Berkeley Heights Internal BH/MTS Negotiations Committee Minutes
Friday, October 2, 2026, 12:00-1:00 pm

Board Members in Attendance:

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

District Attendees:

- ☑ Dr. Kim Feltre, Superintendent
- ☑ Jennifer Nicholson, Business Administrator
- ☑ David Disler, Board Attorney

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.

Discussion Items: Due to the confidentiality of negotiations, the following is a summary

- The BH Administration gave a summary of the meeting that was held on October 1, 2026 with the Mountainside Administration and the County Administration.
- The Committee discussed the next steps in the negotiations with two action items by the BH Administration and the BH Board Attorney.
- There was an update on negotiations today from the County Administration.
    - An internal meeting will be scheduled next week.

The meeting ended at 1:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Gale Bradford