



BOARDROOM

Highlights of Monthly Board of Education Meeting

January 2026

Superintendent's Report

The enrollment figures as of January 2, 2026 are as follows:

	<i>Morris Hills</i>	<i>Morris Knolls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Grade 9	284	369	653
Grade 10	333	341	674
Grade 11	242	391	633
Grade 12	285	352	637
Adult HS	--	125	125
Adult ASAP HS	--	25	8
AMSE	179	--	179
APA	--	138	138
SE Self- Contained	--	47	47
TOTAL	1323	1788	3094

Mr. Nicholas J. Norcia
Superintendent

Board Meeting Highlights...

- Authorized approval of the following Summer Program dates for 2026:

Course Title	Dates
Algebra I Summer Acceleration	June 29 - July 31, 2026 (No class July 3, 2026)
Geometry Honors Summer Acceleration	June 29 - July 31, 2026 (No class July 3, 2026)
SAT Prep Summer Acceleration	Session 1: June 29 - July 15, 2026 (No class July 3, 2026) Session 2: July 16 - July 31, 2026
Personal Finance Summer Acceleration	Session 1: June 29 - July 15, 2026 (No class July 3, 2026) Session 2: July 16 - July 31, 2026
Aviation/Drones Middle School Enrichment	July 20 - July 24, 2026
TV/Film Production Middle School Enrichment	July 20 - July 24, 2026
Robotics Middle School Enrichment	July 20 - July 24, 2026
College Writing Camp	Session 1: July 7 - 9, 2026 Session 2: August 4 - 6, 2026
Academy for the Performing Arts Summer Enrichment	August 20, 2026
ESL Summer Academy/Credit Recovery	Week 1: July 6 - 10, 2026 Week 2: July 13 - 17, 2026 Week 3: July 20 - 24, 2026
Academy for Math, Science, and Engineering Summer Program	Week 1: July 13 - 17, 2026 Week 2: July 20 - 24, 2026
AVID Summer Week	July 13 - 17, 2026
Cybersecurity	July 9 and July 21, 2026
ESY	July 6 - 31, 2026

- Authorized approval of the following New Course for the 2026-2027 School Year:

Course Title	Credits	Level	Grade Level	Prerequisites	Implementation Date
AP German Language/IB German SL2	5	College Course (AP)	11-12	German 4H/IB German SL1	August 2026

- Authorized approval of the following Staff Conferences:

Name / School	Location / Date	Conference
Krystal Beck / Dist.	Online 1/27/26, 2/3/26, 2/10/26, 2/24/26, 3/3/26, 3/10/26	NJDOE: NJSLS-SS Expert Review Committee
Anthony Knuth / MH Jeffrey DeMiceli / MH Meghan Burgin / MH (1/28 only)	Newark, NJ 1/28/2026 & 2/25/2026	NJIT: Teacher Prep for College Access - Dual Enrollment 2-Day Conference
Krystal Beck / Dist.	Monroe, NJ 1/29/26, 2/18/26 (online), 3/19/26, 4/21/26 (online), 6/24/26	NJPSA/FEA: School Supervisor Mentorship Pilot Program
Rachel Mandel / MK	Online 2/4/26, 2/18/26, 2/25/26, 3/4/26, 4/22/26	Drew University Teach Workshops
Kevin Doyle / Dist.	Monroe, NJ 2/6/26, 3/2/26, 4/21/26 (online)	NJPSA Supervisors Series
Janine Rinaldi / MH	Online 2/13/26	TCNJ: Virtual PD for AAC
Kristen Markowski / MK	Atlantic City, NJ 2/18/26 - 2/21/26	2026 NJMEA State Conference - NJ Choral Procedures Chairperson
Heather Olson / MK	South Plainfield, NJ 2/19/26	Crisis Prevention Institute: Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Instructor Renewal
Jodie Adessa / APA	Atlantic City, NJ 2/20/26	2026 NJMEA State Conference
Heather Jensen / MK	Online 2/26/26	Rutgers University: PCAST- Supporting the Participation of Students Who Use Limited Words to Communicate in Person-Centered Planning
Melanie Hanright / MK	Atlantic City, NJ 3/1/26 - 3/2/26	Athletic Trainers Society of NJ Annual Conference
Michelle Lis / MK	Online 3/9/26	BER: Using AI to Increase Math Learning and Increase Teacher Productivity (Grades 6-12)

Name / School	Location / Date	Conference
Claire Herman / MH Laura Palmerezzi / MK	Atlantic City, NJ 3/10/26 - 3/13/26	DAANJ Annual Conference
Constance Conti / MK	Online 3/12/26	Wilson Academy: Public Just Words Virtual Launch Workshop
Kevin Doyle / Dist.	Anaheim, CA 4/14/26 - 4/18/26	NSELA & NSTA Spring Conference
Seth Mandel / MH	New Brunswick, NJ 5/20/26 - 5/21/26	NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference - Presenter

➤ Authorized approval of the following Field Trips:

Name / School	Dept./ Trip #	Location / Date
Andres Diaz / MH Jenna Miller / MH Nurse	English / Gifted & Talented AT-08169	Morristown, NJ 2/2/2026
Tiffany Doltz / MH	Mock Trial AT-08010	Morristown, NJ 2/3/2026
Tiffany Doltz / MH	Mock Trial AT-08012	Morristown, NJ 2/4/2026
Tiffany Doltz / MH	Mock Trial AT-08011	Morristown, NJ 2/5/2026
Holly Bridge / MH ~~Peter Adams / MH~~ CHANGED TO: BRYANT WANAMAKER / MH	Social Studies AT-07433	Morristown, NJ ~~2/18/2025~~ CHANGED TO: 2/6/2026
Tiffany Doltz / MH	Mock Trial AT-08009	Morristown, NJ 2/6/2026
Christopher Carrano / MK Stephanie Fasano / MK Anthony Vasile / MK 15 Staff Assistants Nurse	Special Education AT-08143	Rockaway, NJ 2/11/2026
Bryan Gallagher / MK Anthony Vasile / MK Christopher Cervona / MK Joseph Kelly / MK	Varsity Football AT-08061	East Rutherford, NJ 2/13/2026
Christopher Carrano / MK Stephanie Fasano / MK Anthony Vasile / MK Matthew Kelly / MK 15 Staff Assistants / MK Nurse	Special Education AT-08139	Rockaway, NJ 2/18/2026
Daniel Mortensen / MK Debbi Sabatini / MH	Esports AT-08378	Lakewood, NJ 2/19/2026
Debbi Sabatini / MH	Esports AT-08121	Lakewood, NJ 2/21/2026
Jenna Miller / MH	Gifted & Talented AT-08258	Denville, NJ 2/23/2026 Snow Date: 2/24/2026
Jenny Malin / MK Keith Bigora / Dist. Colleen Perry / MH Jennifer Berk / Nurse 2 Parent chaperones	DECA AT-08366/08368 (MK) AT-08369/08371 (MH)	Atlantic City, NJ & Forked River, NJ 3/3/2026 - 3/6/2026
Allyson Moreno / MH Stefana Niemoczynski / MH	Science AT-08293	Edison, NJ 3/9/2026
Lauren Jackson / MH Michael Mugavero / MK Vincent Limon / MH Christina Dickinson / MK Erick Gill / MH Dana Schwartz / MH Keith Bigora / Dist. Jennier Berk / Nurse	FBLA AT-08360/08365 (MK) AT-08359/08364 (MH)	Atlantic City, NJ 3/9/2026 - 3/11/2026
Nicole Gentile / MH Jenna Miller / MH Emma Evans / MK	Gifted & Talented AT-08147	Madison, NJ 3/12/2026

Name / School	Dept./ Trip #	Location / Date
Rebecca Rock / MK Nurse		
Mary Kelson / MK Stephan Zdanowicz / MK	Varsity Club AT-08138	Denville & Rockaway, NJ 3/13/2026
Brett Izsa / Dist. Erin Morgan / MK Parent Chaperones	Music AT-08213	New York, NY 3/16/2026
Samora Brice / MH Nicholas Livigne / MH Nurse	Art AT-08186	Montclair, NJ 3/25/2026
Sandra Ostrowski / MK Erin Morgan / MK	Art AT-08185	Montclair, NJ 3/26/2026
Rachel Mandel / MK Noelle Immediato / MK Amanda Manjorin / MK Tara Kane / MK Amy Lieberworth / MK	English AT-07749	Madison & Florham Park, NJ ~~4/21/2026~~ CHANGED TO: 4/6/2026
Seana Pivko / MH Catherine Leonard / MH	Varsity Club AT-08141	Rockaway & Wharton, NJ 4/7/2026
Aaron Lipsen / MK Stacy Wieringa / MK Katrina Johnson / MK 2 parent chaperones	Social Studies / Art AT-08149	New York, NY 4/7/2026
Richard Abad / MK Erin Morgan / MK Sandra Ostrowski / MK Stacy Wieringa / MK Rachel Gallo / MK	Art AT-08167	Trenton, NJ 4/9/2026
Jason Collinsworth / MK Keith Kasper / MK ADDED: Cara Russo / MH Robert Giovine / MH	English AT-07787	Astoria, NY 4/23/2026
Noelle Immediato / MK Nicole Shubert / MK Debbi Amicucci / MK	English AT-08217	Budd Lake & Rockaway, NJ 4/27/2026
Nicholas Livigne / MH Lewis Gabriele / MH Jenna Miller / MH	Gifted & Talented / Art AT-08112	New York, NY 4/29/2026
Heather Olson / MK Anthony Vasile / MK Kelly Lestrangle / MK 13 Staff Assistants Nurse	Special Education AT-08216	West Orange, NJ 5/8/2026 Rain Date: 5/29/2026

- Authorized approval to accept a monetary prize in the amount of \$1,000 from the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Competition to the Morris Hills High School Technology Department.
- Authorized approval to accept the donation of a 40Lx20Hx20D cedar chest with brass hardware, with an approximate value of \$200.00, from Brian and Lisa Donovan to the Morris Hills Regional District to benefit students in the Gifted and Talented Woodworking program.
- Authorized accepting, with regret, the resignation of the following personnel for the purpose of retirement:

Name	Position	Loc.	Eff. Date
Everett, Travis	Teacher of Science	MK	6/30/2026
Bohmer, Jennifer	Security Support Personnel	MH	6/30/2026
Fay, Edward	Custodian - 3rd Shift	MH	2/28/2026

- Authorized accepting the resignation of the following personnel:

Name	Position	Loc.	Eff. Date
Employee #007951	Teacher	MH	02/28/2026
Eggert, Jeffrey	Assistant Track & Field Coach	MK	1/26/2026
Zdanowicz, Stephan	Assistant Girls Lacrosse Coach	MK	1/26/2026
Pisicotto, James	Assistant Football Coach	MK	1/26/2026
DiGennaro, Mark	Assistant Baseball Coach	MH	1/26/2026

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the rescinding of the following contract:

Name	Position	Loc.	Eff. Date
Alers Gonzalez, Emily	Special Education Staff Assistant	MK	1/16/2026

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 and/or 2026-2027 school years the following leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Godleski, Dale	Teacher of Family & Consumer Science	MH	4/27/26 - 11/16/26
Reina, Claudia	Custodian	MK	1/12/26 - 4/6/26

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment of staff and payment of stipend for the following 1/6 positions:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Fisher, Maryanne	Teacher of Special Educ.	MK	2/17/26-6/30/26
Lestrangle, Kelly	Teacher of Special Educ.	MK	2/17/26-6/30/26
Vasile, Anthony	Teacher of Special Educ.	MK	2/17/26-6/30/26
Giorgianni, Gina	Teacher of Special Educ.	MK	2/17/26-6/30/26
Fasano, Stephanie	Teacher of Special Educ.	MK	2/17/26-6/30/26
Kaufman, Reid	Teacher of Special Educ.	MK	2/17/26-6/30/26
Maloupis, Nicholas	Teacher of Science	MH	1/13/26-6/30/26
Knuth, Anthony	Teacher of Science	MH	1/16/26-6/30/26
Fundora, Martha	Teacher of Science	MH	1/14/26-6/30/26
Moreno, Allyson	Teacher of Science	MH	1/15/26-6/30/26
Doyle, Iwona	Teacher of Science	MH	1/13/26-6/30/26
Alexander, Christina	Teacher of English	MK	Revised: From: 1/5/26-2/13/26 To 1/5/26-1/22/26
Augenstein, Kristi	Teacher of English (2nd 1/6 position)	MK	1/26/26-2/13/26

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment of staff and payment of stipend for the following 2/6 positions:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Callanan, Maria	Learning Disabilities Consultant-Teacher	MK	1/5/26-6/30/26
DiFulco, Bianca	Learning Disabilities Consultant-Teacher	MK	1/5/26-6/30/26
McNally, Debra	Learning Disabilities Consultant-Teacher	MK	1/5/26-6/30/26
Ossa, Jovanna	Learning Disabilities Consultant-Teacher	MK	1/5/26-6/30/26
Vetter, Robyn	Learning Disabilities Consultant-Teacher	MK	1/5/26-6/30/26
Hurley, Christopher	Learning Disabilities Consultant-Teacher	MH	2/2/26-6/30/26
Seltzer, Alyson	Learning Disabilities Consultant-Teacher	MH	2/2/26-6/30/26
Wojcik, Leigh	Learning Disabilities Consultant-Teacher	MH	2/2/26-6/30/26

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the change of assignment and payment of salary of the following:

Name	Position	Loc.	Eff. Dates (all dates are on or about)
Stirrat, Susan	Special Education Staff Assistant	From: MK To: MH	12/1/25 - 6/30/26

- Authorized for the 2026-2027 school year the change of assignment and payment of salary of the following:

Name	Position	Loc.	Eff. Dates <i>(all dates are on or about)</i>
Metzger, Susan	From: Special Education Teacher To: Learning Disabilities Consultant Teacher	From: MK To: MH	7/1/26-6/30/27

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment and salary of staff for the Adult High School program:

Last Name	Position
Arico, Lee	English

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment of staff and payment of salary of the following non-certified positions, subject to receipt of required documentation:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates <i>(all dates are on or about)</i>
Soto, Luz	Bus Driver, Full-Run	Dist.	2/2/26-6/30/26
Escobar, Alina	Unified Sports-Football	MK	3/16/26-6/30/26
Escobar, Alina	Unified Sports-Track & Field	MK	3/16/26-6/30/26
Hughes, Richard	Boiler's License Stipend	Dist.	2/2/26-6/30/26

- Authorized for the 2026-2027 school year the appointment of staff and payment of salary of the following non-certified positions, subject to receipt of required documentation:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates <i>(all dates are on or about)</i>
Milovic, Eleta	Dramatics Asst.-Fall	MH	9/1/26-11/30/26

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year a horizontal advancement for the following certified personnel, in accordance with the 2024-2029 Negotiated Agreement between the Morris Hills Regional District Education Association and the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education:

Name	Position	Loc.	Eff. Dates <i>(all dates are on or about)</i>
Vikete, Michele	Teacher of Special Education	Dist.	2/1/26-6/30/26
Quinones, Jacqueline	Teacher of Spanish	MH	2/1/26-6/30/26
Moran, Kayley	Teacher of Science	MH	2/1/26-6/30/26
Employee ID #011258	CST Member	MK	7/1/25-6/30/26

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment of the following Substitute employees:

Name	Substitute Position	Period	Certificate
Murphy, Jeanine	Substitute Teacher	1/26/2026-6/30/26	County Certificate
Vex, Nathan	Substitute Teacher	1/26/2026-6/30/26	County Certificate
Huber, Emily	Substitute Teacher	1/26/2026-6/30/26	County Certificate

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the appointments and ratification of staff and payments of fees for Staff Development Workshops

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment of staff and rate of pay for the following positions:

Name	Position	Loc.	Period <i>(all dates are on or about)</i>	Add'l Info.
Cedano Rondon, Melissa	Homebound Instructor	Dist.	12/1/25 - 6/30/26	As needed
Brock, Dominique	SAT Bootcamp - English	MK	3/11-3/12/26 & 4/29-4/30/26	As needed
Calzone, Amy	AVID Interviews	MH	2/11- 2/12/26	3 hrs/day As needed
Milovic, Eleta	AVID Interviews	MH	2/11- 2/12/26	3 hrs/day As needed
Obser, Lisa	AVID Interviews	MH	2/11- 2/12/26	3 hrs/day As needed
Patterson, Brienne	AVID Interviews	MH	2/11- 2/12/26	3 hrs/day As needed
Pelosi, Nicholas	AVID Interviews	MH	2/11- 2/12/26	3 hrs/day As needed
Perez, Kerby	AVID Interviews	MH	2/12/26 only	3 hrs/day As needed
Penkalski, Kaitlyn	AVID Interviews	MH	2/11- 2/12/26	3 hrs/day As needed
Perry, Colleen	AVID Interviews	MH	2/11- 2/12/26	3 hrs/day As needed
Petrosino, Tracy	AVID Interviews	MH	2/12/26 only	3 hrs/day As needed
Weissensee, Monika	AVID Interviews	MH	2/11- 2/12/26	3 hrs/day As needed
McClure, Pamela	AVID Interviews - Check-In	MH	2/11/26 only	3 hrs/day As needed
Schweizer, Shannon	AVID Interviews - Check-In	MH	2/12/26 only	3 hrs/day As needed

- Authorized for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment of a volunteer coach as follows:

Name	Position	School
DiGennaro, Mark	Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach	Morris Hills

- Authorized for the 2026-2027 school year the appointment of a volunteer coach as follows:

Name	Position	School
Pisciotto, James	Volunteer Football Coach	Morris Knolls

- Authorized for the first reading, the following Bylaw:

Number	Title	New or Revised
a. Bylaw 0142.2	Nepotism	Revised

- Authorized for the second reading the following Policies and Regulations:

Number	Title	New or Revised
a. Policy 6111	Special Education Medicaid Initiative SEMI Program	Revised
b. Regulation 6111	Special Education Medicaid Initiative SEMI Program	Revised