

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 Guidici Pietro	_____
Mr. Jordan Hyman	_____
Mrs. Vivian Pupo	_____
Mrs. Candice Schiano	_____
Mrs. Lauren Worgan	_____

III. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)

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

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IV. Close Executive Session and Reconvene Public Session

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
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V. Flag Salute

VI. Approval of Minutes

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

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2026
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of August 25, 2026

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Public Participation - Agenda Items Only

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IX. President's Report

X. Superintendent's Report

- ❖ School Reopening Update
- ❖ Code of Conduct/Cell Phone Policy
- ❖ 2026-2027 District Technology Plan Overview

XI. Business Administrator's Report

XII. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

XIII. Administration

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

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2026-2027 School Year. (Attachment #2)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2026-2027 Professional Development Plan and Statement of Assurance. (Attachment #3)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2026-2027 Mentoring Plan Statement of Assurance. (Attachment #4)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Safety and Security Plan.
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2026-2027 District Technology Plan. (Attachment #5)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following curricular documents for Mountainside Schools:

Subject Area	Grade Levels
Mathematics	Grade 6, Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Geometry

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 months of June, July and August 2026. (Attachment #6)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated August 20, 2026, through September 14, 2026 (Attachment #7).
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of August 2026 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of August 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary, Bernadette Pinto, 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 August 2026:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the month of August 2026 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for August 2026 as submitted and certified (Attachment #8).

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the settlement agreement between the Board of Education and parents of student **#9433465316** for the 2026-2027 school year.
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the joint transportation agreement between Garwood Public Schools and the Mountainside Board of Education for an out-of-district transportation route for the 2026-2027 school year, in the amount of \$48,000. (Attachment #9)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the submission of the NJDOE Funding for Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screening Grant (FOCUS) for FY 2027 in the amount of \$2,528.
7. Move to approve in accordance with MBOE policy 6471, School District Travel, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the travel, professional development requests, and related expenses itemized in (Attachment #10). 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. All reimbursements shall be made in accordance with state guidelines 18A:11-12.

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8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, special education placements and services as per (Attachment #11).

XV. Personnel

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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).

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the revised step for the following leave replacement. *This was previously approved as Step 10 on 8/25/26 in error.*

Kelly Kalis	BW	2nd Grade Leave Replacement Teacher	\$67,616 MA Step 9	9/1/26	6/30/27
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2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation/declined position of **Davina Giordano**, paraprofessional, effective September 1, 2026. (Attachment #12)

3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of the following new hires for the 2026-2027 school year (Attachment #13):

Name	Loc.	Position	Salary/Step	Start	End
Jeferson Godoy-Godinez	DF	Custodian	Step 2 \$44,607 (prorated)	10/2/26	6/30/27
Al'Turik French	BW	Custodian	Step 16 \$57,057 (prorated)	11/1/26	6/30/27

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to increase hours for the following staff by up to *30 minutes per day (**unless otherwise noted*) to assist with dismissal, for the 26-27 school year.

Kathleen Goldbeck (Mon-Fri)	Suzanne Tighe (Mon-Thur) *15 min daily
Jenna Rasp (T/Th/F)	Kirsten Post (M/W)

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff members to cover lunch periods as needed at Deerfield School during the 2026-2027 school year, at a rate of \$36 per session:

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Axl Hirsch	Lori Topel	Victoria Tiscia
Melanie Kandl	Jenna Rasp	

6. 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.

Staff Member	Position	Rate
Victoria Tiscia	Art Club (Gr. 3-5) <i>*add'l session due to high enrollment</i>	\$36/session <i>NTE 30 sessions</i>
Shannon Keegan	Chess Club (Gr. 3-8) <i>*add'l session due to high enrollment</i>	\$36/session <i>NTE 30 sessions</i>

7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff members to serve as mentors during the 2026-2027 school year:

Staff Member	Assignment	Fee Amount
Susan Burke	Sydney Clous (CEAS - 30 weeks)	\$550
Adrienne Ridley	Jacqueline DeVivo (CEAS - 30 weeks)	\$550
Jessica Milstrey	Josephine Kwan (CEAS - 18 weeks)	\$330 (\$550 total - prorated)
Lori Topel	Joseph Scanzillo (CEAS - 30 weeks)	\$550

8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of the following to the 2026-2027 Substitute Teacher List, pending paperwork and successful criminal background check. (Attachment #14)

Name	Certification	Rate
Caitlin Colendenski	Sub Cert	\$115
Jessica Askins	Sub Cert	\$115
Murray Mazard	Sub Custodian	\$19.50/hour

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9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Michaela Etlinger** to complete Clinical II Field Experience through Kean University at Beechwood School five (5) days a week from September 22, 2026 through December 4, 2026.

XVI. Policy

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

P 6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures	Revised/Mandated
P 6115.02	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls - Mandatory Disclosures	Revised/Mandated
P 6311	Contracts for Goods and Services Funded by Federal Grants	Revised/Mandated

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

P 2411	Career Education and Academic Counseling	Revised/Mandated
R 5200	Attendance	Revised
P 5561	Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities	Revised/Mandated
P 5701	Academic Integrity	Revised/Recommended
P 8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Program	Revised/Mandated

XVII. Old Business

XVIII. New Business

XIX. Committee Reports

XX. Public Participation

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XXII. Adjournment

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