



Mountain Lakes School District

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NOTICE

The Regular Meeting of the Mountain Lakes Board of Education will be held on
Monday, October 19, 2026 at 6:30 pm at Mountain Lakes High School,
96 Powerville Road, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey

AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL

Board Member	Present	Absent
Dr. Don		
Mrs. Forman		
Dr. Hirschfeld		
Mr. Johnson		
Mrs. Kulkarni		
Mrs. McVeigh		
Mrs. Parker (<i>Vice President</i>)		
Dr. Sheth		
Dr. Silva McIntyre		
Mrs. Barkauskas (<i>President</i>)		

Also present: Dr. Brad Siegel, Mr. Keith Lisa, Dr. Ivonne Ciresi

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education enter into Executive Session was made by _____ and seconded by _____, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution.

The motion was approved _____.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mountain Lakes Board of Education on this 19th day of October 2026 at _____ pm as follows:

1. The Board shall recess to closed session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (1), (2), (6), (7) and (8). The general nature of the discussion including matters of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited to staff and/or student discipline matters, and specifically:

2. These matters will be disclosed to the public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer applies. Although the Board cannot guarantee it, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be _____ minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business. Action may take place.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION to leave executive session at _____ was made by _____ and seconded by _____.

The motion was approved _____ and the Board returned to public session at _____.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT

MOUNTAIN LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT COMMENT

COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM THE MLEA CO-PRESIDENTS

PRESENTATIONS

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT / ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the following meeting minutes, as recommended by the Superintendent:

	Date	Minutes
1.	October 5, 2026	Regular and Executive Session

COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

Public comment is set aside for the Board to hear feedback and questions from members of the public. The Board will take all comments and suggestions from the public into consideration. If you have more than one question, we request that all questions are asked within the time provided, as Public Comment is not intended for back and forth dialogue. If the Board is unable to answer your question(s) at this time, we will explain when and in what format the answer(s) will be communicated.

We request that you limit your questions or comments to 3 minutes and present all questions within those 3 minutes. Please state your name and address for the record. The Board appreciates and thanks you for your attendance and participation in our meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

BOONTON TOWNSHIP REPORT

COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

2026 COMMITTEES

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment James Hirschfeld (Chair) Aruni Don Sara Forman Lauren Silva McIntyre	Finance Lauren Silva McIntyre (Chair) Sara Forman James Hirschfeld Aru Kulkarni	Personnel Joanne Barkauskas (Chair) James Hirschfeld Aru Kulkarni Jennifer Parker
Co-Curricular Committee Aruni Don (Chair) Chris Johnson Jennifer Parker Lauren Silva McIntyre	Long Range Planning Aruni Don (Chair) Chris Johnson Julia McVeigh Purvika Sheth	Policy Aru Kulkarni (Chair) Julia McVeigh Jennifer Parker Purvika Sheth
Facilities Sara Forman (Chair) Aru Kulkarni Julia McVeigh Purvika Sheth	Negotiations Jennifer Parker (Chair) Aru Kulkarni Lauren Silva McIntyre	Special Education/Student Services Purvika Sheth (Chair) Lauren Silva McIntyre Julia McVeigh
		Shared Services Joanne Barkauskas Sara Forman Jennifer Parker

2026 LIAISONS

Home and School Association (HSA) Julia McVeigh	ML Friends of the Arts (FOTA) Aru Kulkarni	Sound Start Babies Foundation Aruni Don
Laker Sports Club (LSC) Sara Forman	NJ School Boards Delegate Vacant	Traffic and Safety Julia McVeigh
ML Alumni Association (MLAA) Jennifer Parker	Recreation Commission Sara Forman	
ML Education Foundation (MLEF) Lauren Silva McIntyre	Representative to the County SBA Vacant	

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / BOARD SECRETARY**A. FINANCE****1. Presentation of Bills**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the following bills list and check journals as of October 3, 2026 - October 9, 2026, as recommended by the Superintendent:*

	Fund	Amount
1.	General Fund (10)	\$333,243.79
2.	Special Revenue Fund (20)	\$2,183.35
3.	Capital Project Fund (30)	N/A
4.	Debt Service Fund (40)	N/A
5.	Cafeteria Account Fund (60)	\$20,095.30
6.	Total	\$355,522.44

2. Tuition Received: Non-resident, Individuals and other LEAs

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the following enrollment, as recommended by the Superintendent:

	Action	Student ID	School-Program	Start Date	End Date	Tuition	Extra Services
DISTRICT							
1.	New	3412	Lake Drive Regular	10/6/26	6/18/27	\$72,675	N/A
2.	New	IFR-3	Lake Drive Itinerant	9/25/26	6/11/27	\$6,600	N/A
3.	Change	7127	Lake Drive Regular	9/22/26	10/16//27	\$12,521	\$5,386.11
IVY H/WW/BC							
4.	New	NRTW04	Wildwood	10/20/26	6/30/27	\$14,701.63	\$30,574.27

3. Professional Services

WHEREAS, the Mountain Lakes Board of Education ("Board") has decided to secure the professional services to support the instructional programs of the district; and

WHEREAS, the Board is permitted, pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., to contract with vendors providing professional services, without advertising bids; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby awards the following contracts with vendors providing professional services, as recommended by the Superintendent:

	Contractor	Start Date	End Date	Nature / Service	Rate	Contract / Not to Exceed
1.	PKF O'Connor	11/1/26	2/28/27	FY2026-Preparation of A41/A42 Certified Tuition Calculation	\$8,500	N/A

4. Travel / Conferences Expenditures 4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the following staff members to attend training and conferences in accordance with Policy 6471, as recommended by the Superintendent.

	Name	School	Location	Date	Event Name	Cost
DISTRICT						
1.	Ciasulli, Keri	DW ▾	Morris County, NJ	Monthly 11/19/26 - 5/20/27	Morris Area Curriculum Network Workshops	\$0
2.	Ciasulli, Keri	DW ▾	Sewell, NJ	11/5/26	NJ Deaf PD Day	\$0
3.	DiGiacinto, Kerry	DW ▾	NJ Courts	10/15/26 - 6/30/27	Travel Expenses	NTE \$700
4.	Humphreys, Ryan	MLHS ▾	Mahwah, NJ	10/14/26	The RCNJ Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies Roundtable	\$0
5.	Phillips, Melissa	MLHS ▾	Livingston, NJ	10/12/26	School Nurse Symposium 2026	\$0
6.	Yaiser, Ryan	MLHS ▾	Lincroft, NJ	11/20/26	AMTNJ Fall 2026 Conference: Math Reimagined	\$255
7.	Wendler, Sharon	LD ▾	Livingston, NJ	10/12/26	School Nurse Symposium 2026	\$0
IVY H/WW/BC						
8.	Alves, Michael	BC ▾	Old Tappan, NJ	12/7/26	4th Annual NJ AI Literacy Summit	\$40
9.	Carlson, Erik	BC ▾	NJ Courts	1/27/26 - 6/30/26	Travel Expenses	\$40
10.	Carlson, Erik	BC ▾	NJ Courts	1/27/26 - 6/30/27	Travel Expenses	NTE \$400
11.	Coleman, Gretchen	WW ▾	Pompton Plains, NJ	11/24/26 & 12/18/26	Conquer Math: Fractions Part 1 Conquer Math: Fractions Part 2	\$445
12.	Distell, Jennifer	WW ▾	Virtual	10/27/26	Using AI Tools to Enhance Student Learning and Increase Productivity for Speech-Language Pathologists (Grades PK-12)	\$295
13.	Doolittle, Christina	BC ▾	Pompton Plains, NJ	11/4/26	Conquer Math: Ratio and Proportional Relationships	\$223
14.	Falk, Sarah	WW ▾	Livingston, NJ	10/12/26	School Nurse Symposium 2026	\$0
15.	Ficara, Lauren	BC ▾	Livingston, NJ	10/12/26	School Nurse Symposium 2026	\$0
16.	Gaffney, Victoria	BC ▾	Pompton Plains, NJ	10/05/26	Conquer Math: The Number System; Expressions and Equations	\$222 (revision)
17.	Lih, Erik	BC ▾	Old Tappan, NJ	12/7/26	4th Annual NJ AI Literacy Summit	\$40

5. Fundraising 4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the following District Fundraisers, as recommended by the Superintendent:

	School	Fundraising Activity	Beneficiary/Purpose
DISTRICT			
1.	MLHS ▾	Cookies for Kids Cancer - Bake sale at the MLHS girls soccer game where the team is honoring our former student who passed away from cancer - 10/31/26	To raise funds for kids cancer research in honor of Jolene Giampietro, whose number is being retired at the soccer game.
2.	MLHS ▾	DECA - Chick-fil-A, Parsippany, NJ - restaurant fundraiser- 11/18/26 (revised date)	To raise funds to help offset student trips.
3.	IVY H ▾ @MLHS	Cupcake Fundraiser LD-MLHS JrNAD and Deaf Academic Bowl team will sell Mr. Cupcake from 11/23/26 - 12/10/26	Profits to go to Jr NAD service activities/scholarship and the Deaf Academic Bowl travel expenses.

4.	IVY H ▾	Veterans Day Dessert Fundraiser at Lake Drive, run by Maria Gonzalez's class from 11/11/26 -11/18/26	Profits go to the GI Go Fund, a nonprofit charitable organization that assists veterans and all members of the military community with finding employment.
IVY H/WW/BC			
5.	BC ▾	4th Annual Run for Nyaka	The Nyaka Global organization in Uganda funds education, healthcare, and support programs for children and grandmothers. High school student chapters (like local NJ school clubs) raise funds and collaborate on social entrepreneurship projects to help sustain Nyaka's community missions.

6. Facilities Use

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the following request(s) for use of district facilities and grounds, as recommended by the Superintendent:

	Request	Purpose of Use	Facilities	Date	Time	Fee Type
DISTRICT						
1.	All Out Dance	Dance Competition	MLHS Auditorium Auxiliary Gym Cafeteria Lobby Classroom 331 Parking Lot	4/2/27 4/3/27 4/4/27	5:00 pm - 10:00 pm 7:00 am - 9:00 pm 7:00 am - 9:00 pm	Class V

7. Authorized Signatures / Annual Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education extends the following appointments and authorized signatures for the following accounts for the period of October 19, 2026, to June 30, 2027, as recommended by the Superintendent:

	Service	Title
1.	Authorized Signatures School Warrants	Keith Lisa
2.	Board Secretary	Keith Lisa
3.	Claims Auditor	Keith Lisa
4.	Custodian of Records	Keith Lisa
5.	OPRA Officer	Keith Lisa
6.	Pre-Payment Authorization	Keith Lisa
7.	Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO)	Keith Lisa
8.	Transportation Contract Agent/Officer	Keith Lisa

B. MISCELLANEOUS

8. District Architect

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education has explored to contract for District Architect for the Mountain Lakes School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board is permitted, pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., to publicly advertise request for proposals, for those goods and services where the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, \$53,000; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposals was advertised on September 26, 2026, in the Daily Record; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2026, the Board received a proposal from Parette Somjen Architects, LLC; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the contract for District Architect for the Mountain Lakes School District upon review and scoring of proposals and screening meetings, pursuant to the proposal received by Parette Somjen Architects, LLC on October 7, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with Parette Somjen Architects, LLC consistent with this Resolution. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution, as recommended by the Superintendent.

9. LRFP Major Amendment Update

Whereas, The Board of Education of Mountain Lakes in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the "Board"), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of a LRFP Major Amendment Update.

Whereas, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Education of Mountain Lakes in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Major Amendment Update to its previously approved LRFP and the Board further authorizes the submission of the same to the Morris County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect proposed Project(s).

Section 3. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution. Including the submission of the required information to the New Jersey Department of Education as applicable to the proposed Project.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately, as recommended by the Superintendent.

9. Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit Three-Year Maintenance Plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

	Name	Action	UPC	Position	School	FTE	Degree/ Step	Rate of Pay	Start Date	Term Date
DISTRICT										

1.	Awan, Aneela	Appoint ▾	SPS-CST-AI D-O30-01	Paraprofessional F/T	MLHS ▾	1.0	Step 7	\$27,820.80	10/13/26	6/30/27
2.	Slaveska, Tanja	Transfer ▾	SPS-CST-AI D-O30-12	Paraprofessional F/T	IVY H ▾	1.0	Step 9	\$29,730.72	10/13/26	6/30/27

14. Leaves of Absence

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the following leaves of absence, as recommended by the Superintendent:

	ID#	Action	Position	School	FTE	Start Date	Term Date
DISTRICT							
1.	5429	Revise FMLA (Unpaid w/benefits)	Custodian	DW ▾	1.0	9/14/26	10/13/26
2.	4341	MLOA (Using PTO w/benefits)	LDT-C	MLHS ▾	1.0	10/2/26	10/30/26

15. Athletics / Extra Services (Schedule B Appointments) 4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the following additional compensation, for all extra earnings under the contract, as recommended by the Superintendent:

	Name	Action	Position	School	Degree/ Step	Rate of Pay	Start Date	Term Date
DISTRICT								
1.	Pedalino, Joseph (OOD)	Appoint ▾	Non-Athletic: clock worker, crowd control, ticket taker, site manager	DW ▾	N/A	BOE Approved Rate	8/24/26	6/30/27

Schedule B Clubs/Advisors/Athletics								
	Name	Action	Position	Location	Degree/ Step	Rate of Pay	Start Date	Term Date
DISTRICT								
2..	Kenyon, Julie (OOD)	Rescind ▾	Choreographer	MLHS ▾	Step 3	\$3,060	8/26/26	6/30/27
3.	Suarez, Jennifer	Rescind ▾	Swim - Head	MLHS ▾	Step 4 ▾	\$7,806	11/16/26	3/9/27
IVY H/WW/BC								
4.	O'Melia, Katherine	Appoint ▾	Homework Club	BC ▾	N/A ▾	\$45/hr. (NTE 2 hrs./wk)	10/1/26	6/30/27

16. Additional Compensation 4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the following additional compensation, for extra earnings not listed in contract, as recommended by the Superintendent:

	Name	Action	Position	School	Rate of Pay	Start Date	Term Date
DISTRICT							
1.	Cesaro, Melissa	Appoint ▾	Home Instruction SID: 8304	MLHS ▾	\$50/hr. (NTE 6 hrs.)	10/2/26	11/13/26
2.	Hill, Theresa	Revise ▾	8th Grade Open House	MLHS ▾	\$50/hr. (NTE 2 hrs.)	10/15/26	10/15/26
3.	Lindsay, Maria	Appoint ▾	Sophomore Spotlight	MLHS ▾	\$50/hr. (NTE 2 hrs.)	11/19/26	11/19/26
4.	Pelchat, Cara	Appoint ▾	Sophomore Spotlight	MLHS ▾	\$50/hr. (NTE 2 hrs.)	11/19/26	11/19/26

5.	Macko, Lauren	Appoint ▾	Sophomore Spotlight	MLHS ▾	\$50/hr. (NTE 2 hrs.)	11/19/26	11/19/26
6.	Restrepo, Carly	Appoint ▾	Interpreter MLHS Fall Drama	LD ▾	\$600	10/20/26	11/14/26
7.	Richter, Deanna	Appoint ▾	Interpreter MLHS Fall Drama	LD ▾	\$600	10/20/26	11/14/26
8.	Vlashi, Imihan	Appoint ▾	Custodian Shift Differential (M-TH & S)	DW ▾	\$3,000 (prorated)	10/14/26	6/30/26
9.	Weinroth, Gail	Appoint ▾	Sophomore Spotlight	MLHS ▾	\$50/hr. (NTE 2 hrs.)	11/19/26	11/19/26
10.	Yaiser, Ryan	Appoint ▾	Home Instruction SID: 9304	MLHS ▾	\$50/hr. (NTE 6 hrs.)	10/2/26	11/13/26
IVY H/WW/BC							
11.	Perez, Ryan	Revise ▾	Substitute School Bus Aide (AM/PM)	WW ▾	\$26.93/hr.	9/15/26	6/30/27

Professional Development Session Instructors							
	Name	Action	Position	School	Rate of Pay	Start Date	Term Date
DISTRICT							
12.	Busch, Claire	Appoint ▾	Instructor: The Cognitive Impact of AI: Literature Review	ML... ▾	\$100.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
13.	Cottone, Margo	Appoint ▾	Instructor: Creating an Inclusive Culture: Understanding the Needs of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing	LD ▾	\$50.00	10/12/25	10/12/26
14.	Cukar, Steve	Appoint ▾	Instructor: The Classroom Game Plan	ML... ▾	\$50.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
15.	Dorner, Rebecca	Appoint ▾	Instructor: Cultivating Communication Confidence	LD ▾	\$100.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
16.	Giousios, George	Appoint ▾	Instructor: Signs for Success: Practical ASL for Educators	ML... ▾	\$50.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
17.	Lindsay, Maria	Appoint ▾	Instructor: Regulation Through Relationship	ML... ▾	\$50.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
18.	Richter, Deanna	Appoint ▾	Instructor: Creating an Inclusive Culture: Understanding the Needs of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing ..	LD ▾	\$50.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
19.	Siino, Alyssa	Appoint ▾	Instructor: Regulation Through Relationship	ML... ▾	\$50.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
20.	Wallace, Chris	Appoint ▾	Instructor: Venier Probes in the Era of No Phones	ML... ▾	\$50.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
IVY H/WW/BC							
21.	Alves, Michael	Appoint ▾	Instructor: A Gem of an Idea	BC ▾	\$100.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
22.	Dunn, Melissa	Appoint ▾	Instructor: Roll into Learning with Bunco	WW ▾	\$100.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
23.	Elko, Kimberly	Appoint ▾	Instructor: AI for Engagement in the Classroom	WW ▾	\$50.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
24.	Elko, Matthew	Appoint ▾	Instructor: Teaching Kin-Ball to Different Levels	WW ▾	\$50.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
25.	Lih, Erik	Appoint ▾	Instructor: A Gem of an Idea	BC ▾	\$100.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
26.	McCarthy, Megan	Appoint ▾	Instructor: Roll into Learning with Bunco	WW ▾	\$100.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
27.	Pecarific, Melissa	Appoint ▾	Instructor: A Gem of an Idea	BC ▾	\$100.00	10/12/26	10/12/26

28.	Schmidt, Tammy	Appoint ▾	Instructor: Teaching Kin-Ball to Different Levels	WW ▾	\$50.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
29.	Schmidt, Tammy	Appoint ▾	Instructor: Roll into Learning with Bunco	WW ▾	\$100.00	10/12/26	10/12/26
30.	Shaffer, Dee	Appoint ▾	Instructor: AI for Engagement in the Classroom	WW ▾	\$50.00	10/12/26	10/12/26

Additional Coverages/Additional Preps										
	Name	Action	UPC	Position	School	FTE	Degree/Step	Rate of Pay	Start Date	Term Date
DISTRICT										
31.	Eklund, Kerianne	Revise ▾	TCH-HS-ENG-04	Additional Coverage (Enrollment)	MLHS ▾	.20	MA+60/15	\$12,572	1/18/27	6/30/27

17. Substitutes, Volunteers and Intern Appointments 4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the following appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent:

	Name	Action	Position	School	Rate of Pay	Start Date	Term Date
DISTRICT							
1.	Duke-Lees, Lisa	Appoint ▾	Per Diem Substitute	DW ▾	BOE Approved Rate	10/6/26	6/30/27
2.	Harrington, Ashley	Appoint ▾	Clinical Externship William Paterson Univ. (4138 & 4222)	LD ▾	N/A	1/21/27	5/12/27
3.	Mele, Jennifer	Appoint ▾	Per Diem Substitute	DW ▾	BOE Approved Rate	10/20/26	6/30/27
4.	Okun, Alaina	Appoint ▾	Per Diem Substitute	DW ▾	BOE Approved Rate	9/24/26	10/20/26
IVY H/WW/BC							
5.	Hunt, Kiera	Appoint ▾	WBL Internship 120 hrs Morris County School of Technology (5679)	BC ▾	N/A	10/20/26	4/1/27

2026-2027 District Wide Volunteers						
	Name	Action	Position	School	Start Date	End Date
6.	Joseph, Jessica	Appoint ▾	Volunteer	DW ▾	10/19/26	6/30/27
7.	Maniar, Erin	Appoint ▾	Volunteer	DW ▾	10/19/26	6/30/27
8.	McDonough, Kimberly	Appoint ▾	Volunteer	DW ▾	10/19/26	6/30/27
9.	Ostrosky, Briana	Appoint ▾	Volunteer	DW ▾	10/19/26	6/30/27
10.	Ryan, Christopher	Appoint ▾	Volunteer	DW ▾	10/19/26	6/30/27
11.	Schorer, Dana	Appoint ▾	Volunteer	DW ▾	10/19/26	6/30/27
12.	Stehlin, Anne	Appoint ▾	Volunteer	DW ▾	10/19/26	6/30/27
13.	Weintraub, Ariel	Appoint ▾	Volunteer	DW ▾	10/19/26	6/30/27

18. Field Trips 4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the following field trips, as recommended by the Superintendent:

	School	Destination	Reason	Date
DISTRICT				

1.	MLHS ▾	Bethlehem, PA	Academic Team Quiz Bowl Competition	10/2026
IVY H/WW/BC				
2.	BC ▾	Darien, CT	Charter Oak Scholastic Open XV	11/2026

19. Job Description

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the following job descriptions, as recommended by the Superintendent.*

Title:	
1.	Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Coordinator
2.	Custodial Supervisor

B. CURRICULUM / SPECIAL SERVICES

C. MISCELLANEOUS

20. District Performance Review

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the NJ Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) District Performance Review (DPR) submission during the 2026-27 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.*

21. New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum Committee -

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve the following individuals to serve on the district's New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Committee to be conducted during the 2026-27 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent:

	Representative	Name
1.	Chief School Administrator	Brad Siegel
2.	Administration	David Santos
3.	Teacher	Susan Miele-Motyka
4.	School Business Administrator	Keith Lisa
5.	Curriculum & Instruction	Ivonne Ciresi
6.	Collective Bargaining	Rose Dunn
7.	Board Member	Purvika Sheth
8.	Administrative Assistant	Julie Levine
9.	Director of Special Services	Kerry DiGiacinto

22. Board Policies

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education approve and adopt the policies below for presentation, as recommended by the Superintendent.*

	Action	Policy / Regulation Number	Policy Alert	Title	First Reading	Second Reading
1.	Revise	P 7510	NA	Use of School Facilities	10/5/26	10/19/26
2.	Revise	R 7510	NA	Use of School Facilities	10/5/26	10/19/26

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PENDING LEGISLATION

COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The motion was approved _____.

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1. The Board shall recess to closed session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (1), (2), (6), (7) and (8). The general nature of the discussion including matters of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited to staff and/or student discipline matters, and specifically:
2. These matters will be disclosed to the public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer applies. Although the Board cannot guarantee it, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be _____ minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business. Action may take place.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION, to leave executive session at _____ was made by _____ and seconded by _____
The motion was approved _____ and the Board returned to public session at _____.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at _____ was made by _____ and seconded by _____.

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*

2026-27 District Goals

Goal Statement	Goal Area
1. Strategic Planning: Collaboratively plan and develop a comprehensive long-range strategic plan (2027 - 2032) that includes the experiences, insights, and perspectives of all stakeholders in the Mountain Lakes School District educational community.	Ensuring success of all students Strong family/school/community partnerships
2. Artificial Intelligence: Building on the district's "Artificial Intelligence" (AI) policy and district plan, engage all district stakeholders in developing innovative, efficient, and responsible staff and student learning practices incorporating AI in the classroom for citizen and career readiness.	Ensuring success of all students Ensuring success of all staff
3. Social & Emotional Learning: Design, facilitate, and implement PreK-12 student and staff learning "Social-Emotional Learning" (SEL) competencies using district data and analysis, focused on emotional regulation and social awareness.	Ensuring success of all staff Strong family/school/community partnerships
4. STEM Education: Expand and strengthen interdisciplinary STEM education across PreK-12 by creating authentic learning experiences that encourage students to explore, design, innovate, and solve real-world problems. The district will build educator capacity, expand community partnerships, and foster interdisciplinary learning opportunities.	Ensuring success of all students Ensuring success of all staff
5. Instructional Clarity: Create a learning environment across PreK-12 classrooms where clear learning goals, expectations, and feedback empower students to take ownership of their learning.	Ensuring success of all students Ensuring success of all staff

2026-27 Board Goals

Board Goal	Committee Support
1. Long Range Plan: The Board of Education will actively support and advance the goals and priorities established in the District's Long-Range Plan, ensuring that decisions, resources, and policies are aligned to promote the success, well-being, and growth of all students and staff.	Long Range Planning Committee / All
2. Fiscal Responsibility: The Board of Education will work collaboratively with District leadership to ensure that District resources are managed strategically, responsibly, and sustainably, with careful consideration given to the long-term educational success of all students, the professional needs and development of staff, and the ongoing maintenance, management, and stewardship of District facilities.	Finance & Facilities Committees
3. Negotiations: The Board of Education will support a positive, respectful, and collaborative labor relations environment by engaging in negotiations with the District's Union leadership and membership in good faith, maintaining open and professional communication, and working toward fair and sustainable agreements that support the needs of students, staff, and the long-term interests of the District.	Negotiations Committee

