

MOUNTAINSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BEECHWOOD SCHOOL - 1497 WOODACRES DRIVE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
DEERFIELD SCHOOL - 302 CENTRAL AVENUE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092

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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Mr. Bill Dillon _____
Mr. Michael Goodwin _____
Dr. Dana Guidiciopietro _____
Mr. Jordan Hyman _____
Mrs. Vivian Pupo _____
Mrs. Candice Schiano _____
Mr. Carmine Venes _____

III. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidiciopietro _____
Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

❖ Legal/Personnel

IV. Close Executive Session and Reconvene Public Session

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidiciopietro _____
Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

V. Flag Salute

VI. Approval of Minutes

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidiciopietro _____
Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2024
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of October 15, 2024

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Public Participation - Agenda Items Only

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IX. President's Report

X. Superintendent's Report

- ❖ District updates

XI. Business Administrator's Report

- ❖ Audit Presentation for the 2023-24 school year by Nisivoccia

XII. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

XIII. Administration

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidici Pietro _____
Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

1. **WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2024 the Board of Education received a report from the superintendent containing the results of investigations conducted by each school regarding alleged incidents of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(b)(6)(c) states, the report also includes information on services provided, training established, discipline imposed, or other action taken or recommended by the superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the report presented by the superintendent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education affirms that the findings of the investigation and the report comply with the district's HIB policies and procedures for the following HIB incidents:

Case #s: 242501, 242502, 242503, 242504

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2023-2024 New Jersey Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for Beechwood and Deerfield Schools. (Attachment #2)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance (Attachment #3).
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the QSAC District Improvement Plan. (Attachment #4)

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5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve job description as attached. (Attachment #5)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools October 2024 safety, security drill reports, and bus evacuation drills. (Attachment #6)

XIV. Budget and Finance

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidici Pietro _____
Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of October 2024. (Attachment #7)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated October 17, 2024, through November 13, 2024. (Attachment #8)
3. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Mountainside Board of Education, accepts the FY 2023-2024 audit, and approves the submission of the A.C.F.R. (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report) as presented by the firm Nisivoccia. (Attachment #9)
4. **WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and
WHEREAS, the County of Bergen, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance # CK04-a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on (11/12/24) the governing body of the (Mountainside School District), County of (Union), State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

This **RESOLUTION** shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the (Mountainside School District).

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. (Attachment #10)

5. **WHEREAS**, the Mountainside Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 and 12 and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, award

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contracts for the purchase of any goods or services and that were procured through cooperative purchasing agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education authorized participation in the Bergen County, Cooperative Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education has the need on a timely basis to purchase services utilizing this; and

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education intends to enter into a contract with Automated Building Control through this resolution, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current Cooperative contracts.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Mountainside Board of Education authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase services from Automated Building Controls for the 2024-2025 school year pursuant to all conditions of the individual contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contract between the Mountainside Board of Education and Automated Building Controls shall be from 7/1/24 to 6/30/25.

6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Golden Arrow Transportation to provide transportation for the basketball season, at a rate of \$550.00 per bus. (Attachment #11)
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with US Sports Institute, for use of Beechwood facilities, at a cost of \$1,800 as outlined under Tier 6 usage fees in district Policy 7510.
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with CarePlus to provide In-District Counseling Services to students and families referred by school district personnel for the 2024-25 school year, for an additional 1 day per week in the amount of \$27,000. **This was previously approved on 9/24/24 for 1 day/wk.*
9. Move to approve in accordance with MBOE policy 6471, School District Travel, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the travel, professional development requests, and related expenses itemized in (Attachment #12). This travel is deemed educationally necessary and fiscally prudent, and all travel expenditures shall be directly related to and within the scope of the staff member's current responsibilities and the district's Professional Development Plan. All reimbursements shall be made in accordance with state guidelines 18A:11-12.
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, special education placements and services as per (Attachment #13).
11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with G2 Athletics, LLC for an 8 session after school basketball program for Beechwood students, to be held January 9th-February 27th, at a cost of \$440 as outlined under Tier 6 usage fees in district Policy 7510. (Attachment #13A)

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XV. Personnel

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
 RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidici Pietro _____
 Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to expand the hours of **Dayna Carroll**, Special Education Teacher, from a part-time to a full time position, effective November 4, 2024.
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of **Jacqueline Araneo**, from the position of part-time Special Education Teacher, effective October 24, 2024. (Attachment #14)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of **Sharon Bradley**, from the position of Deerfield Librarian, effective December 21, 2024. (Attachment #15)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of **Maria Carrillo**, paraprofessional, effective October 31, 2024. (Attachment #16)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of **Ferdinando Melo**, from the stipend position of Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, effective November 14, 2024. (Attachment #17)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of **Dan Kessler**, from the stipend position of Boys' Basketball Coach, effective November 22, 2024. (Attachment #18)
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2024-2025 School Year Stipend Positions, contingent upon student enrollment for those student activities subsidized in accordance with Board Policy 2436, Activity Participation Fee Program.

Name	Position	Salary
Monica Salamanca	Asst. Girls' Basketball Coach	\$2,276 (1-2 yr rate)
Shannon Keegan	Chess Club	\$36.00/session <i>NTE 30 sessions</i>
Judy Wargaski	Asst. Play Director	\$2,734 (3+ yr. rate)
Victoria Tiscia	Art Club <i>(add'l due to high enrollment)</i>	\$36.00/session <i>NTE 30 sessions</i>
James Mikula	Asst. Play Director - Pit Band	\$556 (1-2 yr. rate)

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Julia Chirls	Jr. Math Club Grades 1-2	\$36.00/session <i>NTE 35 sessions per grade</i>
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8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff to assist Mr. Rosenblum and Mrs. Wargaski with the middle school play. Stipends will be paid through the Student Activities Music Fund.

Name	Position	Rate
Lindsey Garnhart	Choreographer	\$3,000
Irene Rigos	Crew Manager	\$1,000
Parent Volunteers & *High School Volunteers		
Genevieve Cooper	Claudia Shehady	Lisa Klemens
Karen Dillon	Doug Freeman	Lilian Zawislak
Fatima Wilches	Christa Cerrulo	Joshua Zawislak
Cindy Dates	Diana Petrazzuolli	Michael Phillipou
Karen Malet	Ahmer Khan	Stephanie Phillipou
Liliana Silva		

9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of the following to the 2024-2025 Substitute Teacher List, pending paperwork and successful criminal background check. (Attachment #19)

Name	Certification	Rate
Kristine Cisko	Sub Cert	\$115/day
Lisa Bohrer	Sub Cert	\$115/day
Nicole King	Teaching Cert.	\$125/day
Jennifer DiGiorgio	Sub. Cert	\$115/day

10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the notification to take classes from **Jennifer Smith**, PEAK Teacher, for classes taken at TCNJ for the 2024 Fall Sessions for six (6) graduate credits in the amount of \$3,990. (Attachment #20)
11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Jada Forde**, to the position of part-time paraprofessional, Step 1, \$27.34/hr., effective 11/14/24.

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12. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2024-2025 School Year Stipend Positions, contingent upon student enrollment for those student activities subsidized in accordance with Board Policy 2436, Activity Participation Fee Program.

Name	Position	Salary
Axl Hirsch	FM Math Club - Gr. 8	\$36.00/session <i>NTE 35 sessions per grade</i>
Stephanie Mlynarczyk	FM Math Club - Gr. 6	\$36.00/session <i>NTE 35 sessions per grade</i>
April Starling	Jr. Math Club - Gr. 5	\$36.00/session <i>NTE 35 sessions per grade</i>
Jessica Milstrey	Jr. Math Club - Gr. 3-5	\$36.00/session <i>NTE 35 sessions per grade</i>
Stephanie Cuccio	Reading Club Gr. 1-2	\$36.00/session <i>NTE 35 sessions per grade</i>

XVI. Policy

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
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1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following bylaws/policies/regulations for the first reading:

P 5337	Service Animals	Revised/Recommended
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2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following bylaws/policies/regulations for the second reading and adoption:

Bylaw 0141.1	Board Member Number and Term – Sending District	Revised/Recommended
R 5200	Attendance	Revised/Mandated

XVII. Old Business

XVIII. New Business

XIX. Committee Reports

XX. Public Participation

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XXI. Executive Session – Resolution (Attachment #)

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Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

XXII. Adjournment

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidicipietro _____
Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____