

MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Minutes of March 31, 2025  
LAFAYETTE LEARNING CENTER, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
MORRISTOWN, NJ

The special business meeting of the Board of Education of the Morris School District, of Morris County, New Jersey was held at Lafayette Learning Center 31 Hazel Street, Morristown, NJ on Monday evening, March 31, 2025 at 6:04pm.

Mr. Daniel Borgo, Interim Board Secretary, called the meeting to order and made the following announcement: The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act the Board of Education of the Morris School District in the County of Morris has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted. The notice was mailed to the Daily Record, TAPinto Morristown and to those persons or entities requesting notification, posted on the district website and posted at the Administration Center, 31 Hazel Street, Morristown, New Jersey.

At the Roll Call, the following Board Members were present: Mrs. Katie Cole, Board President, Mrs. Meredith Davidson, Board Vice-President, Mr. Cary Lloyd, Ms. Linda K. Murphy, Mrs. Susan Pedalno, Ms. Tina Perry, Morris Plains Representative, Mr. Alan Smith, Mrs. Melissa Spiotta and Mrs. Beth Wall.

Dr. Vivian Rodriguez was absent.

Also present at 6:00pm, Dr. Anne Mucci, Superintendent, Mr. Daniel Borgo, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

*Mr. Borgo presented the current project list and district priorities. A discussion ensued with the Board.*

### **BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING**

*Ms. Perry read in the following statement:*

*As appointed representative of the sending Morris Plains School District to the Morris School District Board of Education, I would like to clarify that my votes on tonight's Business Agenda items will relate only to those items that are identified as applicable District-wide, to grades PreK-12, or to the High School, grades 9-12.*

*I am abstaining from voting on any agenda item pertaining solely to the Elementary and Middle Schools, grades PreK-8.*

**POLICY**

**DISTRICT**

***RESIDENCY RESOLUTION***

Motion #1     **PULLED**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

***RESIGNATION(S)/TERMINATION(S)/RETIREMENT(S) 2024-2025***

Motion #1     that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the resignation(s), termination(s) and/or retirement(s) of the following staff according to the effective date and reason shown:

<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>	
Employee #8198	April 15, 2025 Terminated

**HUMAN RESOURCES (Motion #1)**

Moved by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Spiotta

AYES:           Mr. Lloyd, Ms. Murphy, Mrs. Pedalino, Ms. Perry,  
                    Mr. Smith, Mrs. Spiotta, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Cole

NOES:           None

ABSTAIN:       None

ABSENT:        Dr. Rodriguez

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

**DISTRICT**

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

***SUBMISSION OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2025-2026 - Revised***

Motion #1 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following revised resolution:

**Adjustment for Health Care Costs: \$1,756,065**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget the adjustment for **Health care costs** in the amount of \$1,756,065. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b), the district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority. The adjustment is needed to maintain current programming and necessary building improvements.

**DISTRICT**

***BILLS LIST 2024-2025***

Motion #2 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the attached 2024-2025 bills list for the period ending:

**March 15, 2025 & March 31, 2025 (payroll)**

**March 31, 2025**

**April 1, 2025 (NACHA)**

***SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY***

Motion #3 WHEREAS the following property is not needed for school purposes; there exists a need for all available space at the various schools; and, the NJ Public School Contracts Law, 18A: 18A-45, requires a resolution authorizing the disposition of surplus property,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris School District Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to dispose of this surplus property. The items that are in saleable condition will be listed on the online auction site [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com). The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals are available on the vendor's website and available in the Morris School district's Business Office. Items not sold within 14 days of listing may be removed from district premises at no cost to the district. Items listed as salvage will be removed from school property.

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Quantity</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>	<b><u>Asset Tag #</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>
Office credenza	3	20+ years	N/A	Central Office Payroll	Worn, replaced
Tall two door storage cabinet	1	20+ years	N/A	Central Office Accounting	No longer in use

***SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY***

Motion #4 WHEREAS the following property is not needed for school purposes; there exists a need for all available space at the various schools; and, the NJ Public School Contracts Law, 18A: 18A-45, requires a resolution authorizing the disposition of surplus property,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris School District Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to dispose of this surplus property. The following items will be listed on an online auction through Hunterdon County ESC. Items not sold may be removed from district premises at no cost to the district.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Asset Tag #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Comment</u>
M3 2016 Thomas C2 54 passenger bus # 4UZABRDTXGCHH7215	1	9 years	015217	Transportation	Public Bid
M8 2016 Thomas C2 54 passenger bus # 4UZABRDT1GCHH7216	1	9 years	015216	Transportation	Public Bid
M10 2015 IC CE 54 Passenger bus # 4DRBUC8N2FB678367	1	10 years	015180	Transportation	Public Bid
M2 2015 IC CE 54 Passenger bus # 4DRBUC8NXFB619311	1	10 years	015094	Transportation	Public Bid

***PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2024-2025***

Motion #5 WHEREAS there exists a need for professional services for 2024-2025 and funds are available for these purposes,

WHEREAS the Public School Contracts Law (Chapter 114, Laws of 1977) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for professional services without competitive bids be publicly adopted,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris School District Board of Education that the following be engaged as follows:

Creative Speech Solutions	Related Services	<u>2024-2025 Rate Sheet</u>
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**BUSINESS MATTERS (Motions #1-5)**

Moved by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Spiotta

AYES: Mr. Lloyd, Ms. Murphy, Mrs. Pedalino, Ms. Perry,  
Mr. Smith, Mrs. Spiotta, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Cole

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Dr. Rodriguez

**ADJOURNMENT (8:35PM)**

Moved by Mrs. Wall, seconded by Mr. Lloyd

AYES: Mr. Lloyd, Ms. Murphy, Mrs. Pedalino, Ms. Perry,  
Mr. Smith, Mrs. Spiotta, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Cole

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Dr. Rodriguez

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Borgo  
Interim Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary