

<p style="text-align: center;">MOUNTAINSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BEECHWOOD SCHOOL - 1497 WOODACRES DRIVE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092 DEERFIELD SCHOOL - 302 CENTRAL AVENUE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092</p>
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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Mr. Bill Dillon _____
Mr. Michael Goodwin _____
Dr. Dana Guidiciopietro _____
Mr. Jordan Hyman _____
Mrs. Vivian Pupo _____
Mrs. Candice Schiano _____
Mr. Carmine Venes _____

III. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)

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

❖ Legal/Personnel

IV. Close Executive Session and Reconvene Public Session

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

V. Flag Salute

VI. Approval of Minutes

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

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2023
- ❖ Minutes of the 1st Executive Session of December 19, 2023
- ❖ Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 2, 2024

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

- ❖ School Board Recognition Month
- ❖ District Updates
- ❖ 2024-2025 School Calendar

XI. Business Administrator's Report

- ❖ Budget Calendar

XII. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

XIII. Administration

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidici Pietro _____ Hyman _____
Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

1. **WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Board of Education, which adopts the administrative code to implement state education law, has established rigorous standards through its promulgation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, which set the expectations of academic achievement for nearly 1.4 million public schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's locally elected and appointed boards of education play a vital role in ensuring that their local school districts meet state standards and adhere to state and federal education statute and regulations, with the goal of preparing all students for college and the workplace, thereby enabling them to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 non-partisan local board of education members and charter school trustees are public servants who dedicate their time, without pay or benefit, to the oversight of school district operations, sound financial practices, comprehensive policies, curriculum, staffing, and the well-being and academic achievement of all students in the district; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of local boards of education, in conjunction with state education officials and local educators, have built a foundation of success that has led to New Jersey's status as a leader in student achievement, as evidenced by the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores; and

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WHEREAS, the National School Boards Association and the New Jersey School Boards Association have declared January 2024 to be School Board Recognition Month; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education recognizes the contributions of our state’s local boards of education to the academic success of its public school students and expresses its sincere appreciation to local board of education members for their continued focus on the achievement of children throughout New Jersey; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education encourages qualified New Jersey citizens to consider serving as members on their local school boards.

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Memorandum Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar. (Attachment #2)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff – 2023-2024 School Year (Attachment #3)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools December 2023 safety and security drill reports. (Attachment #4)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, voluntary participation of identified Beechwood School classes in a doctoral research project entitled, “Enhancing Divergent Thinking in Gifted and Talented Students through Targeted Instructional Approaches in K–6 Cluster Classes,” being overseen by Mrs. Meredith Thomas, Holmdel Township School District Gifted and Talented Specialist.

XIV. Budget and Finance

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

1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of December 2023. (Attachment #5)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated December 21, 2023, through January 24, 2024. (Attachment #6)

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3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month December 2023 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of December 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Board Secretary, Dana Sullivan, 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 December 2023:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the month of December 2023 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for December 2023 as submitted and certified. (Attachment #7)

4. **RESOLVED THAT**, by the School Board of Mountainside School District approve the following banks to act as a depository for public funds, and that all checks, drafts or other orders for payment or withdrawal of money from said account be signed by the person holding the appropriate title as listed below:

Account	Bank	Signatories
Operating	Valley Bank	Board President/Business Administrator
Payroll	Valley Bank	Board President/Business Administrator
Food Service	Valley Bank	Superintendent/Business Administrator
Payroll Agency	Valley Bank	Superintendent/Business Administrator
SUI	Valley Bank	Superintendent/Business Administrator
BW School General Fund	Valley Bank	Beechwood Principal/ Business Administrator/Superintendent
DF School General Fund	Valley Bank	Deerfield Principal/Deerfield Secretary
DF Athletic Fund	Valley Bank	Deerfield Principal/Deerfield Secretary
DF Student Council Fund	Valley Bank	Deerfield Principal/Student Council Advisor

5. Move to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the increase in tuition of \$50,614.16, based on average daily enrollment due to Berkeley Heights Governor Livingston High School for the 21-22 school year, the 22-23 school year, and for resource room services provided for the 22-23 school year.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to contract with Interim Healthcare of South Plainfield, for substitute nursing services through December 31, 2024, as needed, at a rate of \$62.25/hr for RN, \$57/hr for LPN services. (Attachment #8)

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7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to the authority granted by N.J.S.A. 18A: 44-4(B), the Mountainside Board of Education hereby establishes the following per pupil yearly tuition rate for non-disabled pupils enrolled in its preschool program (PEAK) for the 2024-2025 school year: \$5,170 for 5 half day sessions.
8. Move to approve an agreement for participation in Coordinated Transportation Services between Union County Educational Services Commission and the Mountainside Board of Education for Transportation for the 2023-2024 school year. (Attachment #9)
9. 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.

XV. Personnel

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

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Stephanie Cuccio** to complete her 90 internship hours, as required by Kean University SPED 5490 course for Learning Consultants. (Attachment #11)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the notification to take classes from **Jen Smith**, PEAK Teacher, for classes taken at TCNJ, as follows:
 - 2023 Fall Session for three (3) graduate credits in the amount of \$1,995.
 - 2024 Spring Session for three (3) graduate credits in the amount of \$1,995.(Attachment #12)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the request for tuition reimbursement from **Jen Smith**, PEAK Teacher, for classes taken at TCNJ, for the 2023 Fall Session for three (3) graduate credits in the amount of \$1,995. (Attachment #13)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the request for tuition reimbursement from **Cory Berger**, 5th Grade Teacher, for class taken at American College of Education, for the 2023 Summer/Fall Session for twelve (12) graduate credits in the amount of \$2,820. (Attachment #14)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of the following to the 2023-2024 Substitute List, pending paperwork and successful criminal background check. (Attachment #15)

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Name	Certification	Rate
Rebecca Ladenheim	Substitute Nurse	\$200 per diem
Nicole Helou	Teaching Cert.	\$125 per diem

6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2023-2024 School Year Stipend Positions, contingent upon student enrollment for those student activities subsidized in accordance with Board Policy 2436, Activity Participation Fee Program.

Position	Name	Salary
Jazz Band Director	Tom Wise	\$43/session NTE 60 sessions
Band Director - Lessons	Tom Wise	\$43/session NTE 60 sessions
Asst. Play Director - Pit Band	Tom Wise	\$612 (3+ yr. rate)
Chess Club K-2	Greg Gormly	\$36/session NTE 30 sessions

7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff to assist Mr. Rosenblum and Mrs. Wargaski with the middle school play. Stipends will be paid through the Student Activities Music Fund. **Pending successful background check*

Name	Position	Rate
Lindsey Garnhart*	Choreographer	\$3,000
Irene Rigos	Crew Supervisor	\$800
High School Volunteers	Parent Volunteers	
Andrew Gamboa Anthony Tranquilli Emma Wargaski Anthony Zacieracha	Genevieve Cooper Karen Dillon Cathy Eser Cynthia Luna Karen Malet Stephanie Phillipou	Claudia Shehady Donald Steinmetz Fatima Wilches Anne Woodard Michele Worth

XVI. Policy

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

P 3161	Examination for Cause	Revised/Recommended
P 4161	Examination for Cause	Revised/Recommended
P 5111 R 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students	Revised/Mandated Revised/Mandated

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

P 3212 R 3212	Attendance	Revised/Mandated New
P 4212 R 4212	Attendance	Revised/Mandated New
P 6660	Student Activity Fund	Revised/Mandated

XVII. Old Business

XVIII. New Business

XIX. Committee Reports

XX. Public Participation

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XXII. Executive Session

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XXIII. Adjournment

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