

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOUNTAINSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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❖ Student/Legal/Personnel Matters

**IV. Close Executive Session and Reconvene Public Session**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Pupo \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Worgan \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Flag Salute**

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Pupo \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Worgan \_\_\_\_\_

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2026
- ❖ Minutes of the 1st Executive Session of February 17, 2026
- ❖ Minutes of the 2nd Executive Session of February 17, 2026

**VII. Correspondence**

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

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**IX. President's Report**

**X. Superintendent's Report**

- ❖ Mountainside Trailblazers
- ❖ NJSLA Testing
- ❖ District Updates

**XI. Business Administrator's Report**

- ❖ Preliminary Budget Presentation

**XII. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report**

**XIII. Administration**

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

1. **WHEREAS**, on February 17, 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:

**Cases: # 252614 and 252617**

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools February 2026 safety and security drill reports.

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**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 February 2026. (Attachment #2)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated February 19, 2026, through March 18, 2026. (Attachment #3)
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of February 2026 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of February 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interim 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 February 2026:

**RESOLVED THAT**, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the month of February 2026 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for February 2026 as submitted and certified. (Attachment #4)

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2026-2027 school year using the 2026-2027 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>SPECIAL REVENUES</b>	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2026-27 Total Expenditures</b>	\$22,973,283	\$138,602	\$1,290,001	\$24,401,886
<b>Less: Anticipated Revenues</b>	\$3,112,433	\$138,602	\$438,130	\$3,689,165
<b>Taxes to Be Raised</b>	\$19,860,850	\$0	\$851,871	\$20,712,721

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Westfield Leader in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that a public hearing be held at the Mountainside Board of Education located at Deerfield School media center, 302 Central Ave. Mountainside, NJ, on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 School Year.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mountainside Board of Education includes in the tentative budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$187,736 The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the general fund appropriations include a \$104,506 withdrawal from the Tuition Reserve Account which were deposited into the account in SY 2024-2025 and are now required to be withdrawn to pay tuition obligations in SY 2026-2027.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Other Capital Projects in the amount of \$170,000 to be used to upgrade security systems at Beechwood and Deerfield Schools. The total cost of this project is \$170,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commission as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 560 is a withdrawal from Tuition Reserve in the amount of \$104,506 to be used to pay the additional increases in tuition and fees.

**Travel and Related Expenses Reimbursement:**

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district;

**AND**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education established \$26,000 as the maximum travel expenditure for the 2025-2026 school year and has expended \$5,043.23 as of this date.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 to a maximum expenditure of \$26,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.

5. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Mountainside Board of Education set the annual fee for Subscription Busing for SY 2026-2027 at \$770.
6. Move to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a tuition settlement agreement with the parents of Student #4461698870, effective and contingent upon receipt and clearance of the settlement proceeds check.
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement for participation in Coordinated Transportation Services between **Union County Educational Services Commission** and the Mountainside Board of Education for Transportation for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment #5)
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the acceptance of the NJDOE Funding for Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screening Grant (FOCUS) for FY 2026 in the amount of \$3,300.
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the building use request with **Children's Specialized Hospital** for building use at Deerfield School from 7/27/26 - 8/21/26 based on Policy 7510, priority 4, with a payment schedule totaling \$4,250, excluding additional overtime costs that may be incurred. This agreement is pending insurance and nonprofit documentation.
10. Move to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the building use request with **Original Hoopers, LLC.** for building use at Deerfield School from March - May 2026 based on Policy 7510, priority 6, and a payment schedule totaling \$1,045 excluding additional overtime costs that may be incurred.
11. 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 #6). 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**

*\*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).*

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to extend a medical leave of absence as outlined: (Attachment #7)

Name	LOA w/ pay & benefits	LOA unpaid with benefits	FMLA unpaid with benefits	Return Date
<b>Employee #90194044</b>	3/13/26-3/20/26 (am)	3/20/26 (pm)	3/23/26-6/19/26	9/2/26

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to extend the appointment of **Amanda Figueroa**, as a long term substitute, at the per diem rate of \$190, from March 13, 2026 through approximately April 20, 2026.
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a maternity/family leave as outlined: (Attachment #8)

Name	LOA w/ pay & benefits	FMLA LOA unpaid w/ benefits	Extended LOA w/o pay or benefits	Return Date
<b>C. Styles</b>	n/a	9/2/26-11/24/26	11/25/26-6/22/27	9/2027

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff to provide supervision for the school musical. These stipends will be paid through the School Musical Student Activities Account.

Staff Names	Date/Time	Rate
<b>Vinny Stasio, Jessica Milstrey, Deb Posner, Jenna Rasp</b>	March 4, 2026 3pm-9pm	\$36/hr
<b>Jessica Milstrey, Deb Posner Jenna Rasp, Madison Phillips</b>	March 5, 2026 3pm-8pm	\$36/hr

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Julia Guenther** as a volunteer to assist Mr. Rosenblum and Mrs.Somers-Guerassio with the school play.
6. 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
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<b>Paige Primmer</b>	<b>Jennifer Starinsky</b> 12 weeks: 1/6/26-3/27/26	\$220 (CEAS) <i>prorated amount</i>
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7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Child Study Team Staffing for meetings, evaluations, and case management, effective June 22, 2026 through September 4, 2026. (Attachment #9)

Name	Assignment	Rate	Not to Exceed
<b>*Jessica Tubertini</b>	School Psychologist	\$44.00/hour	NTE 50 hours
<b>*Jennifer Esposito Jessica Goldstein</b>	LDTC	\$44.00/hour	NTE 50 hours
<b>Juliette Kelliher</b>	School Social Worker	\$44.00/hour	NTE 50 hours
<b>Leila Morrelli</b>	Speech & Language Specialist	\$44.00/hour	NTE 50 hours
<b>Carla Clausen</b>	Occupational Therapist	\$44.00/hour	NTE 50 hours
<b>Janelle Lauterbach Lauren Meyers Judy Wargaski</b>	General Ed. Teachers (for meetings)	\$44.00/hour	Per meeting
<b>Jessica Milstrey</b>	Special Ed. Teachers (for meetings)	\$44.00/hour	Per meeting

8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staffing for the 2026-2027 ESY Program from June 29, 2026 through July 30, 2026, from 9:00-12:30, Mon-Thurs (no school Fridays), as detailed below:

**Salary based on MEA Contract**

<b>Tamara Nopo-Munoz</b>	Paraprofessional	\$29.16/hour
<b>Irene Rigos</b>	Paraprofessional	\$29.16/hour
<b>Sandra Vendas</b>	Paraprofessional	\$31.32/hour
<b>Maria DeAnna</b>	Substitute Paraprofessional	\$31.32/hour

**XVI. Curriculum**

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, field trip(s) as detailed to the Board of Education.

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**XVII. Policy**

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

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

P 7510	Use of School Facilities	Revised
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**XVIII. Old Business**

**XIX. New Business**

**XX. Committee Reports**

**XXI. Public Participation**

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**XXII. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)**

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❖ Legal/Personnel

**XXIII. Adjournment**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Pupo \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Worgan \_\_\_\_\_