

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Student BOE Representative Report 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 January 13, 2026 as submitted. (Attachment #3)
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of the Board of Education of January 13, 2026 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 December 2025. Further, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 the Board of Education certifies that as of December 31, 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 December 31, 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 December 31, 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 February 11, 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 approve the waiver of the district's participation in the SEMI program for the 2026-2027 school year:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(b)2 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than forty Medicaid eligible full-time classified students in accordance with the attached FY2027 Reimbursement Revenue Projection; (Attachment #9)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Morris an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2026-2027 school year.

6. Motion to approve the submission of the Artificial Intelligence Technology in CTE Pathways Grant application to the New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of \$25,000.00.
7. Motion to approve the submission of the Elevating High-Quality Work-Based Learning Grant application to the New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of \$30,000.00.

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 #10)

2. Motion to approve the attached list of field trips for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment #11)
3. Motion to approve the attached 2026-2027 school calendar. (Attachment #12)
4. Motion to establish the Hindu Heritage Club as a Category 1 Club effective February 12, 2026.
5. Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education received the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report of the Superintendent dated December 9, 2025;

WHEREAS, the parties involved in the case(s) reported were notified of the results of the investigation, Superintendent's decision and the rights of those parties to request a hearing before the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, no requests for a hearing before the Board of Education have been received for HIB Incident #2025-26-8; and

WHEREAS, the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights provides the Board of Education the opportunity to affirm, modify or reject the Superintendent's decisions on reported cases of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education **affirms** the Superintendent's decision for HIB Incident #2025-26-8 listed in the HIB Investigation Report reported to the Board at its regularly-scheduled Board of Education meeting on December 9, 2025. (Attachment #13)

6. Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a shared services agreement (hereafter "Contract") between the Pequannock Township Board of Education and the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education for the purposes of running a Satellite Share-Time Health Care Program is expiring on June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Contract does not provide any additional renewal periods; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Vocational School District's Board of Education has determined that it is not in its best interest to continue to operate a Share-Time Health Care Program as a Satellite program; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Morris County Vocational School District has provided notice to the Superintendent of Pequannock Township Public Schools on December 9, 2025 of the Morris County Vocational School District Board's decision to allow the contract to expire; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Morris County Vocational School District Board hereby terminates the Contract at expiration with the Pequannock Township Board of Education.

7. Motion to approve the attached Collaboration Agreement between Morris Hills Regional Board of Education and the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education for the Academy for Math, Science and Engineering for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031. (Attachment #14)

8. Motion to approve the attached Collaboration Agreement between Morris Hills Regional Board of Education and the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education for the Academy for Performing Arts for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031. (Attachment #15)

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

XIII. PERSONNEL

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

1. Motion to accept the resignation due to retirement of Susan Phillips, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, effective June 30, 2026.
2. Motion to approve the appointment of Jason Epler as Facilities Manager at the annual salary of \$110,000.00 to be prorated effective February 11, 2026 through June 30, 2026.
3. Motion to approve the appointment of Lori Klein as Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent at the annual salary of \$75,000.00 to be prorated with an anticipated start date of March 16, 2026 through June 30, 2026, pending successful completion of a criminal history background check and pre-employment physical examination.
4. Motion to approve a full-time unpaid leave of absence under the New Jersey Family Leave Act for Deirdre Romero, Academy for Global Commerce Teacher, effective February 11, 2026 through March 17, 2026, followed by an unpaid personal leave of absence effective March 18, 2026 with an anticipated end date of March 25, 2026.
5. Motion to approve advancement on the salary guide for Jessica Short, Multimedia Academy Teacher, to MA+30 effective September 1, 2026.
6. Motion to approve advancement on the salary guide for Catherine Mohrle, English Teacher, to MA effective September 1, 2026.
7. Motion to approve advancement on the salary guide for Susan Marotta, LPN Instructor, to MA effective September 1, 2026.
8. Motion to confirm and approve the appointment of Jacquelyn Kropp to teach three additional blocks of instruction (30% of annual salary) for the period August 28, 2025 through September 14, 2025.
9. Motion to confirm and approve the appointment of Jacquelyn Kropp to teach two additional blocks of instruction (20% of annual salary) for the period September 15, 2025 through October 17, 2025.
10. Motion to accept the resignation of Stephen Ward as Fitness Club Advisor for the Spring 2026 season.
11. Motion to approve the appointment of David McBride as Assistant Softball Coach for the Spring 2026 season.
12. Motion to approve the appointment of Jessica Prentice as JV Softball Coach for the Spring 2026 season.

- 13.** Motion to approve the establishment of the Hispanic Heritage Club and the appointment of Olenka Acosta as Advisor with a probationary period of February 11, 2026 through February 10, 2027 with a stipend of \$500.00.
- 14.** Motion to approve the establishment of the MCST E-Sports Club and the appointment of Stephanie Alblas and Ralph Scimeca as Co-Advisors with a probationary period of February 11, 2026 through February 10, 2027 with a shared stipend of \$500.00.
- 15.** Motion to approve the establishment of the Asian American Student Union (ECAASU) Club and the appointment of Marissa Levis as Advisor with a probationary period of February 11, 2026 through February 10, 2027 with a stipend of \$500.00.
- 16.** Motion to confirm and approve 7 additional hours for Megan Petrucelli, Student Success Instructor - ELA, effective January 21, 2026, through May 29, 2026, at the rate of \$60.00 per hour with funding provided by the FY26 ESEA Title I A Grant.
- 17.** Motion to approve 9 additional hours for Catherine Mohrle, Student Success Instructor - ELA, effective February 11, 2026, through May 29, 2026, at the rate of \$60.00 per hour with funding provided by the FY26 ESEA Title I A Grant.
- 18.** Motion to approve an additional 24 hours for Katherine Ilardi, Student Success Instructor - Math, effective February 11, 2026 through May 29, 2026, at the rate of \$60.00 per hour with funding provided by the FY26 ESEA Title I A Grant.
- 19.** Motion to approve the appointment of Erica Goodman as a part-time Adult Continuing Education LPN Clinical Instructor, effective February 11, 2026, through June 30, 2026, for a maximum of 300 hours at the rate of \$50.00 per hour.
- 20.** Motion to approve the appointment of Nory Urgiles as a part-time Adult and Continuing Education Apprenticeship Coordinator for a maximum of 50 hours at the rate of \$40.00 per hour effective February 11, 2026 through June 30, 2026.
- 21.** Motion to accept the resignation of Nicholas Tocci as a part-time ESL/Basic Skills Instructor effective January 13, 2026.
- 22.** Motion to approve the appointment of the Brian Sferra as a part-time ESL/Basic Skills Instructor (DHS Tuesday/Thursday) effective February 11, 2026, through June 30, 2026, for a maximum of 125 hours at the rate of \$38.00 per hour with funding provided by the FY26 Consolidated Adult Basic Skills (ABS) and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) Grant.
- 23.** Motion to approve the appointment of the following individuals as part-time Substitute ESL/Basic Skills Instructors effective February 11, 2026, through June 30, 2026, for a maximum of 65 hours each at the rate of \$38.00 per hour with funding provided by the FY26 Consolidated Adult Basic Skills (ABS) and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) Grant:

Blanca Roman
Jose Sanchez
- 24.** Motion to approve the appointment of Anthony Angelone as a part-time Adult and Continuing Education Welding (TIG) Instructor (Tuesday/Thursday) effective February 11, 2026 through June 30, 2026 for a maximum of 100 hours at the rate of \$35.00 per hour.

25. Motion to approve an additional 43 hours for Mary Hammond as a part-time Adult and Continuing Education TEAS Instructor at the rate of \$35.00 per hour effective February 11, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

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

XIV. FACILITIES

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

1. Motion to approve the use of the facilities by Monster Basketball for basketball practices in the Building #1 Gymnasium on Mondays and Thursdays as available from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. from March 19, 2026 through June 4, 2026.
2. Motion to approve the use of the facilities by Jersey Aces Basketball for basketball practices in the Building #1 Gymnasium on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as available from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. from March 17, 2026 through May 27, 2026.

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

XV. OLD BUSINESS

- Board of School Estimate: March 25, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. (Knox Room, County Administration Building)
- 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.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

- Next Regular Board Meeting: March 3, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. (First Tuesday)

XVII. 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
Student Issue

which fall(s) 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 **30 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:** _____

XVIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Time: _____

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