

**Regular Meeting
Agenda June 16, 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

- ❖ Trailblazers
- ❖ Recognition of Noetic and Olympiad Math Students
- ❖ Community Partners Recognition
- ❖ Recognition of Retirees
- ❖ State of the District Report- Presentation by Mrs. Vierschilling & Mrs. Jenks

XI. Business Administrator's Report

"BOE Approved Contract for Chapter 47 Compliance" (Attachment #2)

Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Mountainside Board of Education intends to renew, award, or permit to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the board of education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18. et.seq, NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements 2CFR, Part200.

XII. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

XIII. Administration

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

1. Move that the Board, in cases where action must be taken within the school system including the hiring of personnel while the board is in recess, the Superintendent is authorized and shall be expected to act. The Superintendent's decisions shall be subject to review and approval, when appropriate, by the board, and it is the Superintendent's duty to inform the board promptly of such action.
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2026-2027 holidays for administrators and secretaries. (Attachment #3)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2026-2027 holidays for the Supervisor of Maintenance and Custodial Services, and custodial staff. (Attachment #4)

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Public Contracts Law, complete line item adjustments and transfers, pay bills, and other such actions as may be required by statute, code and Board Policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, all of these actions shall be presented to the Board at its next meeting for final approval.

5. **WHEREAS**, NJSA 18A:21-2 and NJSA 18A:7G-13 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Capital Reserve and Tuition Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education has determined that up to \$600,000 is available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mountainside Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make a transfer up to \$200,000 to Capital Reserve, \$200,000 to Maintenance Reserve and \$200,000 to Tuition Reserve, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Berkeley Heights Governor Livingston High School General Education Tuition Agreement Contract for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$4,298,955 (Attachment #11)
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Berkeley Heights Governor Livingston High School Resource Room Tuition Agreement Contract for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$184,576. (Attachment #12)
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Tuition Agreement contract between Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Mountainside School District for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment #13)
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the shared services agreement for Class II Officers between the Mountainside Board of Education and the Borough of Mountainside for the 26-27 and 27-28 school year, pending approval of Borough Council. (Attachment #14)
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a facilities use agreement between the Mountainside School District and Mountainside Softball Baseball League (MSBL). (Attachment #15)

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11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a facilities use agreement between the Borough of Mountainside, Mountainside FC, and Mountainside Board of Education for use of the soccer field at Beechwood School (Attachment #16)
12. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a contract renewal with Progressive Therapy of New Jersey for BCBA services, at a rate of \$118/hr., per the following schedule:
 - ESY: not to exceed 8 hours per week from 6/29/26-7/30/26 (Attachment #17)
13. Move to approve a joint transportation agreement between Springfield Public Schools and the Mountainside Board of Education for out-of-district transportation routes for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment #18)
14. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2026-2027 Right to Know Services and Asbestos Management Services from RAMM Environmental Services, Inc., not to exceed \$5,000. (Attachment #19)
15. **WHEREAS**, the Mountainside Board of Education applies for annual funding through the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, more commonly known as the “E-Rate” Program, which provides discounts to eligible entities for Internet Access services.

WHEREAS, the districts E-Rate Consultants, E2E Exchange solicited bids through a posted FCC Form F471 number 2610012647 in accordance with E-Rate Program rules to initiate the competitive bidding process to solicit bids from vendors to replace firewall and license and

WHEREAS, the Technology Department reviewed the bids submitted to the district and hereby recommend that the Board approve the award of contract to Rowan IT Solutions LLC for a total cost of \$8,892.75 with \$3,557.10 of the total funded by E-Rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountainside School District approves the award of contract to Rowan IT Solutions LLC to replace the firewall and license for a total contract price to the district of \$5,335.65.

16. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with G2 Athletics, LLC for Sports Camp open to Beechwood students, at costs as outlined under Tier 6 usage fees in district Policy 7510. (Attachment #20)

Club	Dates	G2 Usage Fees
Tennis Club (Gr. K-2)	Sept. 24th-Nov. 19th.	\$440

17. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Scholastic Book Company for use of Beechwood facilities on June 6 & 7, 2026, at a total cost of \$7,600, per Tier 6 usage fees in district Policy 7510.

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18. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the agreement with Garden State AAC Specialists, LLC for Augmentative & Alternative Communication Evaluation & Therapeutic Services for the 26/27 school year. (Attachment # 21)
19. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the re-appointment of Paula Hatch, as Treasurer of Mountainside School District, for the 2026-2027 school year, for an annual fee of \$3,500.
20. Motion to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Maschio’s Trucking, LLC delivery service agreement for the 2026-2027 school year, starting on July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with the following payment terms: \$194.95 for delivery of 1 to 49 cases, a flat rate of \$3.95 will be charged for each delivered case exceeding 49 cases. An additional amount of \$20.00 for each stop will be charged for multiple deliveries within the customer’s district. Additionally, a fuel surcharge of \$10.95 per delivery may be charged. MT will provide customer with monthly billing statements and customer will submit payment to MT within 30 days of statement date. (Attachment #22)
21. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the tax payment schedule for the 2026-2027 school year from the Borough of Mountainside to the Mountainside Board of Education as follows and to authorize the School Business Administrator to submit said schedule to the Borough of Mountainside:

2026-2027	Total	General Fund	Debt Service
July	\$2,398,045.00	\$1,655,071.00	\$742,974.00
August	\$1,655,071.00	\$1,655,071.00	\$
September	\$1,655,071.00	\$1,655,071.00	\$
October	\$1,655,071.00	\$1,655,071.00	\$
November	\$1,655,071.00	\$1,655,071.00	\$
December	\$1,655,071.00	\$1,655,071.00	\$
January	\$1,762,581.00	\$1,655,070.00	\$107,511.00
February	\$1,655,070.00	\$1,655,070.00	\$
March	\$1,655,071.00	\$1,655,071.00	\$
April	\$1,655,071.00	\$1,655,071.00	\$
May	\$1,655,071.00	\$1,655,071.00	\$
June	\$1,655,071.00	\$1,655,071.00	\$
Total:	\$20,711,335.00	\$19,860,850.00	\$850,485.00

Note: Payments will be approved by Council on the third Tuesday of the month payable on or about the 20th of each month.

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22. **WHEREAS**, the Mountainside Board of Education, hereafter referred to as "Educational Facility" is a member of the School Alliance Insurance Fund, hereinafter referred to as "Fund"; and

WHEREAS, said renewal membership terminates as of July 1, 2023 at 12:01 a.m. standard time, unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Educational Facility and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Facility is afforded the following types of coverages:

- Workers' Compensation
- Package - Property, Boiler & Machinery, General and Auto Liability
- Environmental Impairment Liability
- Excess Liability (AL/GL)
- School Leaders Professional Liability
- Excess Liability (SLPL)

WHEREAS, the Educational Facility desires to renew said membership;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- a. The Educational Facility agrees to renew its membership in the Fund for a period of three years beginning July 1, 2026, and ending July 1, 2029 at 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time, and to be subject to the coverages, operating procedures, bylaws, and other organizational and operational documents of the Fund presently existing or as from time to time amended by the Fund and/or the Department of Banking and Insurance.

- b. The Educational Facility's Business Official, Brooke Burik (through 6/30/26) and Bernadette Pinto (effective 7/1/26), is hereby appointed as the Educational Facility's Fund Commissioner and is authorized to execute the renewal Indemnity and Trust Agreement thereby evidencing annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Fund the Educational Facility's renewal of its membership.

23. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Mountainside Board of Education appoints Gallagher as the Property and Liability Insurance Broker for the 26/27 school year, and agrees to the following rates effective 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027:

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THIS IS NOT A QUOTE PROPOSAL		Mountainside Board of Education Insurance Renewal Exhibit July 1, 2026-2027 June 9, 2026				SUBJECT TO UPDATES	
Please update accordingly Budget Account	Type of Coverage	Actual 2025-2026 Premiums	Projected Percentage Increase	Projected 2026-2027 Premiums	Actual 2026-2027 Premiums	Actual Percentage Increase	Budget Variance
11-000-230-590	School Board Legal Liability (SAIF)	\$ 25,536	9.0%	\$ 27,834	\$ 28,236	10.6%	\$ (402)
11-000-230-590	Excess School Board Legal Liability (\$15mm x \$5mm) (SAIF)	\$ 5,584	9.0%	\$ 6,087	\$ 5,989	7.3%	\$ 98
11-000-230-590	Errors & Omissions - Coverage B (Included above)	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
11-000-230-590	Student Accident Insurance (Bollinger - Zurich)	\$ 2,136	5.0%	\$ 2,243	\$ 2,243	5.0%	\$ (0)
11-000-230-590	Bonds - B. Burke (\$250K) (Travelers), P. Hatch (\$250K) (Selective)	\$ 1,764	3.0%	\$ 1,817	\$ 1,388	-21.3%	\$ 429
		\$ 35,020		\$ 37,981	\$ 37,856	8.1%	\$ 125
11-000-262-520	SAIF Multi Peril Package Policy						
11-000-262-520	Property (including primary cyber)	\$ 46,589	10.0%	\$ 51,248	\$ 41,588	-10.7%	\$ 9,660
11-000-262-520	Equipment Breakdown/Boiler & Machinery (incl in property)	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
11-000-262-520	EDP (incl in property)	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
11-000-262-520	Crime	\$ 638	7.0%	\$ 683	\$ 664	4.1%	\$ 19
11-000-262-520	General Liability	\$ 26,278	9.0%	\$ 28,643	\$ 28,308	7.7%	\$ 335
11-000-262-520	Auto	\$ 624	7.0%	\$ 668	\$ 1,376	120.5%	\$ (708)
11-000-262-520	Excess / Umbrella (\$10mm x \$10mm)	\$ 1,618	10.0%	\$ 1,780	\$ 1,882	16.3%	\$ (102)
11-000-262-520	Flood Coverage (N/A)	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
11-000-262-520	Environmental Liability (ACE - Incl. in SAIF Pkg.)	\$ 2,307	7.0%	\$ 2,468	\$ 2,429	5.3%	\$ 39
11-000-262-520	NJUEP Supplemental Liability (\$20mm x \$20mm)	\$ 12,550	10.0%	\$ 13,805	\$ 13,270	5.7%	\$ 535
		\$ 90,604		\$ 99,295	\$ 89,517	-1.2%	\$ 9,778
11-000-291-260	Workers' Compensation Coverage (SAIF)	\$ 63,378	10.0%	\$ 69,716	\$ 69,512	9.7%	\$ 204
11-000-291-260	Supplemental Indemnity Workers' Compensation (N/A)	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
		\$ 63,378		\$ 69,716	\$ 69,512	9.7%	\$ 204
		189,002		206,991	196,885	4.2%	10,106
				1st 26-27 Projection % of Change	9.52%		

24. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following cafeteria price list for 2026-2027:

Lunch		À la Carte Snacks	
Student Lunch	\$3.85	Fresh or Chilled Fruit	\$.80
Student Entrée Only	\$3.00	Yogurt Parfait	\$3.00
Vegetable Side	\$.80		
Reduced Lunch	Free	Rice Krispie treat	\$1.75
Adult lunch	\$4.35	Assorted Baked Chips	\$1.50/\$1.75
		Soft Pretzel	\$2.25
Beverages		Baked Cookie	\$1.00/\$1.50
Milk (½ pint)	\$.80	Ice Cream (sm./lg.)	\$2.00/2.50
100% juice (4oz.)	\$.80	Pop Tart	\$1.50
Bottled water 8oz./16oz.	\$.80/1.25	Whole Grain Cheez-Its	\$1.25
Sparkling 100% Juice	\$2.00	Whole Grain Goldfish	\$1.25
Capri Sun 100% Juice	\$1.50	Assorted Cereal	\$1.75
Snapple 100% Juice/Tea	\$2.50	Bagel with Cream Cheese	\$2.25
Gatorade	\$2.50	Fresh Baked Muffin	\$2.25

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25. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept an anonymous donation, for Mrs. Dayan, in the amount of \$400, to be used as follows: (Attachment #23)
 - \$100 for her classroom and educational materials
 - \$300 for her to "pay it forward" to another teacher/staff member of her choice
26. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a parent transportation contract, in the amount of \$18,900 (*ESY=\$3,150, RSY=\$15,750*), pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A: 39.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C.6A: 27-9.9, between the Mountainside Board of Education and the parent/legal guardians of **Student #2936698529** for 26-27 ESY and Regular School Year.
27. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of Speech and Hearing Associates to the list of Independent Contractors/Physicians/Agencies for the 26/27 school year, for services as needed per the attached fee schedule. (Attachment #24)
28. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the agreement with Supreme Consultants for evaluations as needed, and to add them to the list of Independent Contractors/Physicians/Agencies for the 26/27 school year. (Attachment #25)
29. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Independent Contractors/Physicians/Agencies for the 26/27 school year as attached. (Attachment #26)
30. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, special education placements and services as per (Attachment #27).
31. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Mountainside School District in the county of Union, hereby approves the submission of these Educational Adequacy Projects and Capital Renovation Projects to the Department of Education for review and approval and for amendment to the Long-Range Facilities Plan for a proposed upcoming Referendum planned for March of 2027.

The District will be seeking Debt Service Aid for the Projects as per the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-1 et seq., effective July 18, 2000 ("EFCFA"). The projects will be submitted in separate applications for Educational Adequacy Review and Approval and for Capital Projects Review and Approval.

BEECHWOOD SCHOOL - CAPITAL RENOVATION COMPONENTS Application #1 - DOE PROJECT #39-3470-060
SITE IMPROVEMENTS
WINDOW REPLACEMENTS
ROOFING IMPROVEMENTS
DOOR AND HARDWARE REPLACEMENTS
FLOORING UPGRADES
MECHANICAL SYSTEM UPGRADES
PLUMBING SYSTEM UPGRADES
FIRE SYSTEM UPGRADES

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Employee #40229262	n/a	Extend from 6/1/26-7/27/26 <i>(Originally approved on 4/29/26 from 5/5/26-5/31/26)</i>	7/28/26
Employee #10195618	2/21/26 -*8/21/26 <i>*date is approx.</i>	n/a	8/24/26

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following leave of absence (Attachment #30):

Name	Position	LOA w/ pay & benefits	FMLA unpaid with benefits	Extended LOA w/o pay or benefits	Return Date
L. Naftulin	2nd Grade Teacher	10/5/26-11/27/26	11/30/26-3/2/27	3/3/27-6/30/27	9/1/27

6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an administrative leave of absence for **Employee # 59552216**, effective 6/2/26-6/30/26.

7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of the following new hires for the 2026-2027 school year (Attachment #31):

Name	Loc.	Position	Salary/Step	Start	End
Kim Waldron	BW	Special Education Teacher	\$105,226 Step 21, MA+30	9/1/26	6/30/27
Kai Gordon	CST	BCBA - Behaviorist	\$85,300 Step 16, MA	9/1/26	6/30/27
Danielle Stio	DF	Special Education Teacher	\$90,103 Step 17, MA	9/1/26	6/30/27
Chelsie Nacelus	DF	6th Grade ELA Teacher	\$63,450 Step 6, MA	9/1/26	6/30/27
Sydney Clous	DF	4th Gr. Teacher	\$58,500 Step 4, BA	9/1/26	6/30/27
Jamie Carlson	DF	7th Grade ELA Teacher	\$97,153 Step 17A, MA+30	9/1/26	6/30/27
*Shadik Phillips	DF	*Maintenance Custodian	\$58,307 Step 13/Maint.	7/1/26	6/30/27
**Lukas Antico	DF	Custodian	\$43,807 Step 1/Custodian	7/1/26	6/30/27
Radame Fernandez	DF	Custodian (night shift)	\$51,507 Step 10/Custodian	7/1/26	6/30/27

**this is a lateral adjustment in the position/salary from previous approval on 5/12/26*

*** currently works as a part time leave replacement & substitute custodian*

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8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to hire **Mark DiGennaro**, for summer painting projects, at a rate of \$80/hour, not to exceed 100 hours. (Attachment #32)
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following temporary custodial worker for summer employment as outlined below, upon successful criminal background check and paperwork. (Attachment #33)

Name	Days	Rate	Approx. Total
Quinn Williams	8 Weeks (June-Aug)	\$19.50/hr	\$5,850
Alex Adornato	8 Weeks (June-Aug)	\$19.50/hr	\$5,850

10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff member for summer employment:

Staff Member	Assignment	Hours	Rate
Kathy Goldbeck	Summer related duties	NTE 70 hours	\$44/hr.

11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff for 2026-2027 School Year Stipend Positions, contingent upon student enrollment for those student activities subsidized in accordance with Board Policy 2436, Activity Participation Fee Program as follows:

Name	Position	Rate
Kelli Castro	Athletic Coordinator	\$2,276
Deborah Posner	Girls' Volleyball Coach	\$3,277 (3+ yr)
Jared Rosenblum	Girls' Soccer Coach	\$3,644 (3+ yr)
Monica Salamanca	Asst. Girls' Soccer Coach	\$2,734 (3+ yr)
TBD	Boys' Soccer Coach	\$3,189 (1-2 yr.)
Madison Phillips	Asst. Boys' Soccer Coach	\$2,734 (3+ yr)

12. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following staff for summer curriculum writing, at a rate of \$44/hour, subject matter and NTE # of hours as per (Attachment #34).

Teresa Banks	Axl Hirsch	Stephanie Mlynarczyk	Vinny Stasio
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Katie Blanco	Corrin Lavery	Christine O'Grady	Nara Sterba
Jessica Botkin	Julie Lima	Adrienne Ridley	Tori Tiscia
Susan Burke	Lauren Meyers	Rosemarie Sardina	Judy Wargaski
Taylor Dayan	Jessica Milstrey	Jessica Sharpe	

13. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of **Jessica Zucker**, to the part-time position of Licensed Professional Counselor/School Based Mental Health Clinician, at an annual salary of \$37,643.94 (54% of \$69,711), Step 10 MA, for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment #35)

XVI. Policy

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

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

P 1230	Superintendent's Duties	Revised/Mandated
P 1643	Family Leave	Revised/Mandated
P 2260	Equity in School and Classroom Practices	Revised/Mandated

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

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

XVII. Old Business

XVIII. New Business

XIX. Committee Report

XX. Public Participation

