

Mountainside Board of Education Meeting Highlights

May 24, 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"> April 26, 2016 Regular and Executive Sessions
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<i>Chief School Administrator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized Kindergarten student who won 3rd place in the AAA Traffic Safety Poster Contest. Gave a presentation on the new website.
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	<i>Mrs. Parker reported:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educators of the year honored; Sports highlights presented; Cabaret fundraiser for cancer will be held on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
<u>Administration</u>	<i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2016-2017 Shared Services Subcontract Agreement for School Business Administration Services between Mountainside and Garwood; Beechwood and Deerfield April 2016 safety and security drill reports; Beechwood and Deerfield 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 April; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for April 2016. The tax resolution of the Borough of Mountainside tax payments for the 2016-2017 school year. <i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved resolution that Mountainside Board of Education joins with other school districts in organizing and becoming members of the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group. Awarded the Deerfield corridors project to Apex Enterprises of Union, Inc., the lowest bidder. Rejected the bids for mechanical upgrades at Deerfield School so that the specifications can be revised. Approved agreement between UCESC and Mountainside Board of Ed. for Special Education and Vocational Technical Schools Coordinated Transportation Services; UCESC Special Education

	Tuition Contract; UCVTS Tuition Agreement Contract; Student transportation provided by Durham School Services; Food Service Management Agreement with Maschio Food Services, Inc.; Contract with YMCA of Westfield to provide before/after care program services and summer camp program; Dr. Ronald Frank to provide school physician services; Hodulik & Morrison, P.A. to provide auditing services; parent transportation contract; Activity Participation Fee Program; Special Education placements/services; school district travel.															
<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resignation of Andrea Flynn, 4th grade teacher; appointment of Sonia Branco to position of School Nurse; Appointment of Elizabeth Shimwell to position of grade 4 teacher; Appointment of Deborah Weiss or April Starling to accompany baseball/softball teams at away games for supervision on the bus at hourly stipend amount of \$32.19; Request for tuition reimbursement and notification to take classes from Kim Hain, Pre-K Teacher; Addition of Brianna Palumbo, Jeffrey Wagner, and Sherry Ortiz to the Substitute List. 															
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th grade TEP students to assist with Beechwood School 2nd grade Bike Rodeo. 															
<u>Policy</u>	<p><i>BOE approved these policies:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="483 739 1563 1035"> <tr> <td>7461</td> <td>Green Initiatives</td> <td>New Suggested</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7461.1</td> <td>Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Green Purchasing Policy</td> <td>New Suggested</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7471</td> <td>Idle Free School Zones</td> <td>New Suggested</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7461</td> <td>Green Initiatives</td> <td>New Suggested</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>BOE had first reading of this policy:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="488 1136 1539 1203"> <tr> <td>2422</td> <td>Health and Physical Education</td> <td>Revised Recommended</td> </tr> </table>	7461	Green Initiatives	New Suggested	7461.1	Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Green Purchasing Policy	New Suggested	7471	Idle Free School Zones	New Suggested	7461	Green Initiatives	New Suggested	2422	Health and Physical Education	Revised Recommended
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<u>Old Business</u>	No items this month.															
<u>New Business</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cathy Jakositz thanked participants in the Relay for Life event. 															
<u>Committee Reports</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Minks reported that the send/receive agreement with Berkeley Heights appears close to finalization and it is an agreement the Board is very comfortable with. He also reported that the next MEA negotiations is 5/25 and the board is hopeful to settle in an expedited manner. Mr. Gioia gave an update on the referendum projects – windows will go in soon; the UV project is going to be pushed back; the corridor project is beginning. 															

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