

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

March 16th and 22nd, 2016



This newsletter provides a monthly summary of discussions and actions taken at the Mountainside Board of Education meetings.

These are not the official minutes. Please check our website for the official minutes and additional information.

Our meetings are recorded and can be viewed on our website or on Channel 35.

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

Approval of Minutes

BOE approved minutes on March 22nd:

- February 23, 2016 Regular and Executive Sessions
- March 16, 2016 Special Meeting and Executive Session

CSA's Report

Chief School Administrator on March 16th:

- Gave an overview of the proposed 2016-2017 budget.

On March 22nd

- Recognized the Teachers/Educational Service Professionals of the Year and Support Staff Members of the Year; Introduced Jamie Koransky, Supervisor of Special Services, who gave a HIB presentation; Discussed solution to preserve the Deerfield 8th grade murals; Acknowledged 7th Grade Health Bee Team on 2nd place win; Acknowledged the most recent grants; Discussed the piloting of live streaming of board meetings beginning in April.

Administration

As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved on March 22nd:

- The Beechwood and Deerfield Schools February 2016 safety and security drill reports.

Budget and Finance

BOE approved on March 16th:

- The tentative budget for 2016-2017:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2016-17 Total Expenditures	\$16,890,662	\$150,434	\$1,716,934	\$18,758,030
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$1,480,469	\$150,434	\$458,569	\$2,089,472
Taxes to Be Raised	\$15,410,193	0	\$1,258,365	\$16,668,558

On March 22nd

As certified by the Board Secretary:

- Budget transfers for the month of February; Payment of the bill list; Reports of the Board Secretary for February 2016.

	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval to award Deerfield projects to the lowest bidders as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="477 113 1373 218"> <tr> <td>Mechanical Upgrades</td> <td>Framan Mechanical, Inc</td> <td>\$1,985,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Electric Upgrades</td> <td>Post & Kelly Electric</td> <td>\$244,930</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VCT tile (Alternate 1)</td> <td>Framan Mechanical, Inc.</td> <td>\$95,000</td> </tr> </table> Acceptance of donations from the MEF; Approve placement of two signs provided by Mountainside Baseball on each baseball field on school property; Approval of special education placements and services; Approval of school district travel. 	Mechanical Upgrades	Framan Mechanical, Inc	\$1,985,000	Electric Upgrades	Post & Kelly Electric	\$244,930	VCT tile (Alternate 1)	Framan Mechanical, Inc.	\$95,000									
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<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved on March 22nd:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The retirement of AnnMarie Pires, Paraprofessional; Resignation of Lauren Rudman, 3rd Grade Teacher; Adjustment to stipends for Christopher Eckert, Jared Rosenblum, and Laurie Wilson; Extension of mentorship of Deborah Weiss for Zachary Worswick; Notification to take classes from Adrienne Ridley; The addition of Francesca Tilocca to the 2015-2016 Substitute Teacher List. 																		
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved on March 22nd:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at Teen Arts Festival by 7th and 8th graders; Field trip to Jersey Lanes by the 8th graders for physics program; Field trip to Somerset Patriots Game by the 5th grade DARE Program. 																		
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<u>Old Business</u>	<p><i>BOE approved on March 16th:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To designate Friday, May 27th and Tuesday, May 31st as days for schools to be closed due to 2 unused snow days, pending no additional need for snow days. 																		
<u>New Business</u>	No items this month.																		
<u>Committee Reports</u>	<p><i>On March 22nd</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ruban reported on his attendance at the Mountainside Library Board of Trustees Meeting on March 21st, where a collection in memory of a former Mountainside social studies teacher, William Tetley, was discussed. Mr. Ruban also said that many library events are publicized in the ELFF. Mr. Minks met with the Community Presbyterian senior group in connection with his role as liaison. 																		

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