

**Regular Meeting  
Agenda May 12, 2026**

**MOUNTAINSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
BEECHWOOD SCHOOL - 1497 WOODACRES DRIVE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092  
DEERFIELD SCHOOL - 302 CENTRAL AVENUE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092

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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 April 29, 2026
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of April 29, 2026

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**VII. Correspondence**

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

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**IX. President's Report**

**X. Superintendent's Report**

- ❖ Trailblazers
- ❖ 2024-2025 District and School HIB Grades Report
- ❖ District Updates

**XI. Business Administrator's Report**

**XII. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report**

**XIII. Administration**

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

1. **WHEREAS**, on April 29, 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: **252620, 252621, 252622, 252623**

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment #2).
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools April 2026 safety and security drill reports.

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4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood School Spring Bus Emergency Evacuation drill report. (Attachment #3)

**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 April 2026. (Attachment #4)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated April 30 2026, through May 12, 2026. (Attachment #5)
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of April 2026 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of April 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 April 2026:

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

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Horizon to provide Dental Benefits from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with rates as per (Attachment #7)
5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Mountainside School District, upon the recommendation of Brooke Burik, Business Administrator, hereby award and approve the extension of the contract with Maschio's Food Service for the 2026-2027 school year with a FSMC fixed price fee of \$11,262.71 with a guarantee return of \$1,000, total cost of contract is \$287,513.10. Approved student lunch prices for Elementary and Middle School is \$3.85.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to contract with Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP for Policy Alert and Support System (PASS) and annual district online maintenance fee in the amount of \$4,915.00 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. (Attachment #8)
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to contract with Global Compliance Network, Inc. (GCN) for staff tutorials in the amount of \$1,680.00 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. (Attachment #9)

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8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Next Step Pediatric Therapy for physical therapy services and evaluations at a rate of \$100/hour, not to exceed \$28,000.00 for ESY 2026 and the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment #10)
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept a donation from the Watts Foundation, in the amount of \$3,640.50, to be used for the following:  
(Attachment #11)
  - 8 Flex-Space Chairs
  - 6 ChompSaws
  - Wireless Transmitter, Headset and Wiring
  - Wireless PA System
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Architect of Record agreement with Solutions Architecture for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment #11A)
11. **WHEREAS**, there exists a need for professional services in the specific area(s) of Audit Services; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public School Contracts Law (NJSA 18A:18A-1 et seq.) permits the award of contracts without competitive bids for Professional Services that require licensing and are regulated by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public School Contracts Law requires that the Board of Education adopt a resolution awarding such contracts at a public meeting.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mountainside Board of Education, as follows:

1. The appointment of **John Mooney** from the firm of Nisivoccia, LLP as Auditor for a fee not to exceed \$52,500.00 for the 2025-2026 school year audit.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law because Auditors are a recognized profession licensed and regulated by law. (Attachment #11B)

**XV. Personnel**

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

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the **certificated tenured personnel** list for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment #12)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the **certificated non-tenured personnel** list for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment #13)

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3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the **affiliated non-certificated staff (secretaries and custodians)** list for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment #14)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of the **non-affiliated personnel**, effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. (Attachment #15)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of **paraprofessionals** for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment #16)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of part-time **lunch aides** for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment #17)
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Adrienne Ridley** for up to 10 hours/week of home instruction for **Student #3010885711**, at the rate of \$44/hour, effective immediately.
8. 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 #18)

<b>Noah Gervasi</b>	Substitute Custodian	\$19.12/hour
<b>Edward Aponte</b>	Substitute Custodian	\$19.12/hour

9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff for professional development preparations NTE 2 hours each, at a rate of \$56.73/hour:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Tori Tiscia</b></li> <li>● <b>April Starling</b></li> <li>● <b>Ferdinando Melo</b></li> <li>● <b>Katherine Blanco</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Susan Goracy</b></li> <li>● <b>Lori Topel</b></li> <li>● <b>Melanie Kandl</b></li> <li>● <b>Christina Borris</b></li> </ul> |
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10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of **Julia Chirls**, Special Education Teacher, effective July 1, 2026, and thank her for her time in the district. (Attachment #19)

**XVI. Policy**

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

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

P 0162	Notice of Board Meetings	Revised/Mandated
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P 0162.01	Legal Notices	New/Mandated
P 2200	Curriculum	Revised/Mandated

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

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

**XVIII. New Business**

**XIX. Committee Reports**

**XX. Public Participation**

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**XXI. Executive Session**

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 Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Pupo \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Worgan \_\_\_\_\_

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**XXII. Adjournment**

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