Board of Education Mountainside Negotiations Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 9, 2026; 5:30-6:30 pm
Deerfield Middle School, Mountainside, NJ

Berkeley Heights Board Members inAttendance:

- ☑ Ms. Gale Bradford, Chair
- ☑ Mrs. Natasha Joly
- ☑ Mrs. Deb Terrero

Berkeley Heights District Attendees:

- ☑ Dr. Kim Feltre, Superintendent
- ☑ Jennifer Nicholson, Business Administrator

Mountainside Board Members in Attendance:

- ☑ Mr. Jordan Hyman, Chair
- ☑ Mr. Mike Goodwin
- ☑ Dr. Dana Guidicipietro

Mountainside District Attendees:

- ☑ Mr. Chris Kinney, Superintendent
- ☑ Brooke Burik, Business Administrator

Mission Statement:

The purpose of the Mountainside Negotiations Committee is to facilitate open communication, thoughtful discussion, and informed decision-making related to the grades 9-12 send–receive relationship between the Berkeley Heights School District and the Mountainside School District. The Committee is committed to ensuring fiscal responsibility and transparency for both the sending and receiving districts while prioritizing high-quality educational opportunities and positive learning outcomes for students.

The Committee will work collaboratively to review enrollment trends, tuition calculations, program offerings and contractual obligations, with the goal of maintaining a fair, sustainable and mutually beneficial partnership. In all deliberations, the Committee will seek to balance financial stewardship with the shared responsibility to provide a supportive, nurturing educational environment that promotes student growth, achievement and well-being.

Through respectful collaboration and a long-term perspective, the Mountainside Negotiations Committee supports a strong inter-district relationship grounded in trust, accountability and a shared commitment to serving students and communities effectively.

Topics Discussed:

- Welcoming and updating new committee members on BH and MTS committees
- Review of some of the analytics collected by BH business administrator
- Discussion on analytics presented by BH

- Questions and answers
- Request for next meeting internally for both committees
- Meeting adjourned at 6:30

Respectfully Submitted,
Gale Bradford