

**Regular Meeting
Agenda February 17, 2026**

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Public Participation - Agenda Items Only

In accordance with Board Policy 0167, Public Participation in Board Meetings, in the event it appears the public comment portion of the meeting may exceed 30 minutes, the presiding officer may limit each statement made by a participant to three (3) minutes' duration.

IX. President's Report

X. Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Mountainside Trailblazers
- ❖ Preview of Matilda - school play performance
- ❖ SSDS Reporting Period 1
- ❖ QSAC Placement Results Reporting
- ❖ District Updates

XI. Business Administrator's Report

- ❖ Budget Preparations

XII. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

XIII. Administration

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

1. **WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2026 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: 252615, 252616

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report, from September 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025, as reported to the NJ Department of Education. (Attachment #2)

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3. **WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education, desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that the state projects Mountainside having nine (9) Medicaid eligible classified students and is therefore not required to participate in SEMI.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountainside Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to apply for the waiver with the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Union following submission of an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2026-2027 school year.

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following dates and times for the Extended School Year (ESY) Program for Summer 2026:
- Dates: June 29, 2026 - July 30, 2026 (Monday - Thursdays, no school Fridays)
 - Times: 9:00 - 12:30
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools January 2026 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 months of January 2026. (Attachment #3)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated January 22, 2026, through February 19, 2026. (Attachment #4)
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of January 2026 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the months of January 2026; 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 January 2026:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the months of January 2026 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for January 2026 as submitted and certified. (Attachment #5)

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4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with G2 Athletics, LLC for Sports Camps open to Beechwood students, at costs as outlined under Tier 6 usage fees in district Policy 7510. (Attachment #6)

Club	Dates	G2 Usage Fees
Tennis Club (Gr. K-2)	March 19-May 21	\$440

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Golden Arrow Transportation to provide transportation for the spring season, at a rate of \$550.00 per bus. (Attachment #7)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, building use application for Mountainside FC, Inc. from March - June 2026. It is recommended to approve use by this non-profit organization as a Priority 4 use, as indicated in board Policy 7510, with fees being waived for this current request. In the event that any custodial or maintenance fees are required, the organization will be charged accordingly.
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with IMAC Agency as the district's State Health Benefits Program Consultants from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$30,000. (Attachment #8)
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a contract with the YMCA of Westfield, New Jersey, to provide Before/After Care Program Services for the Mountainside School District, providing a revenue stream to the Mountainside School District in rental fees for fiscal year 2026-2027, in the amount of \$19,400 effective September 8, 2026 through June 22, 2027. (Attachment #9)
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, special education placements and services as per (Attachment #10).
10. Move to approve in accordance with MBOE policy 6471, School District Travel, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the travel and related expenses itemized in (Attachment #11). 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.

XV. Personnel

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

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an medical leave of absence for **Employee # 90194044** from January 14, 2026 through approximately March 12, 2026.

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2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following leave of absence (Attachment #12):

Name	Position	LOA w/ pay & benefits	LOA unpaid with benefits (if applicable)	Extended LOA w/o pay or benefits	Return Date
E. Barton	Guidance Counselor	5/4/26-5/15/26	n/a	5/18/25-11/27/26	11/30/26

3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint **Amanda Figueroa**, as a long term substitute, at the per diem rate of \$190, beginning February 17, 2026 through approximately March 12, 2026.

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following volunteers & *high school student volunteers to assist Mr. Rosenblum and Mrs.Somers-Guerassio with the middle school play.

Matt Wasserman Tood Bletcher Joe Scocoza Masha Navarre Begona Viqueira Bryan Boswell Patrick Navarre Ryan Perkins Dion Malet Dave King Rodney Hough Rosemary Caixinha	Nick Bove Pranathi Aedla-Pandya Jessica Schaeffer Kara Fleming Gib Freeman Judy Bletcher Jennifer Lee Rebecca Biland Rhiannon Marwaha Angie Aleman Denise Daley Diana Palmiery	Jamie Asaro Casey McKay Lee Weezie Hough Rajen Pandya Pamela Alarva Marie Rose Julia Stoddard Joanne Huss *Charlotte Keenan *Sofia Phillipou *Gia delCueto *Val Bove
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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.

XVII. Policy

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

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

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

P 7510	Use of School Facilities	Revised
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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 0142.1	Nepotism	Revised/Mandated
P 1220	Employment of Chief School Administrator	Revised/Mandated
P / R 1552	Sexual Harassment	New/Mandated

3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to abolish the following policies / regulations:

P 3362	Sexual Harassment
P 4352	Sexual Harassment

XVIII. Old Business

XIX. New Business

XX. Committee Reports

XXI. Public Participation

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XXII. Executive Session

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

XXIII. Adjournment

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