

**MORRIS COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026

Time: _____

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**

- II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

- III. STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER**

“I hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting of the Board of Education of the Morris County Vocational School District was given as required by the “Open Public Meetings Act” as follows:

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate written notice was given to the official newspapers, the Star Ledger and Daily Record, by email on November 4, 2025 and a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Morris County School of Technology, Denville, New Jersey by the Secretary of this Board and a copy of the notice was likewise filed in the Secretary’s Office and a copy sent to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Morris County and the Clerk of the Township of Denville at the same time. Copies of this notice were mailed, by certified mail to all persons who have requested it, and the Secretary of this Board shall incorporate into the minutes of this meeting a copy of the notice as above set forth.”

IV. ROLL CALL

Board of Education: _____ Mrs. Barbara Dawson
_____ Mr. John Hyland
_____ Mrs. Hanna Roth Starr
_____ Mr. John Paul Velez
_____ Dr. Nancy Gartenberg

Superintendent: _____ Dr. Anita Champagne
Attorney for the Board of Education: _____ Mr. John M. Mills
Business Administrator/Board Secretary: _____ Mr. Michael Davison
Student Representative: _____ Miss Harshini Chavan

Press: _____

Visitors: _____

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- New Staff Introductions
- Facilities Update
- Student BOE Representative Report

Dr. Anita Champagne
Michael Davison
Harshini Chavan

Information Only:

- MCST Security and Fire Drill Logs and Student Incident Report (Attachment #1)
- MCCTI Security and Fire Drill Logs and Student Incident Reports (Attachment #2)

VII. COMMITTEE PROGRAMS

VIII. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC (related to agenda items only)

IX. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of December 9, 2025 as submitted. (Attachment #3)
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of the Board of Education of December 9, 2025 as submitted.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Roll Call:** _____

X. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT AND TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Motion to approve the Report of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary submitted pursuant to 18A:17-9 for the period ending and investments made during the month of November 2025. Further, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 the Board of Education certifies that as of November 30, 2025, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriate section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Attachment #4)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I certify that as of November 30, 2025 no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10.

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Date

2. Motion to approve the Report of the Treasurer submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36 for the period ending November 30, 2025. (Attachment #5)

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Roll Call:** _____

XI. FINANCE

The following Resolutions have been recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Motion to approve the payment of bills as attached. (Attachment #6)
2. Motion to approve and authorize the Board Secretary to pay urgent and unforeseen bills and meet financial obligations for January 14, 2026 through the next Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education meeting.
3. Motion to approve the following amendments to the 2025/2026 Current Expense anticipated revenue budget statement and the corresponding appropriations budget for Funds 11, 12, 13, 20, 30, 62, 63 and 66 as per listing attached. (Attachment #7)
4. Motion to approve the attached list of travel and related costs which are educationally necessary, fiscally prudent, in compliance with state travel reimbursement guidelines, are related to and within the scope of the employee's current responsibilities and promote the delivery of instruction or further the efficient operation of the school district. (Attachment #8)
5. Motion to accept a donation from James L. Mullin, Dover, New Jersey, in the amount of \$3,500.00 for tuition scholarships for Dover residents enrolled in the MCVSD Adult and Continuing Education Apprenticeship programs, with a letter of appreciation to the donor.
6. Motion to approve the following tuition rates for full-time and share-time secondary students for the 2026-2027 school year:

	In-County 26-27 Rate	24-25 DOE Certified Cost per Pupil	Out-of-County 26-27 Rate*
Full-Time General Education	\$10,562 (3.8% increase)	\$10,543	\$14,562 (2.66% increase)
Full-Time Special Education	\$15,361 (0% increase)	\$14,779	\$19,361 (0% increase)
Share-Time General Education	\$5,221 (3.8% increase)	\$5,271	\$7,221 (2.65% increase)
Share-Time Special Education	\$7,681 (0% increase)	\$7,389	\$9,681 (0% increase)

*Includes a \$4,000 (Full-Time) or \$2,000 (Share-Time) capital and operating expense charge per 18A:54-23.4 for non-resident students.

7. Motion to accept the FY26 ESEA Consolidated Grant funds in the amount of \$144,001.00 (*Title IA for \$107,350.00, Title IIA for \$26,651.00, and Title IV for \$10,000.00*) for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.
8. Motion to approve the submission of a Budget Amendment to the FY26 ESEA Consolidated Grant to adjust the current grant allocation from \$144,00.00 to \$155,470.00 (*Title IA for \$114,462.00, Title IIA for \$31,008.00, and Title IV for \$10,000.00*) to incorporate \$11,469.00 in carryover funds into the budget.

9. Motion to approve the submission of a Budget Amendment to the FY26 IDEA Grant to adjust the current grant allocation from \$284,355.00 to \$329,800.00. to incorporate \$45,445.00 in carryover funds into the budget.
10. Motion to accept the FY26 Perkins Secondary Grant funds as a member of a Consortium with Morris Hills Regional School District and Randolph Public School District in the amount of \$457,585.00 for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.
11. Motion to accept the Excellence in Medicine Fund grant from the New Jersey Health Foundation in the amount of \$100,000.00. The grant will be in effect from January 2026 through June 2026, with a final report due by August 20, 2026.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Roll Call:** _____

XII. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, PROGRAMS, STUDENTS

The following Resolutions have been recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Motion to approve the senior Work-Based Learning Experiences for the 2025-2026 school year as per the attached list. (Attachment #9)
2. Motion to approve the attached list of field trips for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment #10)
3. Motion to approve the attached revised MCVSD Chemical Hygiene Plan. (Attachment #11)
4. Motion to approve the establishment of the Hindu Heritage Club as a Category 1 Club effective February 12, 2026.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Roll Call:** _____

XIII. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following Resolution has been recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Motion to approve the first reading of the following new Strauss Esmay Policy:
#5460 High School Graduation (Attachment #12)

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Roll Call:** _____

XIV. PERSONNEL

The following Resolutions have been recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Motion to amend the resolution of July 15, 2025 to approve an intermittent unpaid leave of absence under the New Jersey Family Medical Leave Act for newborn child bonding purposes for Ralph Scimeca, Computer and Information Sciences Academy Teacher, with an anticipated start date of September 26, 2025 through October 9, 2025 followed by February 2, 2026 through March 13, 2026 (updated leave dates).
2. Motion to approve the appointment of the following faculty members as Club Chaperones for the 2025-2026 school year:

George Lebrez
Edward Netherland

3. Motion to confirm and approve the appointment of Jennifer Dorr, School Nurse, to provide nursing services at the MCST School Dance on November 14, 2025 for a maximum of 3.5 hours at her hourly rate.
4. Motion to approve the attached allocations for grant-funded positions for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment #13)
5. Motion to approve the appointment of Rachel Ciottariello as the Admissions IEP Reviewer, effective January 14, 2026, through May 30, 2026, for a maximum of 75 hours at her contracted hourly rate.
6. Motion to approve the appointment of Dominique Mazzone as full-time (10-month) Adult and Continuing Education LPN Instructor at the annual salary of \$85,195.00 prorated for the period February 2, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Roll Call:** _____

XV. FACILITIES

The following Resolution has been recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Motion to confirm and approve the use of the facilities by Morris Catholic High School for Volleyball practice in the Building #4 Multipurpose Room from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Roll Call:** _____

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

- Career Pathways Night: May 7, 2026, MCST Gymnasium and Cafeteria, at 5:30 p.m.
- Senior Sports Award Ceremony: June 4, 2026, MCST, at 6:30 p.m.
- Share-Time Completers Ceremony: June 5, 2026, County College of Morris, at 1:00 p.m.
- Graduation: June 15, 2026, Mennen Arena, at 3:00 p.m.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

- Next Regular Board Meeting: February 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- Board of School Estimate: March 25, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (Knox Room, County Administration Building)

XVIII. SUNSHINE RESOLUTION

Motion to adopt the following sunshine resolution:

WHEREAS, this meeting is duly and properly called for a regular session meeting of this Body and adequate notice has been given as provided by the "Open Public Meetings Act" and,

WHEREAS, it is now necessary that the Board of Education of the Morris County Vocational School District consider the following matter(s):

Legal

which falls within the exceptions as set forth in the "Open Public Meetings Act" and therefore is a matter(s) which this Body determines should be discussed at a closed meeting. It is anticipated that this closed session will last approximately **15 minutes**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Education of the Morris County Vocational School District as follows:

That this Body shall at this time recess this meeting and conduct a closed meeting concerning the above referenced matter(s), which involves exceptions this Body hereby determines are of such a nature that they cannot be discussed at an open meeting and this Body is at this time unable to determine when the matter(s) under discussion can be disclosed to the public. However, this Body will make such a disclosure when circumstances permit.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Roll Call:** _____

Time Recessed: _____ Time Reconvened: _____

Motion to return to public meeting.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Roll Call:** _____

ROLL CALL:

_____	Mrs. Barbara Dawson
_____	Mr. John Hyland
_____	Mrs. Hanna Roth Starr
_____	Mr. John Velez
_____	Dr. Nancy Gartenberg

Motion to return to public meeting.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Roll Call:** _____

XIX. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

XX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Time: _____

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Roll Call:** _____