

# Mountainside Board of Education Meeting Highlights

February, 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> | <p><i>BOE approved minutes for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 26, 2016 Regular and Executive Sessions</li> </ul>  |
| <u>CSA's Report</u>        | <p><i>Chief School Administrator reported on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher/Educational Service Professional of the Year and Support Staff Member of the Year deadline Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. (Deadline extended to Monday February 29<sup>th</sup>.)</li> <li>Reminder that the Budget Hearing is Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Discussed Sustainable Schools District Membership Resolution.</li> <li>Highlighted latest grants received and approved totaling over \$13,000.</li> </ul>  |
| <u>Administration</u>      | <p><i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The resolution to participate in <i>Sustainable Jersey for Schools</i> initiative.</li> <li>The resolution to request a waiver of compliance to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for 2016-2017 school year.</li> <li>HIB Investigation Summary.</li> <li>The Beechwood and Deerfield Schools January 2016 safety and security drill reports.</li> </ul> <p><i>The BOE determined that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fifth of the five Quantitative and Qualitative Merit Goals established in the employment contract for Dr. Lubarsky, CSA, was satisfied and achieved in 2014-15.</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b><u>Budget and Finance</u></b></p> | <p><b><i>BOE approved:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The February, 2016 bill list, Board Secretary Report, and Treasurer of School Monies report.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget transfers for the month of January</li> </ul> <p><b><i>As recommended by the CSA:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acceptance of donations from the Elks, MEF, and Watts Foundation.</li> <li>Resolution that Mountainside BOE will not require Concordia Learning Center at St. Joseph's School for the Blind to charge students for reduced or paid school lunches; faculty travel for professional development; and special education placements.</li> <li>Approve agreement for payment of the 2014-2015 school year tuition adjustment to Berkeley Heights of \$558,768 over three school years as follows: 2016-2017 \$65,000; 2017-2018 \$300,000; 2018-2019 \$193,768.</li> </ul>  |  |                          |  |
| <p><b><u>Personnel</u></b></p>          | <p><b><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The appointment of Deborah Weiss or April Starling to accompany basketball teams at away games for supervision on the bus at an hourly stipend of \$32.19; and the additions of Nicole Baily, Frank Harpster, and Heather Christoph to the substitute list.</li> </ul>  |  |                          |  |
| <p><b><u>Curriculum</u></b></p>         | <p><b><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> grade Rogate students' field trip to Bergen County Community College; Kindergarten field trip to Jenkinson's Aquarium; 1<sup>st</sup> grade field trip to Turtleback Zoo; and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip to Liberty Science Center.</li> </ul>   |  |                          |  |
| <p><b><u>Policy</u></b></p>             | <p><b><i>BOE reviewed this policy:</i></b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="370 1045 1528 1150"> <tr> <td data-bbox="370 1045 500 1150">7510</td> <td data-bbox="500 1045 870 1150">Use of School Facilities</td> <td data-bbox="870 1045 1528 1150">Recommend for final reading and adoption at March BOE Meeting.</td> </tr> </table>  | 7510   | Use of School Facilities | Recommend for final reading and adoption at March BOE Meeting. |
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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>No items this month.</p>  |  |                          |  |
| <p><b><u>Committee Reports</u></b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Negotiations:</u></b><br/>Mr. Minks reported on the status of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Berkeley Heights contract</li> <li>Liaison with senior citizens</li> <li>The affordable housing situation in Mountainside</li> </ul> </li> <li><b><u>Buildings and Grounds:</u></b><br/>Mr. Gioia reported on the status of the following Referendum items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This week unit ventilators, boilers and electrical systems will be out to bid with work completed by the end of summer.</li> <li>Wood paneling removal, classroom and corridor upgrades will be out to bid in March and completed by end of summer.</li> <li>Windows are currently delayed due to the cost-savings decision to have vertical instead of horizontal ventilators, which will include more efficient air conditioners. Work will begin in spring and be completed in summer.</li> <li>We are currently approximately 55% of the way to completing all referendum projects.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |                          |  |