

I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

[MINUTES]

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

II. ROLL CALL

Meeting Roll Call	
Michael Bertram	Absent
Christie D'Asti	Absent
Frank Francia	Present
Barbara C. Levy	Present
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
Dezaray Semer	Present
Ryan MacNaughton	Present
Todd Toriello	Present
MK SGA Pres. Anaya Shah	Present
MH SGA Pres. Keion Andrews	Absent

III. OPENING STATEMENT - NOTICE OF MEETING

"Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the Daily Record and The Citizen on January 09, 2026. 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 6, 2026."

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wieczerszak read the opening statement.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING - REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE

"Adequate notice of this public hearing was advertised in the March 16, 2026, publication of the Daily Record and the District's website on March 9, 2026.

A. Approval to open a public hearing regarding the approval of the refunding bond ordinance.

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wieczerszak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Ms. Levy	Seconded By:	Mr. Serafin
AYES: 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. Public Comment - Refunding Bond Ordinance

C. Board Member Comment - Refunding Bond Ordinance

D. Resolution of the Board of Education of the Morris Hills Regional District in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing certain actions necessary in connection with the [sale and issuance](#) of not to exceed \$6,250,000.00 aggregate principal amount of refunding school bonds and authorizing the appropriate officials to do all acts and things deemed necessary and advisable in connection with the sale, issuance, and delivery of said bonds.

[MINUTES]

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Motion By:	Ms. Levy	Seconded By:	Mr. Napolitano
AYES: 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. Approval to close the public hearing.

[MINUTES]

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AYES: 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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V. PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

A. Approval to accept the minutes: [February 23, 2026](#)

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AYES: Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wierzchzak			
NAYS: n/a			
ABSTAIN: n/a			Final Resolution: Motion Carried

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

[MINUTES]

No matters for correspondence.

VII. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. 2026-2027 Tentative Budget Presentation

[MINUTES]

Mr. Norcia presented the Chief School Administrator's report. Then Mr. Norcia and Mrs. Matovski presented on the tentative 2026-2027 budget.

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

[MINUTES]

The MK SGA representative presented their report.

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. Wierzchzak read the public comment statement.

X. FIRST PUBLIC PORTION - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

[MINUTES]

No public comment.

XI. FIRST BOARD DISCUSSION PERIOD

[MINUTES]

No board discussion.

XII. AGENDA

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

1. Approval of the use of the facilities requests by the following priority groups III, IV, and V:

Priority	Requestor/Activity	Permit
III	Keith Gourlay / NJSBGA North & South Training Event	2602-0003

[MINUTES]

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AYES: Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wierzchzak			
NAYS: n/a			
ABSTAIN: n/a			Final Resolution: Motion Carried

B. **Finance** (Items 1-15)

1. Acceptance of the following reports:

Name	Month / Year
a. Treasurer's Report	February 2026
b. Board Secretary's Report	February 2026
c. Board Secretary's Report	January 2026 Revised

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2. Ratification of Payments:

Type	Month / Year
a. Accounts Payable Detail	February 2026
b. Agency AP Summary	February 2026
c. Accounts Payable Voids	February 2026

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

Type	Month / Year
a. Budget Transfer Summary	February 2026
b. Budget Transfer Detail	February 2026
c. Budget Transfer Summary	January 2026 Revised

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

OUTSIDE PLACEMENT – SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

Student	School	Placement / Start Date	Cost (Prorated)
ODP74729	Mary A. Dobbins School	03/04/2026	\$33,387.20

5. Approval to dispose of the following through GovDeals:

Item Description	Qty.	Reason	Location	Requestor	FA Tag #
Model IT31CX22T1N Time Clocks	13	End of Life	District	S. Ruiz	n/a
MacBook Pro A1502	18	Upgraded	MK IT	I. Toledo	n/a

6. Approval of the following Professional Services for the 2025-2026 school year.

Service	Provider	Anticipated Cost	Not to Exceed
Substitute Athletic Trainer	Megan Smith	\$50 hr	\$5,000
Substitute Athletic Trainer	Matthew Walter	\$50 hr	\$5,000
Architect of Record	Solutions Architecture	Founding Principal \$200.00 hr Principal-in-Charge \$175.00 hr Associate \$155.00 hr Project Manager \$145.00 hr Project Coordinator \$125.00 hr Proj./Int. Designer \$135.00 hr Graphic Designer \$135.00 hr Social Media Specialist \$135.00 hr Architectural Support \$90.00 hr Construction Admin. \$125.00 hr Production / CAD \$105.00 hr Engineer Principal \$225.00 hr Engineer Proj. Mgr. \$185.00 hr Engineer Production/CAD \$125.00 hr Engineering Support \$95.00 hr	\$40,000*

**Increase to previously approved not to exceed amount.*

7. Approval of a revision to the previously approved following Professional Services for Special Education for the 2025-2026 school year:

Service	Provider	Service Rate	Not to Exceed
a Psychiatric Consultations & Evaluations	Platt Psychiatric Associates	Standard Psychiatric Consultation \$1,300.00 ea Complex Psychiatric Consultation \$1,900.00 Contested Psychiatric Consultation \$5,100.00 (Remote) Standard Psychiatric Consultation \$1,200.00 (Remote) Complex Psychiatric Consultation \$1,800.00 (Remote) Contested Psychiatric Consultation \$5,000.00	\$41,000.00
	Pegasus	\$850.00 ea	
	Bartky Healthcare Center	\$1,700.00 ea	
	Educational Specialized Associates	\$800.00 ea	
	Dr. JG Moreno*	\$700.00 ea	
e Behavioral & Substance Healthcare Evaluations	Atlantic Health St. Clare's Denville (Prime)	Evaluations \$250.00 ea	\$25,000.00

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8. Approval of the following service agreements:

Vendor / Entity	Agreement Type	Term	Amount
MHHS Home & School Association	Project Graduation Bus Rental	June 16 - June 17, 2026	\$230 / bus
MKHS Project Graduation Committee	Project Graduation Bus Rental	June 16 - June 17, 2026	\$230 / bus

- 9.** Approval for Wharton Borough to utilize two Morris Hills Regional District school buses and two drivers for Canal Day on August 22, 2026.
- 10.** Ratification of a vehicle/bus loan agreement with Rockaway Township School District for the period 02/06/2026 - 04/03/2026 at zero cost to the district.
- 11.** Approval of the rental of school buses owned and operated by Morris Hills Regional District to be used for transportation to and from events for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$86.00 per hour per bus, drop and pick flat rate of \$103.00 per bus, and if canceled less than 24 hours in advance \$39.00 per hour, per bus. The rental of the district buses shall not interfere with the transportation of district students. Therefore, bus usage shall be between 8:15 am and 2:00 pm when school is in session, after regular busing hours, on weekends, and when school is not in session.

Municipality / Entity	
Denville Township	Denville Township Police Department
Rockaway Borough	Rockaway Borough Police Department
Rockaway Township	Rockaway Township Police Department
Wharton Borough	Wharton Borough Police Department

- 12.** Approval to enter into an agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for Lease Purchase Advisory Services at a fee of 0.5% of the total funding amount for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 13. BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education that Danielle Matovski is hereby appointed as Fund Commissioner to the School Health Insurance Fund, effective March 1, 2026, to represent the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education.
- 14.** Approval to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement with Mercer County Special Services School District (MCSSSD) for the 2025-2026 school year.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT (MCSSSD), hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in the renewal of Cooperative Pricing System (103-MCSSSDCPS) for the purchase of work, materials, services, supplies, and such other items; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2026, the governing body of the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, duly considered participation in the MCSSSD Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of work, material, services, supplies, and such other items;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

- 15. BE IT RESOLVED** that the tentative budget be approved for the 2026-2027 school year using the 2026-2027 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit to the Executive County Superintendent for approval in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-5 and 18A:7F-6:

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total
26-27 Total Expenditures	\$92,697,573.00	\$1,365,692.00	\$2,450,531.00	\$96,513,796.00
Less Anticipated Revenues	\$15,464,938.00	\$1,365,692.00	\$124,516.00	\$16,955,146.00
Taxes to be raised	\$77,232,635.00	\$0.00	\$2,326,015.00	\$79,558,650.00

AND, to advertise said tentative budget in the Daily Record / The Citizen in accordance with the form suggested by the New Jersey Department of Education and according to law;

AND a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 school year will be held at The Board of Education Conference Room on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

Adjustment for Health Care Costs: \$1,690,845.00

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education included in the tentative 2026-2027 budget a tax levy adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$1,690,845.00. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

Capital Reserve Account Withdrawal: \$1,064,100.00

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education included in the tentative 2026-2027 budget a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$1,064,100.00 for:

Project	Amount
MK Boiler Replacement Project	\$764,100.00
MK and MH Roofing Replacement	\$300,000.00

Travel Maximum

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq.,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of \$131,568 for the 2026-2027 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2025-2026 school year is \$144,850, of which \$57,555.94 has been spent, and \$75.00 is encumbered to date.

Travel & Related Expense Reimbursement

The Board of Education recognizes that school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district;

AND, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board, and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board;

AND, a board of education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member, where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30);

AND, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 but deemed by the board of education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of \$131,568 for all staff and board members for the 2026-2027 school year.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

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AYES:	Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wiecezrak		
NAYS:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a		
			Final Resolution: Motion Carried

C. Curriculum, Extended Education, Athletics, and Student Activities (Items 1-14)

1. Approval of [NJHESAA Data Sharing Agreement](#).
2. Approval of "The Soundtrack of a Nation Starts with a Story" District Summer Read for 2026.
3. Approval of Gifted & Talented Enrichment Freshman Seminar for the 2026 - 2027 school year at Morris Hills High School and Morris Knolls High School.
4. Approval of the following off-site location for CBI curricular trips for the 2025-2026 school year:

Location Name	Address
The Shoppes at Ledgewood Commons	461 NJ-10, Ledgewood, NJ 07852

5. Approval of the Conservative Club at Morris Knolls High School.
6. Approval of [Agreements](#) for MHRD Magnet students #6434420371, #5092933995, and #7376616397 to attend the National DECA Competition in Atlanta, GA, with the Morris County Vocational School District in April 2026.
7. Approval of International Exchange student #MOM02226PL to attend Morris Knolls High School for the 2026-2027 school year through the Pan Atlantic Foundation.
8. Approval of Athletic Trips for [Morris Hills High School](#) and [Morris Knolls High School](#) for April 2026.
9. Ratification of February 2026 Athletic schedule changes for [Morris Hills High School](#) and [Morris Knolls High School](#).
10. Approval of the following Guest Speaker for the Culinary Arts classes, at no cost:

Name	Focus of Presentation
Taralyn Wildfoerster	Culinary Institute of America

11. Approval of the following Guest Speakers:

Program	Vendor	Description	Fee
District Theatre Day	Liz Vex	Liz Vex, Morris Knolls HS Alumna and Elementary Music Educator, will present Voice Techniques for the Actor at District Theater Day on April 21, 2026 (snow date April 23, 2026)	\$200.00
School Counseling	Deirdre's House	Deidre's House vendors will visit Morris Hills High School (April 24, 2026) and Morris Knolls High School (April 9, 2026) to implement the Game of Life, an interactive, school-based program.	\$261.26 per school (refreshments)
School Counseling	Stephen Hill	Stephen Hill, founder of Speak Sobriety , will speak to Grade 11 and 12 students at Morris Hills High School about substance abuse prevention on April 9, 2026	\$0.00
Social Studies	Captain Declan Beere	Declan Beere, Captain of the West Caldwell Police Department, will speak to Morris Knolls HS Criminology classes about legal updates, use of force, de-escalation strategies, agency oversight operations, and police licensing on May 13 and 14, 2026.	\$0.00
Social Studies	Kathleen Theurer	Kathleen Theurer, a lawyer who specializes in criminal defense, family law, and municipal court, will speak to Morris Knolls HS Criminology classes about procedural law, how the state prosecutes criminal cases, how the defense represents individuals accused of crimes, and differences between municipal and federal courts on April 20 and 23, 2026.	\$0

12. Ratification of the following Field Trip:

Name / School	Dept./ Trip #	Location / Date	Field Trip Summary	Cost to Student	Est. BOE Cost
Samara McGhee / MK Rebecca Hansen / MK	Speech & Debate Club AT-07197/07199	Flemington, NJ March 13 & 14, 2026 CHANGED TO: 3/21/2026 & 3/22/2026	Morris Knolls High School Speech & Debate Club students will compete in several events for placement as state champions at the NJSDL State Championships at Hunterdon Central Regional High School.	\$0.00	MHRD buses*

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13. Approval of the following Field Trips:

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Michelle Lis / MK Jenny Malin / MK	FCCLA AT-08601	Dover, NJ 3/25/2026	Morris Knolls High School FCCLA students will be planning, preparing, organizing and running events for FCCLA and the residents of the Housing Authority of Dover.	\$0.00	MHRD buses*
John Miraldi / MK Justin Hill / MK Robert Geary / MK Eileen Ninivaggi / MK	CTE AT-08761	Rockaway, NJ 3/26/2026	Morris Knolls High School CTE students will travel to Morris Hills High School to attend the Career Fair.	\$0.00	MHRD buses*
Nickolas Maloupis / MH Elizabeth Maloupis / MH	Physics Club AT-08751	New Haven, CT 3/28/2026	Morris Hills High School Physics Club members will compete in the Yale Physics Olympics.	\$0.00	MHRD buses*
Rachel Mandel / MK Noelle Immediato / MK Amanda Manjorin / MK Tara Kane / MK Amy Lieberworth /MK ADDED: MARY DAVENPORT / MK	English AT-07749	Madison & Florham Park, NJ 4/21/2026 CHANGED TO: 4/6/2026	Morris Knolls High School English 11 CPA students will watch a production of <i>Macbeth</i> at The Shakespeare Theatre of NJ. Students will stop for lunch in Florham Park.	\$20.00	\$100 + MHRD buses
Jeffrey DeMicelli / MH Stefana Niemo / MH	AMSE AT-08526	Bronx & New York, NY 4/10/2026	Academy for Math, Science, and Engineering 12th-grade Product Engineering Development 3H students will be exposed to real-world engineering systems and how they function during visits to the Bronx Zoo, SPYSCAPE, and a sunset cruise with Liberty Cruises.	\$75.00	MHRD buses*
Christopher Carrano / MK Stephanie Fasano / MK Anthony Vasile / MK 15 Staff Assistants Nurse	Special Education AT-08720	Rockaway, NJ 4/14/2026	Morris Knolls High School Independent Living Skills students will practice social skills, academic skills learned in class, and life skills during a trip to the Rockaway Mall.	\$0.00	MHRD buses*
Nickolas Maloupis / MH Elizabeth Maloupis / MH	Physics Club AT-08752	Madison, NJ 4/18/2026	Morris Hills High School Physics Club members will learn about the discoveries, technology, and data analysis techniques used by particle physicists in a QuarkNet Master class during a trip to Drew University.	\$0.00	MHRD buses*
Lauren Sherburne / MH	Introduction to Education	Livingston, NJ 4/22/2026	Morris Hills High School Introduction to Education student (SID# 1740474419) will travel to Livingston LifeTown with her field placement class and cooperating teacher from Marie V. Duffy Elementary School.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christopher Carrano / MK Stephanie Fasano / MK Anthony Vasile / MK 15 Staff Assistants Nurse	Special Education AT-08721	Dover, NJ 4/22/2026	Morris Knolls High School Independent Living Skills students will practice social skills, academic skills learned in class, and life skills during a trip to Shop Rite.	\$0.00	MHRD buses*
John Miraldi / MK Mary Miraldi / MK	Technology AT-08741	Wharton, NJ 4/24/2026	Morris Knolls High School Engineering students will be exposed to various Engineering and hands-on machining industries during a visit to Picatinny Arsenal.	\$0.00	MHRD buses*
William Erickson / MK Bruce Feakins / MH Emma Evans / MK (emergency chaperone) Frederick Flake / MK (emergency chaperone) Jenna Miller / MH (emergency chaperone)	Gifted & Talented AT-08758	Nazareth, PA & Rockaway, NJ 4/24/2026	Morris Hills High School and Morris Knolls High School Gifted & Talented students with an independent study in Woodworking and students in advanced Woodshop courses will be able to observe and ask questions about a world-class manufacturing facility during a trip to the Martin Guitar Factory. Students will stop for lunch at the Rockaway Mall.	\$5.00	MHRD buses*
Michelle Lis / MK Jenny Malin / MK	Interact Club AT-08465	Bethlehem, PA 4/27/2026	Morris Knolls High School Interact Club members will perform community service at Feed the Children and Wegman's.	\$0.00	MHRD buses*
Debbi Sabatini / MH	Esports AT-08789	Plainfield, NJ 5/2/2026	Morris Hills High School Esports students will participate in the Plainfield Invitational competition.	\$0.00	MHRD buses*

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Danielle Harkins / MH Kimberly Steimke / MH	Special Education AT-08532	Budd Lake & Rockaway, NJ 5/15/2026	Morris Hills High School English 9 students will view Romeo & Juliet at the Pax Amicus Theatre and will stop for lunch at the Rockaway Mall.	\$20.00	MHRD buses*
Debbi Sabatini / MH Jennifer Burke / Nurse	Esports AT-08635	Lakewood, NJ 5/16/2026	Morris Hills High School Esports students will be participating in playoff brackets and possibly the state championships at Georgian Court College.	\$0.00	MHRD buses*
Tiffany Doltz / MH Marc Berman / MK	Aviation AT-08829	Newark, NJ 5/28/2026	Morris Hills High School and Morris Knolls High School Aviation students will have an opportunity to explore cargo operations by touring FedEx facilities at Newark Airport.	\$0.00	MHRD buses*
Irene Fischetti / MK Amanda Manjorin / MK Anna Nazzaro / MK Joseph Kelly / MK Adrian Cortes / MK 1 Staff Assistant	Special Education AT-08531	Highlands, NJ 5/28/2026	Morris Knolls High School FLEX students who are passing academic classes and maintaining their goals will go on a rewards trip to the NJ Sea Grant Consortium.	\$0.00	\$375.00 fee + \$200.00 MHRD lunch and buses*
Mary Kelson / MK Stephan Zdanowicz / MK	Varsity Club AT-08382	Rockaway, NJ ADDED: DENVILLE, NJ 5/29/2026	Morris Knolls High School Varsity Club members will represent Morris Knolls High School at the Dennis O'Brien School to assist with their Field Day. ADDED: Students will stop at Denville Dairy.	\$0.00	MHRD buses*

*Per the MHRD Transportation Trip Rate Guide

14. Approval of the following Staff Conferences:

Name / School	Location / Date	Conference	Account	Est. District Cost	Est. Employee Reimbursement*
John Miraldi / MK	Online November 4, 2025 December 3, 2025 January 16, 2026 February 10, 2026 March 9, 2026 CHANGED TO: Somerset, NJ 5/6/2026 5/7/2026	Institute for Technical Advancement: 34-hour Continuing Education for NJ Electrical License	26-11-190-100-580-807-03/04	\$720.00	N/A CHANGED TO: \$65.24
Anthony Knuth / MH Jeffrey DeMiceli / MH	Newark, NJ 1/28/2026 & 2/25/2026 CHANGED TO: 3/24/2026	NJIT: Teacher Prep for College Access - Dual Enrollment 2-Day Conference	26-11-190-100-580-108-03 (A.K.) 26-11-190-100-580-807-03 (J.D.)	\$138.72 CHANGED TO: \$46.62	\$138.72 CHANGED TO: \$46.62
Heather Jensen / MK	Online 3/25/2026 3/26/2026	Rutgers University: PCAST- An Introduction to Person-Centered Planning and Implementation for Families and Professionals	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00
Constance Conti / MK Kelly Lestrangle / MK Janine Rinaldi / MH	Online 4/13/2026	Rutgers University: Promoting Relaxation for Individuals with Intellectual and/or Development Disabilities	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00
Michele Chaffee /MK Maryanne Fisher / MK	West Orange, NJ 5/8/2026	Rutgers University & Turtle Back Zoo: Climate Change & Data Literacy	26-11-000-219-580-292-06 (M.C., M.F.)	\$436.48	\$36.48
Joseph Carlson / Dist.	Edison, NJ 5/20/2026	ESCNJ Expo 2026	26-11-000-261-580-000-07	\$38.07	\$38.07
Monika Weissensee / MH	Kansas City, MO 5/27/2026 - 6/9/2026	College Board: Early Table Leader AP Seminar Reader	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iwona Doyle / MH	Online 5/31/2026 -	College Board: Table Leader AP Seminar	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00

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	6/8/2026	Reader			
Lora Santucci / MH	Cleveland, OH 6/1/2026 - 6/10/2026	College Board: AP Computer Science Reader	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alicia Valverde-Mesa / Dist.	Atlantic City, NJ 6/2/2026 - 6/5/2026	NJASBO 64th Annual Conference	26-11-000-251-580-000-02	\$1,266.72	\$407.72
Michele Hudak / MK	Online 6/2/2026 - 6/8/2026	College Board: AP Statistics Reader	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00
Joseph Carlson / Dist.	Roseland, NJ 6/5/2026	NJ School Integrated Pest Management Coordinators Training	26-11-000-261-580-000-07	\$12.78	\$12.78
Lynn Lubrecht /MK	Online 6/10/2026 - 6/17/2026	College Board: Early Table Leader for AP Calculus	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00
Maria Dalton / MH	Online 6/11/2026 - 6/16/2026	College Board: AP Spanish Language and Culture Reader	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00
Joseph Carlson / Dist.	Roseland, NJ 6/12/2026	NJ PEOSH Indoor Air Quality Training	26-11-000-261-580-000-07	\$12.78	\$12.78
Cheryl Engel / Dist.	Reno, NV 6/15/2026 - 6/18/2026	Cyber.org EdCon 26	26-11-190-100-580-108-04	\$623.14	\$623.14
Iwona Doyle / MH	Online 7/20/2026 - 7/23/2026	College Board: AP Physics 1 Summer Institute	26-11-190-100-580-111-03	\$800.00	\$0.00

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

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Mr. Wieczerszak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Ms. Levy, Chair.	Seconded By:	Mr. Napolitano
AYES:	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. Community Relations (Items 1-2)

1. Approval of the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying investigation [results](#) as received and affirmed by the Chief School Administrator.
2. Consider accepting a donation of up to 35 meals from Chick-fil-A of Morris Plains, valued at approximately \$20 per meal, for the Morris Hills Programming Club April Hack-a-thon.

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wieczerszak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Ms. Levy	Seconded By:	Mr. Serafin
AYES:	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. 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
Osborne, Eileen	Administrative Assistant, Human Resources	Dist.	FF-0009-00-02A	27-11-000-251-100-236-09	8/31/2026

2. Consider accepting the resignation of the following personnel:

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution Number	Eff. Date
Mihalik, Ann Marie	Homebound Instruction	Dist.	99-0000-64-000	26-11-150-100-101-292-06	03/23/2026
Platt, Marcus	Staff Assistant	MH	Z-0003-00-01A	26-11-000-222-100-000-03	03/31/2026
Young, Connie	Ticket Sales Chair/Advisor	MH	FF-0003-29-25A	26-11-401-100-100-160-03	03/20/2026

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Mr. Wieczerszak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Mr. Napolitano	Seconded By:	Ms. Levy
IN FAVOR:	Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wieczerszak		
OPPOSED:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a		
			Final Resolution: Motion Carried

F. Personnel Continued (Items 3-9)

3. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing for the 2025-2026 school year the following 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
De La Paz, Arenis	Custodian	MH	BB-0003-22-02A	26-11-000-262-100-000-03		3/11/26-4/1/26		4/6/26

4. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing for the 2026-2027 school year the appointment of staff and payment of salary of the following certified positions, subject to appropriate New Jersey Department of Education certification and required documentation:

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution Number	Step / Salary (*prorated)	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Pollison, Haley	Teacher of Science	MK	V-0004-13-08A	27-11-140-100-101-000-04	BA, Step 6, \$78,520	8/24/26 - 6/30/27

5. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing for the Summer of 2026 the appointment of staff and rate of pay for the following positions:

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution #	Stipend	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Dalton, Maria	AVID Summer Experience	MH	X-0003-00-03S	27-11-424-100-101-000-03	Per diem hourly rate for 4 hours/day for 5 days = \$1,702	7/13/26 - 7/17/26
Penkalski, Kaitlyn	AVID Summer Experience	MH	X-0003-00-03S	27-11-424-100-101-000-03	Per diem hourly rate for 4 hours/day for 5 days = \$1,702	7/13/26 - 7/17/26

6. 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
Campos, Janelle	Substitute Teacher	FF-0901-00-01A	26-11-140-100-101-000-09	3/23/26-6/30/26	County Certificate	\$120/day
Gizzi, Noelle	Substitute Teacher	FF-0901-00-01A	26-11-140-100-101-000-09	3/23/26-6/30/26	County Certificate	\$120/day
Merle, Elissa	Substitute Teacher	FF-0901-00-01A	26-11-140-100-101-000-09	5/1/26-6/30/26	Teacher Certificate	\$130/day
Pasquale, Michele	Substitute Teacher	FF-0901-00-01A	26-11-140-100-101-000-09	5/1/26-6/30/26	Teacher Certificate	\$130/day

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

Workshop/Program	Date	Presenter and Participants	Expense	Account Number
NOTEBOOK LM: Take this workshop to learn about how to create your very own personalized AI assistant powered by Google's Gemini 1.5 Pro. It functions as an online, interactive notebook with a built-in AI assistant. This workshop will showcase some of the ways in which a Notebook can help you build a study buddy who knows your notebook information inside and out and is ready to answer your questions!	April 13, 2026 MK - 2:45-3:45 April 16, 2026 VIRTUAL - 7:30-8:30	PRESENTERS: Jenny Malin Tracy Petrosino PARTICIPANTS: MK - April 13 Dominique Brock Nicholas Di Paolo Marissa DiStasio **Cheryl Engel Maryanne Fisher Justin Hill Eileen Ninivaggi Ciana Roman Adam Trollinger Lori Vertucci VIRTUAL - April 16 Christina Alexander Jenna Chirico-Berman	Presenter Fee: \$55.00 for 1 hour Participant fee: 1 hour at \$20.00/hour ** N/A	26-11-000-223-110-000-03/04 OR 26-20-272-200-100-000-03/04

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		Tiffany Doltz Laura Foley **Elliot Franklyn Erick Gill Michelle Lis Elizabeth Maloupis Victoria Rama Kimberly Steimke		
CLASSROOM PERSONALITIES: Open up lines of communication and meet your students (and colleagues) where they are, by understanding how your personality type and theirs can influence learning styles and behavior. This workshop will help you reduce conflict and resistance, and increase engagement, empathy, and self-awareness in the classroom.	April 28, 2026 MK - 2:45-3:45 May 6, 2026 VIRTUAL - 7:00-8:00	PRESENTERS: Andrew Curtis Joy Mazur PARTICIPANTS: MK - April 28 Maryanne Fisher Marlene Kong Jenny Malin Eileen Ninivaggi Adam Trollinger Lori Vertucci VIRTUAL - May 6 Christina Alexander Amy Calzone Nicole Carroll Nicholas Di Paolo Erick Gill Kerby Perez Kimberly Steimke	Presenter Fee: \$55.00 for 1 hour Participant fee: 1 hour at \$20.00/hour	26-11-000-223-110-000-03/04 OR 26-20-272-200-100-000-03/04

8. 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 <i>(all dates are on or about)</i>	Add'l Info.	Stipend	Job Code
Fischer, Thomas	Homebound Instructor	Dist.	99-0000-61-000	26-11-150-100-101-292-03/04	3/1/26 - 6/30/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	HOMEH HOMEK
Kong, Marlene	Homebound Instructor	Dist.	99-0000-61-000	26-11-150-100-101-292-03/04	3/1/26 - 6/30/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	HOMEH HOMEK
Stevenson, Tanya	World Language Testing Proctor	MH	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-03	5/9/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	WOLA
Jimenez, Jeffrey	World Language Testing Proctor	MH	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-03	5/9/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	WOLA
Quinones, Jacqueline	World Language Testing Proctor	MH	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-03	5/9/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	WOLA
Adams, Peter	World Language Testing Proctor	MH	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-03	5/9/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	WOLA
Stevenson, Tanya	World Language Testing Proctor	MK	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-04	5/2/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	WOLA
Acquaviva, April	World Language Testing Proctor	MK	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-04	5/2/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	WOLA
Quinones, Jacqueline	World Language Testing Proctor	MK	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-04	5/2/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	WOLA
Escobar, Alina	World Language Testing Proctor	MK	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-04	5/2/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	WOLA
Doltz, Tiffany	PM AP Exam Proctor	MH	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-03	5/4/26 - 5/22/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	PMAP
Pelosi, Nicholas	PM AP Exam Proctor	MH	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-03	5/4/26 - 5/22/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	PMAP
Quinones, Jacqueline	PM AP Exam Proctor	MH	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-03	5/4/26 - 5/22/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	PMAP
Izsa, Brett	PM AP Exam Proctor	MH	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-03	5/4/26 - 5/22/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	PMAP
Acquaviva, April	PM AP Exam Proctor	MH	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-03	5/4/26 - 5/22/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	PMAP
Victor, Tiana	PM AP Exam Proctor	MH	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-03	5/4/26 - 5/22/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	PMAP
Perry, Colleen	PM AP Exam Proctor	MH	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-03	5/4/26 - 5/22/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	PMAP
Milovic, Eleta	PM AP Exam Proctor	MH	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-03	5/4/26 - 5/22/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	PMAP
Roman, Christopher	PM AP Exam Proctor	MK	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-04	5/4/26 - 5/28/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	PMAP

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Schwartz, Daniel	PM AP Exam Proctor	MK	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-04	5/4/26 - 5/28/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	PMAP
Giorgianni, Gina	PM AP Exam Proctor	MK	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-04	5/4/26 - 5/28/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	PMAP
Bradley, Erik	PM AP Exam Proctor	MK	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-04	5/4/26 - 5/28/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	PMAP
Pasquale, Michele	PM AP Exam Proctor	MK	99-0000-61-000	26-11-140-100-101-000-04	5/4/26 - 5/28/26	As needed	\$45/Hr.	PMAP

9. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing, for the 2025-2026 school year, the change of assignment and the payment of salary for the following non-certified positions.

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution Number	Step / Salary (*prorated)	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
De La Rosa Mota, Elvin	From: Custodian - 3rd Shift To: Custodian - 2nd Shift	No Change	No Change	No Change	From: \$42,555 \$1,575 Shift Diff. \$825 Black Seal To: \$42,555 \$825 Black Seal	04/01/26-06/30/26
Lantigua- Vasquez, Rafael	No Change	From: MK To: MH	From: BB-0004-22-09A To: BB-0003-22-13A	From: 26-11-000-262-100-000-04 To: 26-11-000-262-100-000-03	No Change	04/01/26-06/30/26
Morales Mateo, Jose	No Change	From: MK To: Dist	No Change	From: 26-11-000-262-100-000-04 To: 26-11-000-262-100-000-04 50% 26-11-000-262-100-000-03 50%	No Change	04/01/26-06/30/26

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Mr. Wiczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Mr. Napolitano, Chair.	Seconded By:	Ms. Levy
AYES: 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. Policy (Item 1-1)

1. Consider authorizing for the second reading the following Policy and Regulation:

Number	Title	New or Revised
a. Policy 1552	Sexual Harassment - Staff	New
b. Regulation 1552	Sexual Harassment - Staff	New

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wiczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Mr. Francia	Seconded By:	Mr. Napolitano
AYES: 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. Policy Continued (Item 2-2)

2. Consider authorizing for the second reading the abolishment of the following Policies:

Number	Title	Action
a. Policy 3362	Sexual Harassment - Teaching Staff Members	Abolish
b. Policy 4352	Sexual Harassment - Support Staff	Abolish

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wiczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Mr. Francia	Seconded By:	Ms. Levy
AYES: 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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XIII. SECOND PUBLIC PORTION - ANY ITEM

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No public comment.

XIV. SECOND BOARD DISCUSSION

[**MINUTES**]
No board discussion.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion By:	Mr. Napolitano	Seconded By:	Mr. Serafin
IN FAVOR:	Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Wiecezrak		
OPPOSED:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a		
			Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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The board adjourned at 7:01 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Danielle Matovski
Board Secretary