement on the salary guide for Caitlin Murphy from BA to MA for attainment of Master of Education Degree.</li> </ul>															
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<p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p>	<p>No items this month.</p>															
<p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p>	<p>There was a discussion of the Governor's proposal and legislative effort for a new school funding formula; Mrs. Jakositz praised the effort put into the Deerfield graduation ceremony.</p>															
<p><b><u>Committee Reports</u></b></p>	<p>Mr. Minks reported that a new 3-year agreement with the MEA has been agreed upon and will go into effect July 1, 2016. He also reported that a new send/receive agreement with Berkeley Heights has been agreed upon and is expected to be approved at our July Board Meeting; Mr. Gioia gave an update on the referendum projects – windows are being installed at Deerfield and the interior makeover has begun and is anticipated to be done by school's opening; Mrs. Jakositz mentioned that the 3-D printer at the library is available for use. She also said that books are available for book swap with the district.</p>															

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