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**MOUNTAIN LAKES BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

May 5, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Mrs. Barkauskas

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Mountain Lakes Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Mountain Lakes Municipal Building and sent to the following newspapers: *The Daily Record*, *The Citizen*, and *the District Website* (www.mlschools.org).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, Mrs. Barkauskas will lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

Appointment of Pro Tem Board Secretary

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education hereby appoints Ivonne Ciresi as the Board Secretary pro tem for its special meeting of May 5, 2026, as recommended by the Superintendent.

District Roll Call 6-0-0

ROLL CALL

Board Member	Present	Absent
Dr. Don	X	
Mrs. Forman	X	
Dr. Hirschfeld		X
Mr. Johnson		X
Mrs. Kulkarni		X

Mrs. McVeigh	X	
Mrs. Parker (<i>Vice President</i>)		X
Dr. Sheth	X	
Dr. Silva McIntyre	X	
Mrs. Barkauskas (<i>President</i>)	X	

Also present: Dr. Brad Siegel, Mrs. Ciresi

COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. PERSONNEL

Motion by Dr. Sheth and seconded by Mrs. McVeigh

1. Appointments / Amendments/ Resignations / Rescission / Retirements / RIF's Δ

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the following appointments, amendments, resignations, rescissions, retirements and RIFs, for all regular employees with base pay, be approved, as recommended by the Superintendent:*

	Name	Action	UPC	Position	School	FTE	Degree / Step	Rate of Pay	Start Date	Term Date
IVY H/WW/BC										
1.	Doolittle, Kenneth	Appoint ▾	ADM-WW-PRIN-01	Principal	WW ▾	1.0	N/A	\$172,500	7/1/26 (Pending paperwork)	6/30/27

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COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:04pm was made by Dr. Sheth and seconded by Mrs. McIntyre.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Ivonne Ciersi
Board Secretary pro tem

Δ Indicates matters not relating to MLHS, the Boonton Township district Representative of the Board of Education will refrain from voting on such matters, pursuant to Board Policy 0141.2.

* Indicates a motion/resolution will have supporting documentation.

2025-2026 District Goals

Goal Statement	Goal Area
1. Expand students' active learning in PreK-12 classrooms through effective use of small group instruction, questioning strategies, and problem-solving activities.	Ensuring success of all students Ensuring success of all staff Supporting the whole child
2. Identify, develop, and implement plans to enrich STEM learning in all four schools by enhancing facilities, resources, curricula, and experiences outside of the classroom aligned to a clearly defined district vision.	Ensuring success of all students Ensuring success of all staff Finance / infrastructure / technology Strong family/school/community partnerships
3. Increase horizontal and vertical articulation practices and outcomes among staff members in the Mountain Lakes School District and between staff members of the district and Rockaway Valley School through structured professional collaboration opportunities.	Ensuring success of all students Ensuring success of all staff Strong family/school/community partnerships
4. Review and analyze programs, models, and research related to "social-emotional learning" for the classroom and make a formal recommendation to the Board of Education for the 2026-27 school year.	Ensuring success of all students Ensuring success of all staff Supporting the whole child Strong family/school/community partnerships

2025-2026 Board Goals

Board Goal	Committee Support
1. The Mountain Lakes Board of Education will work collaboratively to promote a culture of safety and security by establishing clear policies, providing ongoing training, and implementing systems that protect the well-being of all stakeholders.	Facilities, Finance, Long Range Planning
2. Through collective efforts as a full Board and in Committees, the Mountain Lakes Board of Education commits to working transparently and equitably to support the growth, success, and well-being of all students and staff members in all four schools in the District.	Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Long Range Planning, Special Education
3. The Mountain Lakes Board of Education will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of communication by ensuring timely access to key information, including committee meeting minutes and superintendent updates, to support informed decision-making and Board transparency.	Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Facilities, Finance, Long Range Planning, Negotiations, Personnel, Policy, Special Education, Shared Services
4. The Mountain Lakes Board of Education will collectively develop and utilize a long-range facilities plan to enhance	Facilities, Finance, Long Range Planning

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the current and future educational, structural, and operational needs of the Mountain Lakes School District.	
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