

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

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

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

❖ Legal/Personnel

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

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**V. Flag Salute**

**VI. 7:30 p.m. Public Hearing on the Final 2026-2027 Budget**

**VII. Public Comments on the Budget**

**VIII. Approval of Minutes**

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- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2026
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of March 16, 2026

**IX. Correspondence**

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

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**XI. President's Report**

**XII. Superintendent's Report**

- ❖ Poster Contest Winners
- ❖ Trailblazers
- ❖ District Updates

**XIII. Business Administrator's Report**

**XIV. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report**

**XV. Administration**

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1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, job descriptions for School Based Mental Health Clinician and BCBA/Behaviorist. (Attachment #2)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools March 2026 safety and security drill reports.
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Deerfield School Spring Bus Emergency Evacuation drill report. (Attachment #3)

**XVI. 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 March 2026. (Attachment #4)

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2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated March 18, 2026, through April 29, 2026. (Attachment #5)
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of March 2026 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of March 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 March 2026:

**RESOLVED THAT**, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the month of March 2026 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for March 2026 as submitted and certified. (Attachment #6)

4. **WHEREAS**, the Mountainside Board of Education adopted a tentative budget on March 16, 2026 to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and

**WHEREAS**, the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on April 7, 2026 and

**WHEREAS**, the tentative budget was advertised in the legal section of the Westfield Leader on April 16, 2026 and posted on our school website; and

**WHEREAS**, the final budget was presented to the public during a hearing held at Deerfield School on April 29, 2026.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mountainside Board of Education hereby adopts the following final budget for the school year 2026-2027

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>SPECIAL REVENUES</b>	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2026-27 Total Expenditures</b>	\$22,927,533	\$138,601	\$1,288,616	\$24,354,750
<b>Less: Anticipated Revenues</b>	\$3066,683	\$138,601	\$438,130	\$3,643,414
<b>Taxes to Be Raised</b>	\$19,860,850	\$0	\$850,485	\$20,711,335

**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

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\$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 \$60,000 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.

**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.

**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. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Dr. Ronald M. Frank, MD FAAFP, to provide School Physician Services, in the amount \$2,425, for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment #7)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a 12-month agreement with BrightStar Care for nursing services, at a rate of \$110/hour, effective July 1, 2026. (Attachment #8)

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7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Student Transportation Contract Renewal with Durham School Service for the 2026-2027 school year, at an increased rate of 2% for all 5 routes. (Attachment #9)
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rates and Other Services Agreement with Union County Educational Services Commission for 2026-2027 (Attachment #10).
9. Motion to approve upon recommendation of the superintendent, continued participation in various state and national cooperative contracts as a method of procurement in accordance with Chapter 139 PL 2011 as referenced in Local Finance Notice 2012-12, May 14, 2012 for the 2025-2026 school year to include:
  - Educational Data Services, Inc with a licensing and maintenance fee of \$1,865 plus \$2,225 for Time and Materials Bids. (Attachment #11)
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to contract with R&L DataCenters, Inc., for payroll and related services from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. (Attachment #12)
11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the proposal from JAG Consulting, LLC. for information technology services in the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$35.70 an hour. (Attachment #13)
12. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the e2e Exchange Renewal Service Agreement effective July 2026-January 2027. (Attachment #14).
13. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the service contract with Cablevision Lightpath LLC effective July 1, 2026 for 36 months at a rate of \$1085.60 per month. (Attachment #15)
14. 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 #16). 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.

**XVII. 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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Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Pupo \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Worgan \_\_\_\_\_

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of **Sharon Scanlan**, 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher, effective July 1, 2026, and thank her for her 25 incredible years of service. (Attachment #17)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of the following new hires for the 2025/2026 and 2026-2027 school year: (Attachment #18)

Name	Loc.	Position	Salary/Step	Start	End
<b>Jessica Cronin</b>	DF	Guidance Counselor (Leave Replacement)	\$60,080 Step 1 MA (25/26 SY) and \$61,080 Step 1 MA (26/27 SY)	4/29/26	12/1/26
<b>Eric Lung</b>	DF	Physical Education (Leave Replacement)	\$57,000 Step 1-3 BA (25/26 SY)	4/20/26	6/19/26

3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a medical leave of absence as outlined below: (Attachment #19)

Name	LOA w/ pay & benefits	FMLA unpaid with benefits	Return Date
<b>Employee #40229262</b>	4/22/26-5/4/26	5/5/26-5/31/26	6/1/26
<b>Employee #46414470</b>	4/7/26-5/12/26	n/a	5/13/26

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff member(s) to serve as mentors during the 2025-2026 school year:

Staff Member	Assignment (dates are approx.)	Fee Amount
<b>April Starling</b>	<b>Eric Lung</b> 8 weeks: 4/27/26-6/19/26	\$267 (CE) <i>prorated amount</i>

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Judy Wargaski** for up to 10 hours/week of home instruction for **Student #3695174857**, at the rate of \$44/hour, effective immediately.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following

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temporary custodial workers for summer employment as outlined below, upon successful criminal background check and paperwork.

Name	Days	Rate	Approx. Total
<b>Cole Williams</b>	8 Weeks (July-Aug)	\$19.50/hr.	\$5,850
<b>Ayden Negrón</b>	8 Weeks (July-Aug)	\$19.50/hr.	\$5,850

7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of the following to the 2025-2026 Substitute List, pending paperwork and successful criminal background check. (Attachment #20)

Name	Certification	Rate
<b>Katrina Bernard</b>	Teacher Cert	\$125 per diem

And the removal of **Brian Solish** from the 25-26 Substitute List, effective 2/13/26.

8. 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 Members	Position	Rate
<b>Bryan Young</b>	8th Grade Trip Chaperone	\$278 (3+ yr rate)
<b>Axl Hirsch</b>	8th Grade Trip Chaperone	\$278 (3+ yr rate)
<b>Sarah Onore</b>	8th Grade Trip Chaperone	\$278 (3+ yr rate)
<b>Nina Woo</b>	8th Grade Trip Chaperone	\$278 (3+ yr rate)
<b>Jessica Goldstein</b>	8th Grade Trip Chaperone	\$278 (3+ yr rate)
<b>Corrin Lavery</b>	8th Grade Trip Chaperone	\$278 (3+ yr rate)
<b>Dan Kessler</b>	8th Grade Trip Chaperone	\$278 (3+ yr rate)
<b>Madison Phillips</b>	8th Grade Trip Chaperone	\$265 (1-2 yr rate)
<b>Sonia Branco</b>	8th Grade Trip Chaperone	\$278 (3+ yr rate)
<b>Suzanne Jenks</b>	8th Grade Trip Administrator	n/a

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9. 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: (Attachment #21)

**Salary based on MEA Contract**

Name	Position	Salary/Hour
<b>Lisa Bruno</b>	School Nurse	\$44.00/hour
<b>Leila Morrelli</b>	Speech & Language Specialist	\$44.00/hour
<b>Maria Ivakhiv</b>	Special Education Teacher	\$44.00/hour
<b>Jessica Milstrey</b>	Special Education Teacher	\$44.00/hour
<b>Jenna Rasp</b>	Special Education Teacher	\$44.00/hour
<b>Molly Phillips</b>	Special Education Teacher	\$44.00/hour
<b>Lauren Meyers</b>	Special Education Teacher	\$44.00/hour
<b>Dayna Carroll</b>	Special Education Teacher	\$44.00/hour
<b>Maria DeAnna</b>	<i>Substitute</i> Special Ed. Teacher	\$44.00/hour
<b>Lauren Klein</b>	ABA Paraprofessional (6/29-7/10)	\$29.43/hour + ABA
<b>Aneta Ferriere</b>	Paraprofessional (7/13-7/30)	\$28.89/hour
<b>Michaela Etlinger</b>	Paraprofessional	\$28.89/hour
<b>Mary Valenzano</b>	Paraprofessional	\$28.89/hour

**XVIII. Curriculum**

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

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**XIX. Policy**

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

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

P 3412	Placement on Guide Column	New/Recommended
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**XX. Old Business**

**XXI. New Business**

**XXII. Committee Reports**

**XXIII. Public Participation**

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

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**XXV. Adjournment**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
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