

**MORRIS HILLS REGIONAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**
48 Knoll Drive, Rockaway, NJ 07866

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 17, 2025
6:30 p.m., BOE Conference Room

I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wieczerszak asked the room to rise at 6:30 P.M. and requested a meeting roll call.

II. ROLL CALL

Meeting Roll Call	
Michael Bertram	Present
Christie D'Asti	Present
Frank Francia	Present
Barbara C. Levy	Absent
William Maher	Present
Patrick Napolitano	Present
William Serafin	Present
Michael Wieczerszak	Present
Theresa Yeager	Present

Others in Attendance	
Nicholas Norcia	Present
Nisha Zoeller	Present
Danielle Matovski	Present
Alicia Valverde-Mesa	Absent
Dan Haug	Present
Ryan MacNaughton	Present
Todd Toriello	Present
Dezaray Semer	Absent
MK SGA Pres. Anaya Shah	Present
MH SGA Pres. Keion Andrews	Present

III. OPENING STATEMENT - NOTICE OF MEETING

"Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the Daily Record on January 12, 2025, and in The Citizen on January 17, 2025. In addition, it was mailed to the municipal offices at Denville Township, Rockaway Borough, Rockaway Township, and Wharton Borough for posting; mailed to the Morris County Clerk's Office; posted in the lobbies of Morris Hills and Morris Knolls High School, and the Board of Education building on January 7, 2025."

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wieczerszak read the opening statement.

IV. PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

A. Approval to accept the minutes:

1) October 27, 2025 [Open](#) Session

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wieczerszak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Mr. Bertram	Seconded By:	Mr. Serafin
AYES: Mr. Bertram, Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wieczerszak			
NAYS: n/a			
ABSTAIN: n/a			
			Final Resolution: Motion Carried

V. CORRESPONDENCE

[MINUTES]

No matters for correspondence.

VI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

[MINUTES]

Mr. Norcia presented the Chief School Administrator's report.

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

[MINUTES]

Both student representatives presented their reports.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT

"Please know that the Board of Education recognizes and respects your right to make public comments under Federal and State law, as well as Board Bylaw 0167. This is not a dialogue between the commenter and the Board. This is an opportunity for the Board to hear comments from the community. Questions regarding District operations or procedures should be directed to the appropriate administrative staff.

Consistent with the Bylaw, public comment is limited to five minutes. The board may interrupt, warn, or terminate public comment when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant. Further, the Board may request anyone to leave its meeting if that person does not observe reasonable decorum. Again, we respect your right to public comment, but please be aware of this caution and warning, the rights of other persons, and the Board's rights concerning your comments."

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IX. FIRST PUBLIC PORTION - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

[**MINUTES**]
No public comment.

X. FIRST BOARD DISCUSSION PERIOD

[**MINUTES**]
No board discussion.

XI. AGENDA

A. Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation (Item 1-1)

1. Approval of the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist for the 2025-2026 school year for Morris Hills High School and Morris Knolls High School, dated October 31, 2025.

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NAYS: n/a			
ABSTAIN: n/a			Final Resolution: Motion Carried

B. Finance (Items 1-8)

1. Acceptance of the following reports:

Name	Month / Year
a. Treasurer's Report	September 2025
b. Board Secretary's Report	September 2025

2. Ratification of Payments:

Type	Month / Year
a. Accounts Payable Detail	October 2025
b. Agency AP Summary	October 2025
c. Accounts Payable Voids	October 2025

3. Ratification of Budget Transfers w/ no over expenditure lines:

Type	Month / Year
a. Budget Transfer Summary	October 2025
b. Budget Transfer Detail	October 2025

4. Ratification of Special Services Evaluation, Related Services, and Outside Placements as follows:

SPECIAL SERVICES EVALUATIONS & RELATED SERVICES - SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

Student	School	Eval./Service	Provider/Services	Cost
20252673	MK	Transition	College Steps	\$2,016.00*

*Contract previously approved on 08/18/2025 - amount is in addition to, as a result of an increase in hours.

5. Approval to dispose of the following through GovDeals:

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	REASON	LOCATION	REQUESTOR	ASSET ID
Apple iPad	24	End of Life	MK Storage	K.Castellano	n/a
Dell 2100 & 3100 2 IN 1	19	End of Life	MK Storage	K.Castellano	n/a
Dell Assorted Laptops	26	End of Life	MK Storage	K.Castellano	n/a
2009 Mac AI Book	1	End of Life	MK Storage	K.Castellano	n/a
Garvin Transmitter & Microphones	13	Updated	MH Auditorium	H. Fahrer	n/a
Cisco Systems Catalyst 2960G	2	Updated	MK Auditorium	K.Kasper	n/a
Mackie Misro Series 1202 Mixer	1	Updated	MK Auditorium	K.Kasper	n/a
Samson S700 350W X 2 Stereo	1	Updated	MK Auditorium	K.Kasper	n/a

6. Approval of a settlement agreement for student 20275675 on file in the business office.
7. Approval of a memorandum of understanding with DAWN Center for Independent Living for pre-employment transition services for the 2025-2026 school year at no cost to the District.
8. Approval of an agreement with Thomson Reuters Enterprise Centre GmbH and West Publishing Corporation for CLEAR Proflex - investigative and data analytics proprietary software to support school operations for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$9,393.30.

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NAYS:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a		
			Final Resolution: Motion Carried

C. Curriculum, Extended Education, Athletics, and Student Activities (Items 1-11)

1. Approval of International Exchange student ID#STU00126 to attend Morris Hills High School starting January 5, 2026, through the Pan Atlantic Foundation.
2. Approval of the following Guest Speakers:

Program	Guest	Description	Total Fee
Service Learning	Jen Rabulan-Bertram	Jen Rabulan-Bertram, Director of Marketing and Business Development for Simon Property Group, will discuss local programs and community outreach projects at the Rockaway Mall, making and building connections in the community, and marketing for community projects - November 2025	\$0
District Theatre Day	Jared Kirby LLC	Jared Kirby, or a representative from Jared Kirby LLC, will lead a workshop on stage combat - April 21, 2026 (snow date April 23, 2026)	\$500
Social Studies	Officer Aaron Tomasini	Officer Tomasini from the Morris County Sheriff's office will present to Criminology classes about the Morris County K9 program - December 15 & 16, 2025	\$0
Social Studies	Trooper Keith Rolson	Trooper Keith Rolson will present to the Criminology classes about the NJ State Police - January 2026	\$0
Social Studies	Stacey Murphy	Stacey Murphy, adjunct professor at Caldwell University and retired employee from Beacon Consulting, will present to AP Psychology and IB Psychology HL 1 classes about the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and how it can help students understand themselves and others - May 2026	\$0

3. Approval of the following CTE department Guest Speakers for the 2025 - 2026 school year at both Morris Hills High School and Morris Knolls High School:

Class	Guest	Business	Total Fee
Auto Mechanics 1	Robert Strelec	Universal Technical Institute	\$0
Aviation	Bob Cook	Jersey Ridge Soaring (<i>Jersey Ridge will bring in a full-size glider for an interactive station activity in the gym.</i>)	\$0
Aviation	David Sarkisian	Delta/New Jersey Aviation Education Council	\$0
Aviation	Naveed Baksh	FedEx	\$0
Aviation	Yana Hnatiuk	Frontier Airlines	\$0
College Accounting	Riley Furlong	NJCPA	\$0
College Accounting	Rachel Suntag	Deloitte, NJCPA	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Keshav Sheth	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Georgia Tech	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Vihas Veggalam	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from the University of Texas, Austin	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Timothy Lee	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Purdue University	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Matt Lubin	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Rachel Oh	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Johns Hopkins University	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Muthu Veerappan	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from the University of Michigan	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Kyle Buznitsky	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Rutgers, MIT	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Charan Kanna	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Rutgers, Ohio State University	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Joshua Estrin	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Lehigh University	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Mayur Srinivas	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Purdue University	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Alan Qu	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from the University of Maryland	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Sathvik Medapati	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from the United States Military Academy	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Sofia Marek	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Purdue University	\$0

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Engineering and Product Development	Matthew Makuch	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	David Xu	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Carnegie Mellon University	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Ivana Tang	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Johns Hopkins University of Colorado Boulder	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Premkumar Sethumadhavan	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Olin College	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Priyanka Patel	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Stanford University	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Siddhartha Kapuganti	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from NJIT	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Sara Ng	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Cornell University	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Krishi Shukla	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from New York University	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Arya Mujumdar	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from the University of Texas, Austin	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Neil Mathew	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Yale University	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Evan Park	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Rice University	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	David Dojcinovski	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Virginia Tech	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Anish Mahapatra	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Purdue University	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Ishan Gajjar	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Rutgers University	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Ananya Raghavan	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Columbia University	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Ayush Chakraborty	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Olin College of Engineering	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Christopher Tava	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Georgia Tech	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Kavi Wick	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Rutgers University, University of Virginia	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Varun Unnithan	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from the University of Maryland	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Akshay Dhawan	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor)	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Anu Suresh	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from Rice University	\$0
Engineering and Product Development	Sahl Shah	AMSE Graduate Serving as Product Development Mentor from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	\$0
Entrepreneurship	Allan Valvano	Pacmedia Payroll and HCM Solutions	\$0
Entrepreneurship	Brian Colella	B.A. Colella Heating & Cooling LLC	\$0
Entrepreneurship	Dan Keller	George J Keller & Sons LLC Roofing	\$0
Entrepreneurship	Drew Blind Tess Clemente	Chic-Fil-A Franchisee, Morris Plains Chic-fil-A Leader Academy	\$0
Entrepreneurship	Kris Taubald	The Falcon Financial Group, LLC	\$0
Entrepreneurship	Svenja Lyon	Lyon Creatives Marketing LLC	\$0
Entrepreneurship	Teri DiGrande	State Farm Insurance	\$0

4. Approval of the following Course Title Changes for 2026-2027:

Department	Current Title	Title Change for 2026-2027 & Beyond
AHS English	Foundations of Written Language I	English I
AHS English	Foundations of Written Language II	English II
AHS English	English 11	English III
AHS English	English 12	English IV
AHS Physical Ed & Health	Physical Education	Physical Education I
AHS Physical Ed & Health	Family Health & Safety	Physical Education II
AHS Science	Introduction to Physical Science	Physical Sci Intro
AHS Science	Introduction to Life Science	Life Science Intro
AHS Science	Introduction to Geology	Geology Intro
AHS Science	Critical Reading in Science	Science Literacy
AHS Science	Introduction to Astronomy	Astronomy Intro

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Department	Current Title	Title Change for 2026-2027 & Beyond
English	The Art of Film	Film Studies
VPA	String Ensemble	String Orchestra
APA	Acting I H	Musical Theatre I H
APA	Vocal Performance I H	
APA	Acting II H	Musical Theatre II H
APA	Vocal Performance II H	Piano Studio for Musical Theatre H
APA	Piano for Singers H	
APA	Theatre Performance Workshop H	Musical Theatre Production H
APA	Vocal Performance III H	

5. Approval of the following New Courses for 2026-2027:

Course Title	Credits	Level	Grade Level	Prerequisites	Implementation Date
Cybersecurity Foundations	5	Elective	9-12	None	August 2026
AP Business with Personal Finance (and deletion of Modern Digital Workplace)	5	AP	11-12	Successful completion of a previous Business class	August 2026
Great Books (semester course)	2.5	College Prep	9-12	None	August 2026
Shakespeare Remix (semester course)	2.5	College Prep	9-12	None	August 2026

6. Approval of the following Course Sequence Change for the Adult High School:

Department	Course Number	Current Course Name	Credits	New Proposed Course Name
AHS Physical Ed & Health	PE0011	Physical Education	5	Physical Education I
AHS Physical Ed & Health	PE0021	Family Health & Safety	5	Physical Education II
AHS Physical Ed & Health	PE0031	New Course	5	Physical Education III

7. Approval of Cybersecurity Outreach Program, where MHRD students will visit the sending district middle schools to introduce the field of cybersecurity with hands-on activities, in December 2025.

8. Approval of Athletic Trips for [Morris Hills High School](#) and [Morris Knolls High School](#) for December 2025.

9. Ratification of the October 2025 Athletic schedule changes for [Morris Hills High School](#) and [Morris Knolls High School](#).

10. Approval of the following staff conferences:

Name / School	Location / Date	Conference	Account	Est. District Cost	Est. Emp. Reimbursement*
Nicholas Pelosi / MH	South Orange, NJ 11/21/2025	HESAA School Counselor Workshop at Seton Hall University	26-11-000-218-580-000-03	\$22.23	\$22.23
Stefana Niemoczynski / MH Lori Vertucci / MK Lauren Sherburne / MH	Monroe Township, NJ 12/2/2025	NJASCD Transformational Learning Summit	26-11-000-223-580-000-03 (L.S. S.N.) 26-11-000-223-580-000-04 (L.V.)	\$725.91	\$170.91
Jason Collinsworth / MK	Online 12/4/2025	ACT National Enhancement Webinar	N/A	\$0	\$0
Kevin Doyle / Dist.	New Brunswick, NJ 12/5/2025	NJSELA Winter Roundtable	26-11-190-100-580-111-04	\$47.94	\$47.94
Stefana Niemoczynski / MH Lauren Sherburne / MH	Old Tappan, NJ 12/8/2025	NJ AI Literacy Summit - Presenters	26-11-000-223-580-000-03 (L.S. S.N.)	\$74.44	\$74.44
Kelly Lestrangle / MK	Cedar Knolls, NJ 1/8/2026	North Jersey Transition Partnership Meeting	26-11-000-219-580-292-06	\$6.25	\$6.25
Constance Conti / MK	Online 1/13/2026 - 1/15/2026	Woodlynde School: WR Introductory Course	26-11-000-219-580-292-06	\$710.00	\$0
Keith Bigora / Dist. Melissa Sabo / MH Rusty Obra / MK	Randolph, NJ 1/15/2026	Culinary and Hospitality Arts Advisory Committee at County College of Morris	N/A	\$0	\$0
Constance Conti / MK	Online 2/3/2026	Springer School and Center: Just Words Virtual Launch Workshop - Wilson Reading System	26-11-000-219-580-292-06	\$450.00	\$0
Constance Conti / MK Gina Giorgianni / MK	Online 2/26/2026	Wilson Language System: Wilson Dyslexia Conference	26-11-000-219-580-292-06 (C.C.) 26-11-190-100-580-103-04 (G.G.)	\$138.00	\$0

**Estimated Employee Reimbursement may include Lodging, Meals, Mileage, Parking, Tolls, Baggage, etc.*

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11. Approval of the following field trips:

Name / School	Dept./ Trip #	Location / Date	Field Trip Summary	Cost to Student	Est. BOE Cost
Erik Bradley / MK Kevin Kane / MK ADDED: SAMARA MCGHEE / MK	Social Studies AT-07207	Morristown, NJ 11/18/2025	Morris Knolls High School Criminology classes will visit the Morris County jail to gain a better understanding of how a jail runs, the responsibilities of the correction officers, and how the courts use the jail in a Criminal Justice System.	\$0	MHRD buses
Daniel Schwartz / MK 2 parent chaperones	Music AT-07767	Denville, Rockaway, & Dover, NJ 11/19/2025	Morris Knolls High School Marching Band and Color Guard students will perform their 2025 show for recruitment purposes at Valleyview Middle School and Copeland Middle School. Students will stop for lunch at the Rockaway Mall.	Cost of lunch (optional)	MHRD buses
Jihanne Radzieski / MH 1 chaperone TBD CHANGED TO: Vincent Limon / MH	Business AT-07073	East Rutherford, NJ 12/4/2025	Morris Hills High School Sports & Entertainment Marketing students will attend the Jets Sports Business Day at MetLife Stadium to gain a better understanding of running a sports franchise and working in the sports marketing field.	\$55.00	MHRD buses
Christopher Carrano / MK Stephanie Fasano / MK Anthony Vasile / MK Matthew Kelly / MK 15 Staff Assistants Nurse	Special Education AT-07774	Rockaway, NJ 12/9/2025	Morris Knolls High School Independent Living Skills students will travel to the Rockaway Mall to work on social skills, academic skills learned in class, and life skills.	\$0.00	MHRD buses
Tiffany Doltz / MH	Mock Trial AT-07789	Livingston, NJ 12/16/2025	Morris Hills High School Mock Trial Team members will participate in a scrimmage at Livingston High School to prepare for the county competition.	\$0.00	MHRD buses
Joseph Konopinski / MH Kadeem Dennis / MK ADDED: JULIE AQUINO / MK	Aviation AT-07326	Whippany, NJ 12/17/2025	Morris Hills High School and Morris Knolls High School Aviation students will have the opportunity to tour CAE, which provides pilot, technical, and flight crew training to business aircraft operators.	\$0.00	MHRD buses*
Lauren Sherburne / MH	FCS AT-07804	Rockaway & Wharton, NJ 12/18/2025	Morris Hills High School Introduction to Education students will meet with their cooperating teachers to review the process and take a brief tour of Lincoln Elementary School and Marie Duffy Elementary School to see the workings of another school.	\$0.00	MHRD buses
Christopher Carrano / MK Stephanie Fasano / MK Anthony Vasile / MK 15 Staff Assistants Nurse	Special Education AT-07776	Mt. Olive, NJ 12/19/2025	Morris Knolls High School Independent Living Skills students will travel to Mt. Olive High School to work on social skills, academic skills learned in class, and life skills.	\$0.00	MHRD buses
Samara McGhee / MK Eric Bradley / MK Kevin Kane / MK	Social Studies AT-07765	Trenton, NJ 1/6/2026	Morris Knolls High School Sociology students will become familiar with the legislative process on the state level during a tour of the State House.	\$0.00	MHRD buses*
Angela Salisbury / MK Lauren Jackson / MH Mark DiGennaro, Jr. / MH	SLE AT-07758	Randolph, NJ 1/13/2026	Morris Hills High School and Morris Knolls High School SLE students will visit County College of Morris to learn about the admissions process, tour the campus, and learn about programs offered.	\$0.00	MHRD buses
Michelle Uhler / MH Richard Hartsuiker / MH Harold Fahrer / MH Maria Dalton / MH Amy Calzone / MH	Music AT-07812	New York, NY 1/28/2026	Morris Hills High School Choir students will see <i>Mamma Mia</i> on Broadway with a luncheon at John's of Times Square.	\$110.00	MHRD buses*
Irene Fischetti / MK Amanda Manjorin / MK Joseph Kelly / MK Ann Nazzaro / MK Adrian Cortes / MK 1 Staff Assistant / MK	Special Education AT-07766	Dover, NJ 2/6/2026	Morris Knolls High School FLEX students will take a reward trip to Marcade at the Rockaway Mall for maintaining their goals.	\$0.00	\$375 + MHRD buses
Lisa Peluso / APA Chaperone TBD Nurse	APA AT-07757	Montclair, NJ 3/6/2026	Academy for the Performing Arts Dance 9th and 10th-grade students will take classes with college professors and watch the BFA dance concert at Montclair State University.	\$0.00	MHRD buses
Mary Miraldi / MK	Technology AT-07807	Newark, NJ 3/7/2026	Morris Knolls High School CTE students will compete in the SkillsUSA competition at Payne Tech.	\$0.00	MHRD buses
Keith Kasper / MK	Technology AT-07809	Bridgewater, NJ 3/21/2026	Morris Knolls High School CTE students will compete in the SkillsUSA competition at Somerset County Vo-Tech.	\$0.00	MHRD buses
Justin Hill / MK	Technology AT-07808	Hammononton, NJ 3/28/2026	Morris Knolls High School CTE students will compete in the SkillsUSA competition at Iron Workers Union 399.	\$0.00	MHRD buses
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	Morris Knolls High School English 11 CPA students will watch a production of <i>Macbeth</i> at The Shakespeare Theatre of N.J. Students will stop for lunch in Florham Park.	\$20.00	\$100 + MHRD buses
Martha Fundora / MK Justine Sobieski / MH Keith Bigora / Dist. Nurse	Aviation AT-07769	Roxbury, NJ 4/23/2026	Morris Hills High School and Morris Knolls High School Drone and UAS Technology students will compete against other Aviation Programs in the Drone Competition at Roxbury High School.	\$0.00	MHRD buses
Jason Collinsworth / MK Keith Kasper / MK	English AT-07787	Astoria, NY 4/23/2026	Morris Knolls High School The Art of Film and TV Production students will travel to the Museum of the Moving Image to see the relics and interactive exhibits pertaining to film.	\$9.00	\$27.00 + MHRD buses
Nicholas DiPaolo / MK Thomas Fischer / MK Kevin Kane / MK Anthony Vasile / MK	Social Studies/Special Education AT-07715	Millburn, NJ 4/28/2026	Morris Hills High School and Knolls High School US History 1 classes will watch a production of "1776: The Musical" at the Paper Mill Playhouse in recognition of the semiquincentennial anniversary of the signing of the US	\$25.00	\$250 + MHRD buses

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Catherine Hudak / MH Lori Vertucci (emergency chaperone) / MK Jenny Malin (emergency chaperone) / MK Erik Bradley / MK Kieran McLaughlin / MK Justin Scrufari / MK Krystal Beck / Dist. Michele Magliano / MH			Declaration of Independence.		
Jennifer Baggot / MK Stephan Zdanowicz / MK James Pisciotto / MK Nurse	Physical Education AT-07790	Bridgewater, NJ 4/29/2026	Morris Knolls High School Physical Education/Health 12 students will attend a Somerset Patriots game to observe the etiquette and responsibilities of the players, umpires, coaches, trainers, and other staff members.	\$12.00	MHRD buses

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NAYS:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a		
			Final Resolution: Motion Carried

D. Community Relations (Items 1-3)

1. Consider approval of [2026-2027 District Calendar](#), as submitted.
2. Consider approving a donation in the amount of \$3,300 from the Morris Knolls High School Class of 1975 to Morris Knolls High School to be used for offsetting expenses related to varsity jackets, field trips, proms, and other school-related costs.
3. Consider approving Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying investigation [results](#) as received and affirmed by the Chief School Administrator.

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NAYS:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a		
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E. General - NONE

F. Personnel (Items 1-2)

1. Consider accepting, with regret, the resignation of the following personnel for the purpose of retirement:

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution Number	Eff. Date
Luttenberger, Richard	Teacher of English	MK	V-0004-03-01A	26-11-140-100-101-000-04	12/31/2025

2. Consider accepting the resignation of the following personnel:

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution Number	Eff. Date
Miraldi, John	Athletic Extra Pay-Hourly	Dist.	99-0000-64-000	26-11-402-100-100-948-03/04	9/1/2025
Maloupis, Elizabeth	Homebound Tutor	Dist.	99-0000-64-000	26-11-150-100-101-292-03/04	9/1/2025
Everett, Travis	Homebound Tutor	Dist.	99-0000-64-000	26-11-150-100-101-292-03/04	9/1/2025

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Mr. Wiczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Mrs. Yeager, Chair.	Seconded By:	Mr. Serafin
IN FAVOR:	Mr. Bertram, Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wiczerzak		
OPPOSED:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a		
			Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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F. Personnel Continued (Items 3-12)

3. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing for the 2025-2026 school year the new and revised leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution Number	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)			
					Sick and/or Personal	FMLA / NJFLA	Unpaid	Return to Work
Cullen, Kathryn	Teacher of Special Education	MK	V-0004-16-13A	26-11-212-100-101-000-04	2/17/26	3/18/26		26-27 School Year
Curcio, Jolyn	Teacher of Special Education	MK	V-0004-36-03A	26-11-204-100-101-000-04 83% 26-11-213-100-101-000-04 17%	8/26/24	10/7/24	1/4/25	Revised: From 1/16/26 To 3/16/26
DiStasio, Daniel	Teacher of Science	MK	V-0004-13-13A	26-11-140-100-101-000-04		Revised: From 2/6/26 To: 1/5/26		Revised: From 2/6/26 To 1/26/26

4. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment and revision of staff and payment of stipends for the following 1/6 positions:

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution Number	Stipend (*prorated)	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Orenstein, Amanda	Teacher of Science	MK	V-0004-13-14A	26-11-140-100-101-000-04	MA+30, \$18,981	8/25/25-6/30/26
Sills, Elizabeth	Teacher of Special Education	MK	V-0004-36-03A	26-11-204-100-101-000-04 83% 26-11-213-100-101-000-04 17%	MA+30, \$18,981*	Revised: From: 8/26/25-1/15/26 To: 8/26/26-3/13/26
Burlick, Diana	Teacher of Special Education	MK	V-0004-36-03A	26-11-204-100-101-000-04 83% 26-11-213-100-101-000-04 17%	MA+30, \$18,981*	Revised: From: 8/26/25-1/15/26 To: 8/26/26-3/13/26
Metzger, Susan	Teacher of Special Education	MK	V-0004-36-03A	26-11-204-100-101-000-04 83% 26-11-213-100-101-000-04 17%	MA+30, \$18,981* + \$517* Longevity	Revised: From: 8/26/25-1/15/26 To: 8/26/26-3/13/26
Conti, Constance	Teacher of Special Education	MK	V-0004-36-03A	26-11-204-100-101-000-04 83% 26-11-213-100-101-000-04 17%	MA+30, \$18,981*	Revised: From: 8/26/25-1/15/26 To: 8/26/26-3/13/26
Falconi-Shubert, Nicole	Teacher of Special Education	MK	V-0004-36-03A	26-11-204-100-101-000-04 83% 26-11-213-100-101-000-04 17%	MA+30, \$18,981* + \$650* Longevity	Revised: From: 8/26/25-1/15/26 To: 8/26/26-3/13/26
Manjorin, Amanda	Teacher of Special Education	MK	V-0004-36-03A	26-11-204-100-101-000-04 83% 26-11-213-100-101-000-04 17%	MA+30, \$18,981* + \$1,133 Longevity	Revised: From: 8/26/25-1/15/26 To: 8/26/26-3/13/26

5. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing for the 2025-2026 school year the change of assignment for the following staff member:

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution Number	Step / Salary (*prorated)	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Prada, Gloria	From: Bus Driver Full-Run To: Transportation Dispatcher	Dist.	From: C-0008-00-37A To: FF-0008-00-02A	26-11-000-270-160-000-08	From: \$39,754 + \$350 Longevity To: \$60,000* + \$5,273* Weekend Stipend + \$500 Longevity	1/1/26-6/30/26

6. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing 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.	Position #	Distribution Number	Step / Salary (*prorated)	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Saba, Albeiro	Custodian, 2nd Shift	MH	BB-0003-22-13A	26-11-000-262-100-000-03	Step 1, \$41,555*	11/18/2025-6/30/26
Kattell, David	Assistant Boys Basketball Coach	MH	X-0003-28-78A	26-11-402-100-100-947-03	\$6,713	12/1/25-3/15/26
Keiper, Walter	Assistant Ice Hockey Coach	MK	X-0004-28-86A	26-11-402-100-100-947-04	\$6,713	12/1/25-3/15/26
DuBose, Joshua	Head Girls Fencing Coach	MK	X-0004-28-41A	26-11-402-100-100-947-04	\$8,339	12/1/25-3/15/26
Mortensen, Daniel	Winter Esports Advisor	MK	FF-0004-29-82A	26-11-401-100-100-160-04	\$3,921	12/1/25-3/15/26

7. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment of the following Substitute employees:

Name	Substitute Position	Position #	Distribution #	Period	Certificate	Rate
Hoffman, William	Substitute Teacher	FF-0901-00-01A	26-11-140-100-101-000-09	11/18/25-6/30/26	County Certificate	\$120/day
Izsa, Robert	Substitute Teacher	FF-0901-00-01A	26-11-140-100-101-000-09	11/18/25-6/30/26	Teacher Certificate	\$130/day

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8. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing for the 2025-2026 school year the appointments and ratification of staff and payments of fees for the following Staff Development Workshops:

Workshop/Program	Date	Presenter and Participants	Expense	Account Number
SKILLS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS!: Inspired by the discussions of the 8th Grade-9th Grade Transition Committee, this workshop will share strategies to help learners at all levels develop their organizational skills, communication skills, and foundational writing skills. Revised	October 8, 2025 VIRTUAL - 7:30-8:30	October 8th: Virtual Doris Lembo Tracy Petrosino	Presenter Fee: \$55.00 for 1 hour	26-20-272-200-100-000-03 26-20-272-200-100-000-04 (Title II) OR 26-11-000-223-110-000-03 26-11-000-223-110-000-04
PLC: SPECIAL ED - FLEX: The Flex teachers will collaborate to make program adjustments and evaluate student progress. The main program goal is to support students who are at risk for failing or moving to ODP placements.	Meetings will be held once a week for 45 minutes, as well as asynchronous meetings, depending on availability.	Coordinator: Amanda Manjorin Participants: Adrian Cortes Irene Fischetti Joseph Kelly	Coordinator Fee: \$200 + \$400 Participant Fee: Participant Fee: \$20.00/hour for 20 hours = \$400.00 each	26-20-272-200-100-000-03 26-20-272-200-100-000-04 (Title II) OR 26-11-000-223-110-000-03 26-11-000-223-110-000-04
10 MINUTE TAKEAWAYS: MULTILITERACY FOR ALL LEARNERS: This workshop equips teachers with practical tools to make content more accessible, engaging, and meaningful for all learners. Participants will explore strategies to support struggling readers and help students build and retain academic vocabulary. Learn how to provide students with multiple “ways in” to understand content and multiple “ways out” to demonstrate their learning. Discover how strategies designed for Multilingual Learners can benefit every student—and leave with ready-to-use approaches that deepen comprehension, promote authentic assessment, and build confidence across the classroom.	December 2, 2025 MK - 3:05-4:05 December 3, 2025 VIRTUAL - 7:00-8:00	Presenter: December 2nd @MK (In Person) Seth Mandel Presenter: December 3rd VIRTUAL Seth Mandel Participants: MK - December 2nd Denise Jimenez-Arias Rachel Mandel Eileen Ninivaggi Adam Trollinger Lori Vertucci Participants: VIRTUAL - December 3rd Claude Chapel Jenna Chirico-Berman Nicholas DiPaolo Deborah Fuhrmann Erick Gill Marlene Kong Jenny Malin Carla Petti Samantha Pino Kimberly Steimke	Presenter Fee: \$55.00 for 1 hour Participant fee: 1 hour at \$20.00/hour	26-20-272-200-100-000-03 26-20-272-200-100-000-04 (Title II) OR 26-11-000-223-110-000-03 26-11-000-223-110-000-04
PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE: Join us for an interactive session introducing the concept of a Portrait of a Graduate — a vision that defines the essential skills, mindsets, and competencies students need for success beyond school. Together, we'll explore examples from other districts and discuss how we can begin shaping our own vision for our students' future.	December 8, 2025 MK - 2:45-3:45 December 10, 2025 VIRTUAL - 7:30-8:30	Presenter: December 8th @MK (In Person) Nicholas Di Paolo Presenter: December 10th VIRTUAL Jaclyn Weisz Participants: MK - December 8 Jenny Malin Eileen Ninivaggi Carla Petti Lori Vertucci VIRTUAL - December 10 Deborah Fuhrmann Erick Gill Catherine Hudak Cara Russo Angela Salisbury Kimberly Steimke	Presenter Fee: \$55.00 for 1 hour Participant fee: 1 hour at \$20.00/hour	26-20-272-200-100-000-03 26-20-272-200-100-000-04 (Title II) OR 26-11-000-223-110-000-03 26-11-000-223-110-000-04
TECH SERIES: ASPEN Advanced: Learn how to use the advanced tools in Aspen SIS to make your work easier and faster. In this session, you'll practice using special features to organize student information, create	December 4, 2025 MK - 2:45-3:45 December 4, 2025 VIRTUAL - 6:30-7:30	Presenter: December 4th: @MK (In Person) Laura Foley December 4th:	Presenter Fee \$55.00 for 1 hour Participant fee: 1 hour at \$20.00/hour *1 hour at \$12.50/hour	26-20-272-200-100-000-03 26-20-272-200-100-000-04 (Title II) OR 26-11-000-223-110-000-03 26-11-000-223-110-000-04

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reports, and customize the system to fit your needs.	December 9, 2025 MK Practical Lab - 2:45-3:45	<p>VIRTUAL Doris Lembo</p> <p>December 9th: Practical Lab Time @MK (In Person) Laura Foley</p> <p>Participants: MK - December 4: Nicholas DiPaolo Maryanne Fisher *Norma Gomez Denise Jimenez-Arias Marlene Kong Jenny Malin Eileen Ninivaggi Leandra Raybould Ciana Roman Adam Trollinger Lori Vertucci</p> <p>Virtual - December 4: Christina Alexander Nicole Carroll Jenna Chirico-Berman Amy Calzone Deborah Fuhrmann Erick Gill Gina Giorgianni Mary Miraldi Carla Petti Samantha Pino Victoria Rama Cara Russo Kimberly Steimke</p> <p>MK LAB - December 9: Christina Alexander Nicholas DiPaolo Maryanne Fisher Deborah Fuhrmann Erick Gill Denise Jimenez-Arias Marlene Kong Jenny Malin Ciana Roman Adam Trollinger Lori Vertucci</p>		
MK CPR Session 1	November 20, 2025	<p>Presenter: Melanie Rynshall Participants: TBD</p>	<p>Presenter Fee: \$55.00 for 3 hours Participant fee: N/A</p>	<p>26-20-272-200-100-000-03 26-20-272-200-100-000-04 (Title II) OR 26-11-000-223-110-000-03 26-11-000-223-110-000-04</p>
MK CPR Session 2	March 10, 2026	<p>Presenter: Melanie Rynshall Participants: TBD</p>	<p>Presenter Fee: \$55.00 for 3 hours Participant fee: N/A</p>	<p>26-20-272-200-100-000-03 26-20-272-200-100-000-04 (Title II) OR 26-11-000-223-110-000-03 26-11-000-223-110-000-04</p>
MK CPR Session 3	June 8, 2026	<p>Presenter: Melanie Rynshall Participants: TBD</p>	<p>Presenter Fee: \$55.00 for 3 hours Participant fee: N/A</p>	<p>26-20-272-200-100-000-03 26-20-272-200-100-000-04 (Title II) OR 26-11-000-223-110-000-03 26-11-000-223-110-000-04</p>

9. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment of staff and rate of pay for the following positions:

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution #	Period <small>(all dates are on or about)</small>	Add'l Info.	Stipend	Job Code
Speizer, Marshall	Revised: Athletic Extra Pay From Event only To: Hourly & Event	Dist.	99-0000-64-000	26-11-150-100-101-292-06	7/1/25-6/30/26	As needed	In accordance with the MHRDEA 24-29 Contract	ATKH ATHH ATKE ATHE
Barger, Meaghan	Athletic Extra Pay-Hourly	Dist.	99-0000-64-000	26-11-150-100-101-292-06	7/1/25-6/30/26	As needed	In accordance with the MHRDEA 24-29 Contract	ATKH ATHH

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Izsa, Brett	Magnet & School Choice Testing Proctor	MH	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-03	11/22/25 (snow date 12/13/25)	As needed	\$45.00/Hr. Up to 6 hours/day	ADPR
Schilens, Samara	Magnet & School Choice Testing Proctor	MH	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-03	Revised: From: 11/22/25 To: 11/22/25 & 12/6/25 (snow date 12/13/25)	As needed	\$45.00/Hr. Up to 6 hours/day	ADPR
Giovine, Robert	SAT Bootcamp-English	MK	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-04	12/2/25 & 12/4/25	As needed	\$45.00/Hr	WKSH

- 10.** The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing for the 2025-2026 school year the appointment of a volunteer coach and volunteer advisor as follows:

Name	Position	School
Schwartz, Dana	Volunteer Medical Club Advisor	Morris Hills

- 11.** The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing for the 2025-2026 school year the [Maintenance Foreperson and Trade Worker Sidebar Agreement](#) between the Morris Hills Regional Board of Education and the Morris Hills Regional District Education Association.

- 12.** The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing for the 2025-2026 school year the adoption of the following Job Descriptions:

- a) [Maintenance Foreperson](#)
b) [Maintenance Licensed Trade Worker](#)

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Mr. Wiczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Mrs. Yeager, Chair.	Seconded By:	Mr. Napolitano
AYES:	Mr. Bertram, Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wiczerzak		
NAYS:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a		
			Final Resolution: Motion Carried

G. Policy (Item 1-1)

- 1.** Consider authorizing for the second reading the following Policies and Regulations:

Number	Title	New or Revised
a. Policy 1620	Administrative Employment Contracts	Revised
b. Policy 1636.01	Notification of Promotion, New Job, and Transfer Opportunities	New
c. Policy 2422	Statutory Curricular Requirements	Revised
d. Policy 6220	Budget Preparation	Revised
e. Regulation 3160	Teaching Staff Members: Physical Examination	Revised
f. Regulation 4160	Support Staff: Physical Examination	Revised
g. Regulation 6220	Budget Preparation	Revised

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Mr. Wiczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Mr. Bertram, Chair.	Seconded By:	Mr. Maher
AYES:	Mr. Bertram, Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wiczerzak		
NAYS:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a		
			Final Resolution: Motion Carried

XII. SECOND PUBLIC PORTION - ANY ITEM

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No Public Comment

XIII. SECOND BOARD DISCUSSION

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No Board Discussion

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- A.** Approval to adjourn the regular meeting.

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Mr. Wiczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Mr. Napolitano	Seconded By:	Mr. Serafin
IN FAVOR:	Mr. Bertram, Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wiczerzak		
OPPOSED:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a		
			Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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The board adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Danielle Matovski
Board Secretary