NEWS FROM THE BOE

Monday, January 5, 2026

The Morris School District Board of Education held its annual reorganization meeting on Monday, January 5, 2026, at the Morristown High School Learning Commons.



Pictured from *Left to right:*
Dr. Vivian Rodriguez, Ms. Linda Murphy, Ms. Christina Perry, Ms. Meredith Davidson, Mrs. Diana Agu, Ms. Elizabeth Wall, Mr. Alan Smith, Ms. Katie Cole, Ms. Melissa Spiotta, and Ms. Sieglinde Pylypchuk

The Board of Education kicked off the new year by holding its annual Reorganization Meeting. The proceedings began with the Board Secretary, Mr. Anthony LoFranco, swearing in newly elected members Ms. Diana Agu and Ms. Sieglinde Pylypchuk, as well as returning members Ms. Christina Perry and Ms. Melissa Spiotta.

New Executive Leadership:

Following the swearing-in ceremony, members held elections to appoint leadership positions for the new term. The Board is pleased to announce the following appointments:

- **Dr. Vivian Rodriguez** has been elected as **Board President**.
- **Ms. Linda Murphy** has been elected as **Board Vice President**.

Governance Operations:

Beyond choosing leadership, the board also established the following:

- **Code of Ethics:** The **Code of Ethics for School Board Members** was formally adopted.
- **Meeting Procedures:** The district will continue to use *Robert's Rules of Order* to run meetings.
- **Meeting Schedule:** Regular meetings for 2026–2027 will be held on Monday evenings unless otherwise noted. The schedule will be posted to *The Daily Record* and *TAPinto Morristown* at least 48 hours before a revised meeting date. The full schedule can be found **here**.
- **Policy Adoption:** All existing district policies, handbooks, and regulations were formally re-adopted.
- **Official Newspapers:** *The Daily Record* remains the district's official newspaper for information, with *The Star-Ledger* used for broader reach.

2026 Board Appointments



Diana Agu - Morris Township

Joining the Board this year is Ms. Diana Agu, a Morris Township resident of 11 years and a dedicated district parent with two children attending Hillcrest Elementary School. Ms. Agu brings a strong background in educational advocacy to her new role, having previously served as the president of the Morris County Special Education Parents Advisory Group (SEPAG).



Sieglinde Pylypchuk - Morristown

Newly elected member Ms. Sieglinde Pylypchuk is a Morristown resident and parent at Alexander Hamilton School. Her prior leadership roles for the Alexander Hamilton HSA provide a strong foundation for her work on the Board. Her goal as a BOE member is to continue the positive work the District is already doing toward improving student achievement, while focusing on thoughtful and open communication with parents and community members.



Melissa Spiotta - Morris Township

The Board is pleased to welcome back Melissa Spiotta, a Morristown High School alumna, former district parent, and experienced BOE member. Melissa brings years of experience as an MSD board member, which includes serving as a former board president and vice president. This term, Melissa hopes to share her expertise by mentoring new members as they transition into their roles.



Christina Perry - Morris Plains

Also sworn in for a returning term was Ms. Christina Perry, who represents the Morris Plains community. Ms. Perry joined the Morris School Board in January of 2025 and has also been an active member of the Morris Plains BOE since 2016. Her dual role of serving on both boards ensures that the interests of Morris Plains students attending Morristown High School are represented with both expertise and local insight.







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Why Should You Sign Up?

Joining the mailing list is the easiest way to get important and up-to-date information. The district mailing list is dedicated to providing relevant information to specific stakeholders. Staying informed is easy. The district respects your time and only sends essential and community-focused communications. You'll receive:

- **District Updates:** Stay informed on important policy changes, school board decisions, and budget information.
- **Upcoming Events:** Learn about district events and community forums.
- **Ways to Engage:** Find out about opportunities to provide feedback to the district.

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