

I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

[MINUTES]

Mrs. Matovski asked the room to rise at 6:30 P.M.

II. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

[MINUTES]

Mrs. Matovski called the meeting to order.

III. REPORT OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

A. The following are the election results from November 4, 2025, as certified by the Morris County Clerk on November 17, 2025. They are on file in the Business Office:

1. Rockaway Borough (Unexpired 2 Years)	Frank Francia	<u>1672</u>
2. Rockaway Township (3 Years)	Barbara C. Levy	<u>4353</u>
3. Rockaway Township (3 Years)	Michael Wieczersak	<u>2979</u>
4. Rockaway Township (Unexpired 1 Year)	William Serafin	<u>6583</u>
5. Denville Township (3 Years)	Christie D'Asti	<u>5623</u>

[MINUTES]

Mrs. Matovski read the results of the November 4, 2025, election.

IV. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE

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| A. Oath of Office - Frank Francia | D. Oath of Office - William Serafin |
| B. Oath of Office - Barbara C. Levy | E. Oath of Office - Christie D'Asti |
| C. Oath of Office - Michael Wieczersak | |

[MINUTES]

Mrs. Matovski administered the Oath of Office to the five elected members.

V. DISTRIBUTE CODE OF ETHICS

Consider that the Morris Hills Regional School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, adopt the following Code of Ethics as per N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq. and Policy 0142 as presented:

EXPLANATION: NJQSAC requires that the School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics for Board members are received, discussed, and acknowledged receipt of this training so that each Board member is familiar with the Code of Ethics and that the training of district Board members has been adopted under N.J.S.A.C. 6:3-1.3 and N.J.A.C. 6A:30

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey School Boards Association "Code of Ethics" shall be considered the official Code of Ethics of the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education: CODE OF ETHICS

1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
2. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.
3. I will confine my Board action to policy-making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
4. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow Board members, to see that they are well run.
5. I will recognize that authority rests with the Board of Education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the Board.
6. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

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7. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow Board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.
8. I will vote to appoint the best-qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
9. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
10. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

[MINUTES]

Mrs. Matovski called the meeting to order and requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By: Mr. Napolitano

Seconded By: Ms. Levy

AYES: Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wieczerszak

NAYS: n/a

ABSTAIN: n/a

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

VI. 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]

Mrs. Matovski read the Opening Statement and conducted a roll call.

VII. ROLL CALL

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

Others in Attendance	
Nicholas Norcia	Present
Nisha Zoeller	Present
Danielle Matovski	Present
Daniel Haug	Present

[MINUTES]

Upon completion of the roll call, Mrs. Matovski confirmed that a quorum of the Board was established.

VIII. ORGANIZATION

A. Election of Board President

1. Open Nominations

[MINUTES]

Mrs. Matovski requested a motion to open nominations for the Board President position.

Motion By: Mr. Napolitano

Seconded By: Ms. Levy

AYES: Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wieczerszak

NAYS: n/a

ABSTAIN: n/a

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

2. Nominations

[MINUTES]

Mr. Napolitano nominated Mr. Wieczerszak for the position of Board President.

3. Close nominations

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Mrs. Matovksi requested a motion to close nominations for the Board President position.

Motion By: Mr. Napolitano

Seconded By: Ms. Levy

AYES: Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wieczerszak

NAYS: n/a

ABSTAIN: n/a

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

4. Roll call vote on the nomination for Board President:

[MINUTES]

Mrs. Matovksi conducted a roll-call vote on the nomination of Mr. Wieczerszak for Board President.

Motion By: Mr. Wieczerszak

Seconded By: Mrs. D'Asti

AYES: Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wieczerszak

NAYS: n/a

ABSTAIN: n/a

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

B. Election of Vice President

1. Open Nominations

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wieczerszak requested a motion to open nominations for the Board Vice-President position.

Motion By: Mr. Wieczerszak

Seconded By: Mrs. D'Asti

AYES: Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wieczerszak

NAYS: n/a

ABSTAIN: n/a

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

2. Nominations

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wieczerszak nominated Mr. Napolitano for the position of Board Vice-President.

3. Close nominations

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wieczerszak requested a motion to close nominations for the Board Vice-President position.

Motion By: Mr. Wieczerszak

Seconded By: Mrs. D'Asti

AYES: Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wieczerszak

NAYS: n/a

ABSTAIN: n/a

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

4. Roll call vote on the nomination for Board Vice President:

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wieczerszak conducted a roll-call vote on the nomination of Mr. Napolitano for Board Vice-President.

Motion By: Mr. Wieczerszak

Seconded By: Mrs. D'Asti

AYES: Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wieczerszak

NAYS: n/a

ABSTAIN: n/a

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

IX. 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."

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wieczerszak read the Public Comment Statement.

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X. FIRST PUBLIC PORTION

[MINUTES]
No public comment.

XI. FIRST BOARD BOARD DISCUSSION

[MINUTES]
No board discussion.

XII. ORGANIZATION (CONT'D)

- A.** Consider electing Michael Bertram as the MHRD representative and Michael Wieczerszak as the alternate representative to serve on the Board of Directors for the Educational Services Commission of Morris County from January 5, 2026, to the next reorganization meeting.

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

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

- B.** Consider electing Michael Bertram as the MHRD representative and Theresa Yeager as the alternate representative to the Morris County School Board Association from January 5, 2026, to the next reorganization meeting.

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

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

- C.** Consider electing Michael Bertram as the MHRD delegate and Christie D'Asti as the alternate delegate to serve on the Delegate Assembly for the New Jersey School Board Association from January 5, 2026, to the next reorganization meeting.

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

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

- D.** Consider electing Michael Bertram as the MHRD delegate and Patrick Napolitano as the alternate delegate to serve on the New Jersey School Board Association Legislative Committee from January 5, 2026, to the next reorganization meeting.

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

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

- E.** Consider adopting all previously adopted By-Laws, Board Policies, and Regulations as the official By-Laws, Board Policies, and Regulations for the ensuing year until the next Reorganization meeting.

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

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

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- F.** Consider adopting all previously adopted curricula, programs, and textbooks as the official curricula, programs, and textbooks for the ensuing school year until the next Reorganization meeting.

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wiczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By: Mr. Napolitano

Seconded By: Mr. Serafin

AYES: Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wiczerzak

NAYS: n/a

ABSTAIN: n/a

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

- G.** Consider authorizing that the Morris Hills Regional District, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. Chapter 231, the adoption of a Calendar of Regular Monthly Board Meetings for the ensuing year to facilitate public notice in compliance with Sunshine Law requirements, establishing these monthly meetings to be held at the Board Conference Room, 48 Knoll Drive Rockaway, NJ, at 6:30 p.m.

- Monday, January 26, 2026
- Monday, February 23, 2026
- Monday, March 16, 2026
- Monday, April 27, 2026
- Monday, May 11, 2026
- Monday, June 15, 2026
- Monday, August 17, 2026
- Monday, September 28, 2026
- Monday, October 26, 2026
- Monday, November 16, 2026
- Monday, December 14, 2026
- Monday, January 4, 2027 (Reorg)

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wiczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By: Mr. Napolitano

Seconded By: Mr. Serafin

AYES: Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wiczerzak

NAYS: n/a

ABSTAIN: n/a

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

- H.** Consider recommending that the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education authorize the Daily Record and New Jersey Hills Media Group to be adopted as the official newspapers to advertise meetings, legal ads, and all other necessary public notifications for the ensuing year until the next reorganization meeting.

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wiczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By: Mr. Napolitano

Seconded By: Mr. Serafin

AYES: Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wiczerzak

NAYS: n/a

ABSTAIN: n/a

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

- I.** Consider recommending that the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education, County of Morris, New Jersey, continue the following Standing Committees:

- a. Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee
- b. Curriculum, Extended Education, Athletics & Student Activities Committee
- c. Finance Committee
- d. Personnel Committee
- e. Policy Committee
- f. Community Relations Committee
- g. Negotiations Committee

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wiczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By: Mr. Napolitano

Seconded By: Mr. Serafin

AYES: Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wiczerzak

NAYS: n/a

ABSTAIN: n/a

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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- J.** Consider recommending that the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education adopt Robert's Rules of Order as the official parliamentary procedure manual for meetings, and appoint the board secretary and board attorney to serve as parliamentarians for the ensuing year until the next reorganization meeting.

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wiecezszak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By: Mr. Napolitano

Seconded By: Mr. Serafin

AYES: Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wiecezszak

NAYS: n/a

ABSTAIN: n/a

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

- K.** Consider authorizing that during Meetings of the Board of Education, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer, voting items in Buildings, Grounds & Transportation, Finance, Curriculum & Instruction, General, Personnel, Policy, and Community Relations may be moved by Block voting, consistent with all relevant laws and regulations, and Board policy and regulation, without the need for reading specific resolutions.

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wiecezszak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By: Mr. Napolitano

Seconded By: Mr. Serafin

AYES: Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wiecezszak

NAYS: n/a

ABSTAIN: n/a

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

XIII. SECOND PUBLIC PORTION

[MINUTES]

No public comment.

XIV. SECOND BOARD DISCUSSION

[MINUTES]

No board discussion.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wiecezszak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By: Mr. Serafin

Seconded By: Ms. Levy

AYES: Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wiecezszak

NAYS: n/a

ABSTAIN: n/a

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

[MINUTES]

The board adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Danielle Matovski
Board Secretary