

**MORRIS COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

Time: _____

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER

“The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education has caused adequate and electronic notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on the District website, sent to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk of the Township of Denville at the same time. The Secretary of this Board shall incorporate into the minutes of this meeting a copy of the notice as above set forth.”

IV. ROLL CALL

Board of Education: _____ Mrs. Barbara Dawson
_____ Mr. John Hyland
_____ Mrs. Hanna Roth Starr
_____ Mr. John Paul Velez
_____ Dr. Nancy Gartenberg

Superintendent: _____ Dr. Anita Champagne
Attorney for the Board of Education: _____ Mr. John Mills
Business Administrator/Board Secretary: _____ Mr. Michael Davison
Student Representative _____ Miss Harshini Chavan

Press: _____

Visitors: _____

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 2026-2027 Budget

Michael Davison

VII. FINANCE

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

1. Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, the governing body of the Morris County Vocational School District, hereby authorizes the submission of the 2026-2027 school year budget to the Board of School Estimate and the Morris County Office of Education; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 school year be adopted as follows, being the amount of money estimated to be necessary: (Attachment #1)

GENERAL FUND

Current Expense	\$30,816,135
Capital Outlay	1,296,648
Special Schools - Postsecondary	<u>416,566</u>

TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$32,529,349

SPECIAL FUNDS:

Student Activities	\$ 183,312
Scholarship	1,766
Federal Projects	<u>1,891,163</u>

TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND \$ 2,076,241

TOTAL BUDGET \$34,605,590

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Estimate of the Vocational School be requested pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:54-28 to certify the following as the amount established to be necessary and to be raised by the county appropriations in support of the proposed budget:

CURRENT EXPENSE

General Fund	<u>\$6,926,286</u>
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TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY COUNTY TAXES \$6,926,286

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an itemized statement of the proposed budget of 2026-2027 school year be delivered to each member of the Board of School Estimate (pending Morris County Office of Education approval).

2. Motion to adopt the following resolution to certify the amount to be raised by the County of Morris for Capital Project funding:

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Morris County School of Technology Building #6 Roof Replacement ("the Project") is \$1,040,000 and the anticipated debt service aid offset is \$353,600; and

WHEREAS, this Board has met and considered the said \$1,040,000 and is satisfied that the sum is the amount of money necessary for the purposes set forth, pending final approval by the County of Morris.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Education of the Vocational School in the County of Morris, New Jersey, does hereby fix and determine that \$1,040,000 is the amount of money necessary to be raised for this Capital Project for the lawful school purpose consisting of improvements/renovations to the buildings at Morris County School of Technology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Estimate of the Vocational School be requested pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31 to certify said amount established to be necessary for the purposes set forth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the certificate of said amount so fixed and determined shall be prepared in accordance with law and one of the said certificates shall be delivered to said Board of Education and the other to the Board of Commissioners in the County of Morris, New Jersey.

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY COUNTY OF MORRIS \$1,040,000

3. Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the 2026-2027 MCVSD budget includes a withdrawal from Capital Reserve, in the amount of \$1,100,000; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of these reserves supports the following capital project:

Building #4 Auto Body Shop Renovation to E-Sports Lab in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amount authorized to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve account is \$1,100,000.

4. Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, school district policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2025-2026 school year was \$89,350; and

WHEREAS, travel and expense reimbursement has reached a total amount \$36,307 as of March 1, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2026-2027 school year at the sum of \$117,150; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

5. Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:5.2 (a) mandates boards to establish annually prior to budget preparation, for public relations and each type of professional service a maximum level of spending for the ensuing school year; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget includes the following appropriations:

Legal	\$43,650
Accounting	\$56,900
Architect	\$30,000; and

WHEREAS, the Administration needs to notice the board if there arises a need to exceed said maximums. Upon which the board may adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal board action; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Administration wish to minimize the amount of paperwork involved in this area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education establishes maximums for professional services in the areas listed above at a level of 120% of the amounts listed for the 2026-2027 school year.

6. Motion to approve the attached agreement with USA Architects, Planners and Interior Designers to provide professional services in accordance with the current Architect of Record Agreement for proposed HVAC upgrades at the Building #4 Proposed E-Sports Lab Project in an amount not to exceed \$23,600.00. (Attachment #2)

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

VIII. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- Board of School Estimate: RESCHEDULED - March 26, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. (Virtual)
- 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.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- Next Regular Board Meeting: April 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

XI. 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):

Personnel

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 **15 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

XII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Time: _____

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