

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

April 26, 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>	BOE approved minutes for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 22, 2016 Regular and Executive Sessions
<u>CSA's Report</u>	Chief School Administrator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized the Deerfield Health Bee Team who won 2nd place in the Westfield Y Health Bee Competition. Reported results of lead water testing: According to RAMM Environmental Services, water is at safe drinking levels. Gave an overview of the 2016-2017 final budget.
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	Mrs. Parker reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GL musical was successful; Mountainside student was nominated to the All-State Chorus; Math group placed 3rd in competition; Days of Realization Program was held on April 21st and 22nd; Prom is on June 10th; Graduation will take place on June 21st; Cell tower will be built at no cost, police can use it, and revenue will be generated.
<u>Administration</u>	As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Comprehensive Equity Plan; 2016-2017 holidays for administrators, secretaries, and custodians; HIB Investigation Summary; Beechwood and Deerfield Schools March 2016 safety and security drill reports.
<u>Budget and Finance</u>	BOE approved: As certified by the Board Secretary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget transfers for the month of March; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for March 2016. The final budget for 2016-2017 was approved with a 2% tax levy increase for the general fund. As recommended by the CSA, the BOE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set the annual fee for subscription bussing for 2016-2017 at \$450; Contracted with Assistive Tek to provide 2 possible assistive technology evaluations; Approved Special Education placements and services; Approved school district travel. Rescinded the contractor award for unit ventilators and rejected all bids in order to revise the specifications and rebid the project. Tabled the Deerfield corridors project until unit ventilators bidding is resolved.

<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The certificated tenured personnel list for 2016-2017; Certificated non-tenured personnel list for 2016-2017; Non-certificated personnel list for 2016-2017; Non-affiliated personnel list for 2016-2017; Appointment of Jennifer Griffith as 2nd grade teacher for 2016-2017; Appointment of Lori Topel as 3rd grade teacher for 2016-2017; Retirement of Kathleen MacDonald, Deerfield School Nurse; Maternity disability leave for Janelle Lauterbach; Maternity disability leave for Kaitlin Elliott; Appointment of Lauren Rudman as alternate Chess Club Advisor; Request for tuition reimbursement from Rosemarie Sardina; Notification to take classes from Rosemarie Sardina; Notification to take classes from Kimberly Hain; Addition of Colleen Tedesco to the 2015-2016 Substitute Teacher list. 																								
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th grade field trip to Washington DC; 2nd grade field trip to Deerfield for 3rd grade orientation. 																								
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<u>Committee Reports</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Minks reported that substantial progress has been made with Berkeley Heights negotiations. He also reported that negotiations with the MEA are in progress. Mr. Gioia gave an update on the referendum regarding the unit ventilators and corridor projects. Mrs. Jakositz reported that the Mountainside Library has a 3D printer and workshops are available. 																								

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