

<p style="text-align: center;">MOUNTAINSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BEECHWOOD SCHOOL - 1497 WOODACRES DRIVE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092 DEERFIELD SCHOOL - 302 CENTRAL AVENUE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092</p>

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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 August 19, 2025
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of August 19, 2025

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Public Participation - Agenda Items Only

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IX. President's Report

X. Superintendent's Report

❖ School Reopening Update

XI. Business Administrator's Report

XII. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

XIII. Administration

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

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

1. **WHEREAS**, on August 19, 2025 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 incident(s):

Cases: # 242525, 242526, 242527

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2025-2026 School Year. (Attachment #2)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2025-2026 Professional Development Plan and Statement of Assurance. (Attachment #3)

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4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2025-2026 Mentoring Plan Statement of Assurance. (Attachment #4)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Safety and Security Plan.

XIV. Budget and Finance

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

1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of August 2025. (Attachment #5)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated August 20, 2025, through September 17, 2025 (Attachment #6).
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of August 2025 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of August 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary, Dana Sullivan, certifies that subject to the approval of budget transfers appended to these minutes, payment of the claims set forth in the accompanying bill list will not result in the over expenditure of any budget line item appropriation, as modified to date set forth in the level of detail contained in the Reports of the Board Secretary for August 2025:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the month of August 2025 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for August 2025 as submitted and certified (Attachment #7).

4. 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 2025-26 school year, 2 days per week in the amount of \$62,400. The anticipated start date is 9/16/25. (Attachment #8)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Apex Investigations, to conduct residency investigations during the 2025-2026 school year, as needed, at a rate of \$75/hour.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the submission of the NJDOE Funding for Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screening Grant (FOCUS) for FY 2026 in the amount of \$3,300.

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7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with The Original Hoopers, LLC for use of Deerfield facilities, at a total cost of \$330, per Tier 6 usage fees in district Policy 7510.
8. 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 #9). 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.
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, special education placements and services as per (Attachment #10)
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the updated Independent Contractors/Physicians/Agencies for the 25/26 school year as attached. (Attachment #10A)

XV. Personnel

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
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New personnel employment appointments are contingent upon the required state and federal criminal history background checks (in accordance with N.J.S.A. CH 116, P.L. 1986), required certification, and completion of employee paperwork).

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of the following new hires for the 2025-2026 school year (Attachment #11):

Name	Loc.	Position	Salary/Step	Start	End
Linda Connors	BW	Lunch Aide	\$16//hour	*9/17/25	6/30/25
Jennifer Sanchez	DF	Lunch Aide	\$16//hour	*9/17/25	6/30/25
Joanne DiPaola	DF	Paraprofessional (up to 7 hrs./wk)	\$28.35/hour Step 2	9/1/25	12/23/25

**start dates are approximate, pending successful completion of required paperwork*

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to increase hours for the following staff by up to 30 minutes per day to assist with dismissal, for the 25-26 school year.

Kathleen Goldbeck (M-F)	Suzanne Tighe (M-W)
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3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff members to serve as mentors during the 2025-2026 school year:

Staff Member	Assignment <i>(dates are approx.)</i>	Fee Amount
Deb Posner	Ferdinando Melo 13 weeks: 9/22/25-12/19/25	\$238.33
Dawn Bladzinski	David Chango (Oct-March)	No fee for residency mentorship

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of the following to the 2025-2026 Substitute Teacher List, pending paperwork and successful criminal background check. (Attachment #12)

Name	Certification	Rate
Alec Duswalt	Sub Cert 6/2/30	\$115
Linda Connors	Sub Cert	\$115
Jennifer Sanchez	Sub Cert	\$115
Amanda Figueroa	Teacher Certification	\$125
Leshma Srivastava	Teacher Certification	\$125

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff for 2025-2026 School Year Stipend Positions, contingent upon student enrollment for those student activities subsidized in accordance with Board Policy 2436, Activity Participation Fee Program.

Staff Member	Position	Rate
James Mikula	Recreation Club Asst.(Fall)	\$36/session <i>NTE 15 sessions</i>
Shea Cody	Recreation Club Asst. (Fall)	\$36/session <i>NTE 15 sessions</i>
David Chango & Vincent Stasio	Robotics Club <i>*(this is revised from the previous approval on 8/19/25)</i>	\$35/session <i>NTE 50 sessions</i> <i>(split by 2 advisors)</i>

6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following library volunteers for the 25/26 school year: **Rachel Faybyshev & Lisa Massimo**

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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:

Bylaw 0174	Legal Services	Revised/Mandated
Bylaw 0177	Professional Services	Revised/Mandated
P & R 1570	Internal Controls	Revised/Mandated
P 2422	Statutory Curricular Requirements	Revised/Mandated
P 5339.01	Student Sun Protection	New/Mandated
P & R 5513	Care of School Property	Revised

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following policies/regulations for the second reading and adoption:

P 1620	Administrative Employment Contracts	Revised/Mandated
P & R 6111	Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program	Revised/Mandated
P 6220	Budget Preparations	Revised/Mandated

3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to abolish the following policy/regulation:

P 1648.15	Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings – COVID-19
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XVII. Old Business

XVIII. New Business

XIX. Committee Reports

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XXII. Adjournment

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidici Pietro _____
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