

Mountainside Board of Education Meeting Highlights



January, 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
<p><u>Approval of Minutes</u> BOE approved minutes for:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 16, 2015 Regular and Executive Sessions January 5, 2016 Reorganization Regular and Executive Sessions
<p><u>CSA's Report</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elks Presentation – The Elks presented a \$2,000 check to Beechwood School for classroom book bags January is School Board Recognition Month as designated by the NJ School Boards Association Dr. Lubarsky presented the district's PARCC scores. Overall our students surpassed NJ/PARCC proficiency rates. Deerfield students take higher level math classes (pre-Algebra, Algebra I, and Geometry) at a higher rate than state peers. More peer comparison data will be provided at future meetings as state releases it. The BOE participated in annual Ethics Training presented by Gwen Thorton of the NJ School Boards Association
<p><u>Administration</u></p>	<p>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2016-2017 School Year Calendar The Beechwood and Deerfield Schools December 2015 safety and security drill reports <p>The BOE determined that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<p><u>Budget and Finance</u> BOE approved:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The January, 2016 bill list, Board Secretary Report, and Treasurer of School Monies report <p>As certified by the Board Secretary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget transfers for the month of December Up to \$4,500 for additional snow removal <p>As recommended by the CSA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$2,500 as the Per pupil rate for Preschool program; faculty travel for professional development; special education placements; MUJC transportation contract (\$19,903.41)

<p><u>Personnel</u> As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The retirements of Lynn Slotkin, Art Teacher (25 years), and Judith Segall, Basic Skills Teacher (23 years), effective July 1, 2016, and thanked them both for their many years of service. • The appointment of Donna Camara-Antonucci, as paraprofessional; Donna Bolton as part time library assistant; 4th grade teacher Shannon Keegan as mentor for Jennifer Griffith, 2nd grade leave replacement teacher; Patricia Bruce, BSI, as Chess Club Advisor Grades K-2; Ellie Barkin, Jayne Harnett, Holly Loffredo and Dawn Bladzinski as TEP teachers in the before/after school Enrichment program. • The severance agreement and general release between the BOE and Employee #90239625 		
<p><u>Curriculum</u></p>	<p>No action this month</p>		
<p><u>Policy</u> BOE reviewed these policies:</p>	<p>3431.1</p>	<p>Family Leave</p>	<p>Approved</p>
	<p>4431.1</p>	<p>Family Leave</p>	<p>Approved</p>
	<p>5337</p>	<p>Service Animals</p>	<p>Approved</p>
	<p>5516</p>	<p>Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices (ECDR)</p>	<p>Approved</p>
	<p>7510</p>	<p>Use of School Facilities</p>	<p>1st Reading</p>
<p><u>Old Business</u></p>	<p>No items this month</p>		
<p><u>New Business</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ruban discussed providing a summary recap of Board actions for public distribution • Mr. Minks discussed researching streaming Board meetings in real time on line 		
<p><u>Committee Reports</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Negotiations:</u> <i>Mr. Minks reported on the status of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Berkeley Heights Contract – Board representatives from both districts met to discuss concerns. Future meeting will be planned. ○ MEA Contract – Initial meeting will take place to set ground rules on January 27th • <u>Buildings and Grounds:</u> <i>Dr. Lubarsky and Mr. Larson reported on the status of the following Referendum items:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completion of the Media Center and Grand Opening on January 20th. ○ Review of 4 remaining Deerfield projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Windows (Anticipated completion in May) ▪ Heating Upgrades (bid in mid-February, March award) ▪ Corridors and Classrooms (bid in mid-March, April award) ▪ Electrical Upgrades (bid in February/early March, April award) 		

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