

<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 Guidicipietro _____
Mr. Jordan Hyman _____
Mrs. Vivian Pupo _____
Mrs. Candice Schiano _____
Mrs. Lauren Worgan _____

III. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidicipietro _____ Hyman _____
Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Worgan _____

❖ Legal/Personnel

IV. Close Executive Session and Reconvene Public Session

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidicipietro _____ Hyman _____
Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Worgan _____

V. Flag Salute

VI. Approval of Minutes

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidicipietro _____ Hyman _____
Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Worgan _____

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2025
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of December 9, 2025
- ❖ Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 6, 2026

VII. **Correspondence**

VIII. **Public Participation - Agenda Items Only**

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IX. **President's Report**

X. **Superintendent's Report**

- ❖ Teachers, Educational Support Professionals, and Support Staff of the Year
- ❖ School Board Recognition Month
- ❖ Noetic Math Winners Recognition
- ❖ Trailblazers of the Month
- ❖ STEAM presentation from Ms. Kandl
- ❖ 2026-2027 School Calendar
- ❖ State of the District

XI. **Business Administrator's Report**

- ❖ Budget Calendar

XII. **Berkeley Heights Liaison Report**

XIII. **Administration**

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

1. **WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Board of Education has established rigorous standards through its promulgation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, which set the expectations of academic achievement for nearly 1.4 million public schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2026 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Mountainside Board of Education is one of 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts and embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work

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with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education and School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountainside Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2026 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mountainside Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staff toward the advancement of our children's education.

2. **WHEREAS**, on December 9, 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 incidents:

Case #s: 252605, 252606, 252608, 252610, 252611 252612, 252613

3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Memorandum Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar. (Attachment #2)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff – 2025-2026 School Year. (Attachment #3)

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6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools December 2025 safety and security drill reports.

XIV. Budget and Finance

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

1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of December 2025. (Attachment #4)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated December 16, 2025, through January 21, 2026.(Attachment #5)
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of December 2025 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of December 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary, Brooke Burik, 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 December 2025:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the month of December 2025 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for December 2025 as submitted and certified. (Attachment #6)

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to the authority granted by N.J.S.A. 18A: 44-4(B), the Mountainside Board of Education hereby establishes the following per pupil yearly tuition rate for non-disabled pupils enrolled in its preschool program (PEAK) for the 2026-2027 school year: \$5,800 for 5 half day sessions.
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MOUNTAINSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ENTER INTO THE MORRIS-UNION JOINTURE COMMISSION COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 et seq. and 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 Morris-Union Jointure Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency", has offered voluntary participation in the Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

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WHEREAS, on the governing body of the Board of Education of County, duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services relating to technology, professional development and staffing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This **RESOLUTION** shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Morris-Union Jointure Commission Board of Education.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 et seq., N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq., the Board Secretary of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency on the Board's behalf.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. (Attachment #7)

6. Move to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the building use request with the Actor's Camp for building use at Deerfield School from June 29th - July 25th based on Policy 7510, priority 5, and a payment schedule totaling \$11,000, excluding additional overtime costs that may be incurred.
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with G2 Athletics, LLC for Summer Sports Camps for Beechwood students, to be held as follows with fees as outlined under Tier 6 usage fees in district Policy 7510:
 - June 23-26, 2026, at a cost of \$1,100
 - August 25-28, 2026, at a cost of \$1,100
8. **RESOLVED THAT**, by the School Board of Mountainside School District, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Brooke Burik as the School Alliance Insurance Fund Commissioner, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Fund Commissioner, Brooke Burik, and the School Alliance Insurance Fund.

9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, special education placements and services as per (Attachment #8)
10. Move to approve in accordance with MBOE policy 6471, School District Travel, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the travel, professional development requests,

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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.

XV. Personnel

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
 RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidicipietro _____ Hyman _____
 Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Worgan _____

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to recognize the following staff members for their dedication to the students, families, and staff of the Mountainside School District. Their support, professionalism, and commitment to excellence is recognized and appreciated:

Beechwood School	
Laurie Naftulin	Teacher of the Year
Leila Morrelli	Educational Services Professional of the Year
Nicole Ellis	Support Staff of the Year
Deerfield School	
Victoria Tiscia	Teacher of the Year
Kathleen Goldbeck	Educational Services Professional of the Year
Lauren Klein	Support Staff of the Year

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a salary increase of \$4,000 for **Donna Bolton**, retroactive from January 1, 2026 for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following high school student volunteers to assist Mr. Rosenblum and Mrs.Somers-Guerassio with the middle school play.

Ally Gardner	Ava Shahid	Ashley Batista	Eleanor Delmar
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XVI. Curriculum

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
 RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidicipietro _____
 Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Worgan _____

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, field trips as detailed to the Board of Education.

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XVII. Policy:

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidicipietro _____ Hyman _____
Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Worgan _____

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

Bylaw 0142.1	Nepotism	Revised/Mandated
P 1220	Employment of Chief School Administrator	Revised/Mandated
P / R 1552	Sexual Harassment	New/Mandated

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

P 2365	Acceptable Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)	New/Recommended
P 2530	Resource Materials	Revised/Recommended
P / R 2535	Library Material	New/Mandated
P 9130	Public Complaints	Revised/Recommended

XVIII. Old Business

XIX. New Business

XX. Committee Reports

XXI. Public Participation

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XXII. Executive Session

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Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Worgan _____

XXIII. Adjournment

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidicipietro _____ Hyman _____
Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Worgan _____