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

MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, July 14, 2025
8:00 a.m., BOE Conference Room

I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

[**MINUTES**]
Mr. Wieczerzak asked the room to rise at 8:00 A.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	Present
William Maher	Present
Patrick Napolitano	Absent
William Serafin	Present
Michael Wieczerzak	Present
Theresa Yeager	Absent

Others in Attendance	
Nicholas Norcia	Present
Nisha Zoeller	Present
Alicia Valverde-Mesa	Present
Dan Haug	Present
Todd Toriello	Present
Dezaray Semer	Present

III. OPENING STATEMENT - NOTICE OF MEETING

"Adequate notice of this meeting was posted on the Morris Hills Regional District Website, the lobbies of Morris Hills and Morris Knolls High School, and the Board of Education Lobby on Thursday, July 10, 2025."

[**MINUTES**]
Mr. Wieczerzak read the opening statement.

IV. PRIOR MEETING MINUTES - NONE

V. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

VI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

[**MINUTES**]
Mr. Norcia welcomed Danielle Matovski.

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS - NONE

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."

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 - NONE

B. Finance (Items 1-1)

1. Approval of the Morris Hills Regional District Adult High School Tuition/Registration & Fee structure for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

Program	Item	In-District	Out-of-District
High School Diploma Program	Registration Fee	$25.00	$25.00
High School Diploma Program	Tuition	$35.00 per course	$75.00 per course
Credit Recovery / Senior Status	Credit Recovery Course	$100.00 per course	$195.00 per course
ESL Enrichment	ESL Enrichment Course	$100.00 per semester	$100.00 per semester

[MINUTES]
Mr. Wieczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	William Serafin, Chair.	**Seconded By:**	Ms. Levy
AYES:	Mr. Bertram, Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Serafin, and Mr. Wieczerzak		
NAYS:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a	**Final Resolution:**	Motion Carried

C. Curriculum, Extended Education, Athletics, and Student Activities

1. Approval of the following staff conferences:

Staff Member Department	Location Date	Rationale	Estimated Costs					
			Reg.	Lodg.	Meals	Mile.	Park/Toll	Other
Nicholas Norcia	Long Branch, NJ July 23-25, 2025	MRA International Reimagining the Next Generation of Technology Conference	$0	$0	$0	$62.14	$50.00	
			Acct.	26-11-000-230-580-000-01				

[MINUTES]
Mr. Wieczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Mrs. Christie D'Asti	**Seconded By:**	Mr. Betram
AYES:	Mr. Bertram, Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Serafin, and Mr. Wieczerzak		
NAYS:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a	**Final Resolution:**	Motion Carried

D. Community Relations - NONE

E. General - NONE

F. Personnel (Items 1-2)

1. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing, for the 2025-2026 school year, the separation agreement between employee #013234 and the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education.

2. Consider accepting the resignation of the following personnel:

Employee ID #	Loc.	Position #	Distribution Number	Eff. Date
013234	Dist.	C-0002-00-01A	26-11-000-251-100-000-02	10/15/2025

[MINUTES]
Mr. Wieczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Mr. Betram	**Seconded By:**	Ms. Levy
IN FAVOR	Mr. Bertram, Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Serafin, and Mr. Wieczerzak		
OPPSOED:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a	**Final Resolution:**	Motion Carried

F. Personnel Continued (Items 2-5)

3. 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)*
Hunczak, Dawn	Secretary to Asst. Principal	MK	FF-0004-00-09A	26-11-000-240-105-000-04	Grade B, Step 4, $58,790*	8/4/25-6/30/26
DiFulco, Bianca	Assistant Cheerleading Coach	MK	X-0004-28-32A	26-11-402-100-100-947-04	$4,088	9/1/25-11/30/25

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution Number	Step / Salary (*prorated)	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Gogo, Stacy	**From:** Winter Guard Advisor (.5 position) **To:** Band Front Advisor (.5 position)	MK	**From:** FF-0004-29-23A **To:** FF-0004-29-22A	26-11-401-100-100-160-04	$1,960.50	9/1/25-6/30/26
Williams, Katherine	Winter Guard Advisor **From:** .5 position **To:** Full position	MK	FF-0004-29-23A	26-11-401-100-100-160-04	**From:** $1,960.50 + $100 Longevity **To:** $3,921 + $100 Longevity	9/1/25-6/30/26
Williams, Katherine	Band Front Advisor **From:** Full position **To:** .5 position	MK	FF-0004-29-22A	26-11-401-100-100-160-04	**From:** $3,921 **To:** $1,960.50	9/1/25-6/30/26

4. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing, for the Summer of 2025, the appointment of staff and rate of pay for the following positions:

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution Number	Period (all dates are on or about)	Add'l Info.	Rate of Pay	Job Code
Dunnigan, Olivia	Summer Counselor	MK	99-0000-60-000	26-11-000-218-104-000-04	7/14/25-8/18/25	Max 3 days	Per Diem	GUID

ADDENDA ITEM

5. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing for the 2025-2026 school year the employment Agreement and payment of salary for the following Central Office Administrator:

Name	Position	Loc.	Position No	Distribution Account No	Distr. %	Salary (*prorated)	Employment Agreement	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Matovski, Danielle	School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	Dist.	C-0002-00-01A	26-11-000-251-100-000-02	100	$205,000*	Employment Agreement	9/15/25 - 06/30/26

[**MINUTES**]
Mr. Wieczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Mr. Bertram	**Seconded By:**	Ms. Levy
AYES:	Mr. Bertram, Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Serafin, and Mr. Wieczerzak		
NAYS:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a	**Final Resolution:**	**Motion Carried**

G. Policy - NONE

XV. SECOND PUBLIC PORTION - ANY ITEM

[**MINUTES**]
Navya Vasireddy, former Editor in Chief at Morris Hills, expressed concern about the district's Journalism policies.

XVI. SECOND BOARD DISCUSSION

[**MINUTES**]
No board discussion.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Approval to adjourn the regular meeting.

[**MINUTES**]
Mr. Wieczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Mr. Bertram	**Seconded By:**	Mr. Serafin
AYES:	Mr. Bertram, Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Serafin, and Mr. Wieczerzak		
NAYS:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a	**Final Resolution:**	**Motion Carried**

[**MINUTES**]
The board adjourned at 8:11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gail M. Libby
Board Secretary