MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of May 11, 2026
MORRISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

The regular business meeting of the Board of Education of the Morris School District, of Morris County, New Jersey was held in the Learning Commons of the Morristown High School, Morristown, NJ on Monday evening, May 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Anthony Lo Franco called the meeting to order and made the following announcement: The New Jersey Open Public Meeting 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 interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act the Board of Education of the Morris School District in the County of Morris has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted. The notice was mailed to the Daily Record, TAPInto Morristown and to those persons or entities requesting notification, posted on the district website and posted at the Administration Center, 31 Hazel Street, Morristown, New Jersey.

At the Roll Call, the following Board Members were present: Mrs. Diana Agu, Mrs. Meredith Davidson, Ms. Linda K. Murphy, Board Vice-President, Ms. Tina Perry, Morris Plains Representative, Ms. Sieglinde Pylypchuk, Dr. Vivian Rodriguez, Board President, Mr. Alan Smith, Mrs. Melissa Spiotta and Mrs. Beth Wall.

Mrs. Katie Cole was absent.

Also present at 6:30pm, Dr. Anne Mucci, Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Lo Franco, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Lora Clark, Director of Human Resources, Personnel & Equity, Ms. Tina Alberto, Anti-Bullying Coordinator (6:30pm - 6:33pm).

The Board moved to go into closed session at 6:31pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion #1 AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Morris School District Board of Education to be held in public, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in "Executive Session," without the public being permitted to attend, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that three (3) issues are permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) to be discussed without the public in attendance and shall be discussed during an Executive Session to be held on May 11, 2026 at 6:30 P.M, and

WHEREAS, the nine (9) exceptions to open public meetings set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) are listed below, and next to each exception is a box which will be marked when the issues to be privately discussed fall within that exception, and after each exception is a space where additional information that will disclose as much information about the discussion as possible without undermining the purpose of the exception shall be written:

☒ "(1) Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law, State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from public discussion." The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality are: Student Matters

□ "(2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government." The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

□ "(3) Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly." The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

☒ "(4) Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body." The collective bargaining contract(s) discussed are between (1) the Board and the Morris School District Administrators Association.

□ "(5) Any matter involving the purchase lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed." The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

□ "(6) Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law." The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

□ "(7) Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer." The parties to and docket numbers of each item of litigation and/or the parties to each contract discussed are and the nature of the discussion, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

☒ "(8) Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting." Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under South Jersey Publishing Co. v. New Jersey Expressway Authority, 124 N.J. 478 (1991), the employee(s) and nature of the discussion, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality are:

□ "(9) Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility." The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be sixty (60) minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall (select one) □ reconvene and immediately adjourn or ☒ reconvene and proceed with business where formal action will be taken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris School District Board of Education will go into Executive Session for only the above stated reasons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Motion #1)
Moved by Ms. Murphy , seconded by Mrs. Wall

AYES:	Mrs. Agu, Mrs. Davidson, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Perry, Ms. Pylypchuk, Dr. Rodriguez, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Spiotta, Mrs. Wall
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
RECUSE:	None
ABSENT:	Mrs. Cole

At 7:27 pm, Mrs. Davidson, moved to go into open session. Mrs.Wall seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Also present, for open session, Mr. Christopher Argenziano, Assistant Director of Human Resources, Mr. Adrian Cepero, Executive Director of Technology, Mrs. Joan Frederick, Assistant Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary, Mr. Matthew Kriley, Director of Elementary Education, and Mr. Harry Ruiz, Directory Safety & Operations.

Approximately 85 members of the public/press were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Rodriguez led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mucci highlighted the following:

- *Teacher Appreciation week*
- *AP Testing*
- *Recognition of Retiree for their service and dedication the the students and district*
- *6/8/26 BOE meeting will feature 25-26 Sports Recognition and Class of 2026 college and career outcomes*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rodriguez welcomed all retirees present who were able to attend their recognition, expressing the Board's gratitude for their service.

STUDENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Student Representatives:

Ms. Zheng reported on the following topics:

- *Spring sports are continuing into county and state tournaments*
- *33rd annual Jazz night, including many ensembles and new Big Band group*
- *SGO fundraisers continuing:*
  - *College Merch*
  - *Movie NIght on the Turf*
  - *5K*
- *Graduation speeches in process of refinement*
- *AP & NJSLA testing*

Ms. Zheng shared with the Board that she will be attending M.I.T. in the fall.

PRESENTATIONS

2025-2026 Retiree Recognition

At 8:38 pm, the Board took a brief recess following the recognition, resuming at 8:50pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Rodriguez read the following statement:

Before we open the meeting to public comment, we wish to remind you that our meeting is now video-recorded and publicly aired. While the Board welcomes and encourages public comment, we ask that you be respectful, including in any comments you might make about staff. The Board does not endorse any comments made by a speaker, nor will the Board be held liable for any comments made by members of the public. The law prevents the Board from speaking about specific students and about personnel matters. For this reason, the Board will not answer any questions on these subjects. Finally, the Board's policy limits each speaker to three minutes. We ask that you respect this policy and the time of your fellow community members by concluding your comments once you reach three minutes. Public comment is open for an hour or until public comments are complete, whichever comes first.

At this point, I would like to invite any members of the public to come forward and provide your full name and address.

Members of the public came forward on the following topics:

- *Invite to the community by the MEF for COlonial Nation Trivia Night*
- *Update on the process with candidates for the Director of Special Education*
- *Request to discuss the transition of new Director with the SEPAG families*

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum

Mrs. Davidson reported/highlighted the following:

- *Field trip approvals*
- *Summer programs*
- *LinkIt Pilot*
- *8th grade students ELA instruction*

Finance

Ms. Murphy reported/highlighted the following:

- *Grow it Green partnership renewal*
- *2026-2027 Tuition rates*
- *Preschool Provider contracts*
- *Food Service Company Renwal*
- *Bid awards*

Human Resources

Dr. Rodriguez highlighted the committee discussing all the renewals and open positions.

Policy

Mrs. Wall explained the pulled policy 5516 was removed due to a Board member question and will be discussed at the next policy meeting at the end of May.

Negotions

Mrs. Spiotta reported the district and Administrative Association and Teachers Association have agreed on another 4 year contract, looking forward to continuing the great relationship and collaboration.

Morris Plains

Mrs. Perry reported the following:

- *State of the district presentation*
- *Open Board seat*

BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING

Ms. Perry read in the following statement:

As appointed representative of the sending Morris Plains School District to the Morris School District Board of Education, I would like to clarify that my votes on tonight's Business Agenda items will relate only to those items that are identified as applicable District-wide, to grades PreK-12, or to the High School, grades 9-12.

I am abstaining from voting on any agenda item pertaining solely to the Elementary and Middle Schools, grades PreK-8.

MINUTES

Motion #1 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education, approve executive session minutes from the regular business meeting of:

April 27, 2026

Motion #2 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education, approve minutes from the regular business meeting of:

April 27, 2026

MINUTES (Motions #1-2)

Moved by Ms. Murphy seconded by Mrs. Spiotta

AYES: Mrs. Agu, Mrs. Davidson, Ms. Perry, Ms. Pylypchuk, Mr. Smith
Mrs. Spiotta, Mrs. Wall, Ms. Murphy, Dr. Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSE: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Cole

POLICY

DISTRICT

SECOND READING

Motion #1 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve for second reading the following new/revised bylaws/policies/regulations:

Policy	Regulation	Title
5111	N/A	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students
~~5516~~	~~N/A~~	~~Use of Electronic Communication Recording Devices & Internet Enabled Devices~~
6362	N/A	Contributions to Board Members and Contract Awards
6422	R6422	Budget Transfers
6423	N/A	Expenditures for non-employee activities, meals and refreshments
6424	R6424	Emergency contracts
6470	R6470	Payment of Claims
6480	N/A	Purchase of Food Supplies
6510	N/A	Payroll Authorization
6511	N/A	Direct Deposit
6660	N/A	Student Activity Fund
6740	R6740	Reserve Accounts
6820	N/A	Financial Reports
6830	N/A	Audit and comprehensive Annual Financial Report
6832	N/A	Conditions of Receiving State Aid

DISTRICT

RESIDENCY RESOLUTION

Motion #2 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the parents/guardians of the students in the list on file were provided with a Notice of Initial Determination of Ineligibility for a free education in the Morris School District ("MSD") based upon the administration's review of their domicile/residency status; and

WHEREAS, they were notified of the right to request a hearing before the Board of Education to demonstrate that the students are entitled to attend school in the MSD; and

WHEREAS, they did not request such a hearing; and

WHEREAS, they have provided no documentation to support the students' eligibility for a free education in the MSD.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the students in the list on file are not eligible to receive a free education in the MSD and the administration is authorized to provide the parents/guardians with a Notice of Final Ineligibility, which will include the rate of tuition that may be assessed against them, along with information regarding their right to appeal this determination to the Commissioner of Education.

DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS
THE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF MORRIS

Motion #3 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between The Education Association of Morris and the Morris School District for the contract term of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2030 as on file in the Human Resources and Business Administrator's office.

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MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION

Motion #4 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between The Morris School District Administrators' Association and the Morris School District for the contract term of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2030 as on file in the Human Resources and Business Administrator's office.

POLICY (Motions #1-4)
Moved by Ms. Murphy seconded by Mrs. Wall

AYES: Mrs. Agu, Mrs. Davidson, Ms. Perry, Ms. Pylypchuk, Mr. Smith Mrs. Spiotta, Mrs. Wall, Ms. Murphy, Dr. Rodriguez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSE: None
ABSENT: Mrs. Cole

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

DISTRICT

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING REPORT

Motion #1 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accept the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying report for the period ending, April 27, 2026.

DISTRICT

FIELD TRIPS

Motion #2 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approves the following additional Field Trips:

District K-8 Field Trip

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COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2026-2027 SUNRISE/SUNSET TUITION RATES

Motion #3 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the Community School Sunrise/Sunset Program tuition rates for the 2026-2027 school year.

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS (Motions #1-3)

Moved by Ms. Murphy seconded by Mrs. Spiotta

AYES: Mrs. Agu, Mrs. Davidson, Ms. Perry, Ms. Pylypchuk, Mr. Smith Mrs. Spiotta, Mrs. Wall, Ms. Murphy, Dr. Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSE: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Cole

PUPIL SERVICES

DISTRICT

OUT OF DISTRICT ROSTER

Motion #1 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves placements and instructional services for students with disabilities, including those received by the district and those attending schools for which tuition is charged, for the month of May as noted in the detailed listing maintained on file in the Board Secretary's office.

EXPLANATION:

Students with IEPs whose needs cannot be met in the programs that exist within the district are placed in outside private and public schools for students with disabilities. Attendance is monitored monthly in order to ensure students are enrolled as agreed and IEPs are being followed. Case managers make at least two visits per school year for each student enrolled in one of these schools, including one visit that involves the convening of an IEP Team to complete an annual review of the student's IEP. In order to preserve confidentiality, all students are identified only by their local and/or state identification numbers in any listing that is maintained outside the Office of Pupil Services.

PUPIL SERVICES (Motion #1)

Moved by Ms. Murphy seconded by Mrs. Spiotta

AYES: Mrs. Davidson, Ms. Perry, Ms. Pylypchuk, Mr. Smith
Mrs. Spiotta, Mrs. Wall, Ms. Murphy, Dr. Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSE: Mrs. Agu

ABSENT: Mrs. Cole

HUMAN RESOURCES

ABOLISH/ESTABLISH POSITION(S) 2025-2026

Motion #1 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education abolish and establish the following position(s) for the 2025-2026 school year:

ABOLISH	ESTABLISH	Effective date
9-12		
(2) 0.5 Custodian, MHS	1.0 Custodian, MHS	05/12/26

ABOLISH/ESTABLISH POSITION(S) 2026-2027

Motion #2 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education abolish and establish the following position(s) for the 2026-2027 school year:

ABOLISH	ESTABLISH	Effective date
DISTRICT		
1.0 Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services and Bilingual Education, CO	1.0 Director of Special Education, CO	07/01/26

RESIGNATION(S)/TERMINATION(S)/RETIREMENT(S) 2025-2026

Motion #3 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the resignation(s), termination(s) and/or retirement(s) of the following staff according to the effective date and reason shown:

PK-8	
Faraci, Kathryn 1.0 Special Ed., AV	June 30, 2026 Resigned
Mitchell, Jennifer 1.0 Special Ed., SX	June 30, 2026 Resigned
9-12	
Amorin, Paola .86 Class IV Secretary (Attendance), MHS	May 11, 2026 *(Revised date)* Resigned
Klein-Poma, Rita 1.0 Bilingual Math, MHS	June 30, 2026 Resigned
Phillips, Melissa 1.0 Nurse, MHS	June 30, 2026 Resigned

RESIGNATION(S)/TERMINATION(S)/RETIREMENT(S) 2026-2027

Motion #4 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the resignation(s), termination(s) and/or retirement(s) of the following staff according to the effective date and reason shown:

PK-8	
Urgino, Roland 1.0 Music, AV/SX	July 1, 2026 Retired

APPOINTMENT(S) 2025-2026 */**

Motion #5 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following to the position/s stated at the annual salary rates and effective date/s shown, and further that the Board of Education approve the submission to the County Superintendent applications for emergency hiring, pending approval of all Human Resource documents and/or requirements and each applicant's attestation that s/he has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq.; 18:39-17 et seq.; 18A:6-4.13 et seq.:

			In Place of:
PK-8			
Perez Zavala, Alba 0.5 Custodian, AH	$21,000	03/23/26-06/30/26	Ospina DeRuiz, M. Retired
DISTRICT			
Cardenas Jachero, Marcus 1.0 Grounds, B&G	$42,000	05/11/26-06/30/26	Employee #5464
Mantilla, Mark 1.0 Bus Driver, Transportation	$42,525 $35/hour 6.75 hrs/day 180 days/year	04/27/26-06/30/26	Employee #7181
Santander, Rosa 1.0 Bus Aide, Transportation	$17,100 $19/hour 5 hrs/day 180 days/year	05/11/26-06/30/26	Employee #7392 LEAVE REPLACEMENT

* Pending probationary period
** Pending completion of paperwork

JOB DESCRIPTION(S) 2026-2027

Motion #6 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following job descriptions:

➢ (1) Coordinator of Special Education (K-5) (revised)

DISTRICT

SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS 2025-2026

Motion #7 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following name(s) be added to the list of substitutes, and approve all Morris School District Substitute Teachers to also provide service as Teacher Assistant, ABS, and Lunchroom Playground Aide as assigned for the 2025-2026 school year, and further that the Board of Education approve submission to the County Superintendent application for emergency hiring and each applicant's attestation that s/he has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq., 18A:6-4.13 et seq.:

Bus Driver
Betancourt Ruiz, Daniela (eff. 05/01/2026)

Teacher
DiMella, Nicole (eff. 05/04/2026)
Dunham-Thomas, Jennifer (eff. 05/11/2026)
Hajbi, Rula (eff. 05/01/2026)
Sieman, Lindsey (eff. 05/11/2026)

EXPLANATION: Upon the submission of approved timesheets, staff will be compensated at the approved substitute rates.

DISTRICT

SUBSTITUTE REAPPOINTMENTS 2026-2027

Motion #8 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the substitute reappointments for the 2026-2027 school year below and approve all Morris School District Substitute Teachers to also provide service as Teacher Assistant, ABS, and Lunchroom Playground Aide as assigned for the 2026-2027 school year, and further that the Board of Education approve submission to the County Superintendent application for emergency hiring and each applicant's attestation that s/he has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A 18A:6-7.1 et seq., 18A:6-4.13 et seq.:

Athletic Trainer
Geary, Jennifer

Bedside Instructor
Flynn, Katharyn
Kenny, Joan
Manno, Linda
Stropnicky, Nancy
Vieira, Lindsay
Williams, Juanita

Buildings & Grounds

Campbell, Mark
Cardenas Jachero, Marcos
Castro, Doris
Ciardi, Eric
Dallas, Robert
Guaman Zhumi, Luisa
Jean-Louis, Juvens
Nonez, Reginald
Ospina Henao, Gloria
Palma Quiridumbay, Joselin
Perez Gonzalez, Juan
Perez Gonzalez, Pedro
Quintero Grisales, Martha
Ramirez Rios, Carlos
Resterpo Agudelo, Yogira
Singh, Manpreet
Smith, Brandon
Tacuri Morocho, Nelly
Vergara Salazar, Sixta

Bus Aide

Gonzalez, Gleny
McKay, Betty
Santander, Rosa

Bus Driver

Betancourt Ruiz, Daniela
Caceres, Yeymi
Chandia Velozo, Danny
Eike, Tyler
Griffith, David
Higgs, Aaron
Jones, Bryan
Kawoczka, Harry
Lopez, Jair
McNeal, Karee
Mejia Canas, Guillermo
Moore, Maurice
Ramirez, Marisol
Riano, Johanna
Rodriguez, Raymundo

Lunchroom/Playground Aide

Alberto, Margherita
Arias Jaramillo, Alejandea
Asberry, Alicia
Bernard, Dania
Caceres Silva, Gabriela
Crawford, Jeanne
Daniels, Vulana
Guanin Rodriguez, Luis
Haley, Shurliana
Jean-Louis, Jean
Johnson, Bridgette
Johnson, Pernita
Kitchens, Ana
Lyons, Amy
Mendez Lopez, Gloria
Merchan Moya, Anabela
Mihalko-Lieto, Cynthia
O'Grady, Zina
Ortiz, Luz
Quintero Rodriguez, Edelmira
Reaves, Melvin
Robinson, Rose
Shaw, Maria
Sifers, Tiffany
Simmons, Frances
Suarez, Marllory
Sutcliffe, Stephanie
Waddington, Ana
Zinckgraf, Susan

Nurse

Barilla-Kay, Diane
Barna, Donna
Lewis, Janis
Marchese, Angela
McDonald, Sharon
Nolan, Chelsea

Pappas, Alexa
Scibetta, Melissa

Secretary
Gagliardi, Elissa
Monahan, Margaret
Niehenke, Ana
Nolan, Jennifer
Peck, JoAnn
Revello, Jennifer
Skibiel, Paulette
Taylor, Angela
Thompson, Karen
Torres, Jessica
Weissman, Susan

Security Monitor
Harris, Aaron

Teacher
Acosta Capellan, Pablo
Aiken, Aaron
Ali, Amna
Allen, Shawn
Anderson, Laura
Andrew, Lesley
Angulo, Yamilet
Arora, Shelja
Babcock, Pamela
Baksa, Victoria
Bellog, Michelle
Benitez, Otilia
Billy, Thomas
Blank, Elizabeth
Boradia, Heny
Bourne, Sara
Boyd, Laura
Boyd, Robert
Bozza, Matthew
Bragin, Nikolai
Bressler, Matthew
Brutzman, Philip
Cabrera, Rosalba
Cahill, Emma
Carmichael, Kathryn
Caro, Amanda
Carter, Ebony
Chalker, Marcia
Chavis, Jamal
Clark, Alexander
Cobb, Masin
Cofield, Marianne
Coleman, Meredyth
Collins, Heather
Combs, Lauren
Conte, Janice
Corinaldi, Laurie
Costello, Evelyn
Crawford, Jeanne
Cregan, Cari
Cristao, Pauliana
Crowley, John
Curley, Meredith
Davis, Maureen
DePaolo, Michael
Diaz, Nailah
Dicob, Neely
Dimeo, Ekaterina
Dunham-Thomas, Jennifer
El-Hassan, SarahNajeh
Ezeji, Kennedi
Fagan, Devon
Fagan, Trisha
Feehan-Babcock, Noel
Feeney, Lisa
Fenton, Elizabeth
Flynn, Katharyn
Fontes, Ana
Furphey, Katherine
Gamarra, David
Ganley, Patrick
Gingrich, Regina
Goldberg, Rachel
Gogarty, Allison
Gonzalez, Consuela
Guerriero, Esperanza
Gustavsen, Claudia
Guttridge, Marta

Hajbi, Rula
Hamfeldt, Tomasina
Handel, Madeline
Harris, Aaron
Harris, Kathleen
Hasenbein, Christine
Heldt, Catherine
Heusel, Michele
Higgins, Allison
Hodge, Elainna
Hovis, Charles
Johnson Jr., Edward
Jolton, Isabel
Jorge, David
Kardaras, Barbara
Kaur, Jagdeep
Kelly, Catherine
Kelly, Christopher
Kenny, Joan
Khan, Saman
Kneppar, Divina
Kratochvill, Carol
Lambright, Jada
Levy, Phyllis
Lopez, Libia
Lopinto, Daniel
Malkin, Kevin
Mangano, Hunter
Manno, Linda
Markouris, Anna
Marum, Scott
Mayo, Shelly
McKeown, John
McKeown, Linda
Mesias, Phyllis
Messineo, Nicholas
Mihalko-Lieto, Cynthia
Milich, Gregory
Monahan, Margaret
Montes, Janayla
Moran, Charles
Morla, Nathan
Mulvihill, Danielle
Murphy, Renee
Muzzo, Andrew
Myers, Selia
Nolan, Jennifer
Omar, Ahlam
Opena, Paul
Opipari, Carolyn
Opipari, Gessica
Parish, Daniel
Parrillo, Joseph
Peck, JoAnn
Pelletier, Elise
Pica, Gianna
Pozer, Kyle
Prevete, Kathleen
Price, Kristen
Ramirez, Sheryl
Rangel, Teresa
Reath, Claire
Reddington, Catherine
Revello, Jennifer
Richardson, Noah
Rios, Armando
Rocco, Jennifer
Rodgers, Julie
Rodriguez, Alfredo
Roedel, Sara
Rojas, Cori
Romanowski, Grace
Rosado-Arce, Anidia
Ruiz, Samantha
Saldana, Yvette
Scheer, Elizabeth
Schneider, Barbara
Shaw, Tyronica
Shea, Rory
Sieman, Lindsey
Silva, Elias
Silva, Matthew
Skibiel, Paulette
Smith, Brandon
Solomon, Gregory
Stornetta, Marcia
Strain, Nicholas
Stroh, Katherine
Stropnicky, Nancy
Talambedu, Radha
Taylor, Angela
Thomas, Megs
Thompson, Karen
Tompson, Steven
Tonini, Anthony
Torre, Anthony

Torres, Jessica
Townsend, Michael T.
Unger, Jesse
Vance, Gerran
Vasquez Baldassari, Oscar
Vazquez Pica, Carlos
Verma-Arora, Preeti
Vieira, Lindsay
Viscarra, Carmen
Volonnino, Lauren
Waddington, Ana
Walker, Brianna
Walsh, James
Wargo, Michael
Weiss, Gloria
Weissman, Susan
Wells, Tyler
White, Ryley
Wild, Deborah
Williams, Dionne
Williams, Naomi
Woodson, Kia
Xenitelis, Alexa
Yeoh, Andrew
Zaragoza, Elizabeth
Zeris, Lauren
Zeug, Rachael

Volunteer
Chu, Ross (Marching Band)
Ananko, Shaun (Urban Farm)
Fama, Madelyn (Urban Farm)
Haupt, Kimberly (Urban Farm)
Weaver, Marley (Urban Farm)

LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE 2025-2026

Motion #9 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve a leave of absence to the following staff members under the conditions stated and effective dates shown:

PK-8		
Employee #4476	05/04/26-05/07/26	Military *
9-12		
Employee #8084	04/28/26-05/11/26	Administrative *

* With pay/with benefits

DISTRICT
REAPPOINTMENT AND SALARIES OF ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION 2026-2027 *

Motion #10 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the reappointment of the Morris School District Administrators' Association staff for the 2026-2027 school year as filed with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Human Resources offices.

***** Salaries are contingent upon and subject to change pending the ratification of a formal agreement.

DISTRICT

REAPPOINTMENT AND SALARIES OF CERTIFICATED STAFF 2026-2027 *

Motion #11 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the certificated staff reappointment and salaries for the 2026-2027 school year as on file with the School Business Administrator and Human Resources Office.

* Salaries are contingent upon and subject to change pending the ratification of a formal agreement.

DISTRICT

REAPPOINTMENT AND SALARIES OF NON-CERTIFICATED STAFF 2026-2027 */**

Motion #12 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the non-certificated staff reappointment and salaries for the 2026-2027 school year as on file with the School Business Administrator and Human Resources Office.

* Salaries are contingent upon and subject to change pending the ratification of a formal agreement.

** Denotes probationary period

DISTRICT

REAPPOINTMENT AND SALARIES OF NON-REPRESENTED ADMINISTRATORS 2026-2027

Motion #13 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the reappointment of the non-represented staff for the 2026-2027 school year as filed with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Human Resources office.

* Salaries are contingent upon and subject to change pending the ratification of a formal agreement.

DISTRICT

REAPPOINTMENT AND SALARIES OF NON-REPRESENTED STAFF 2026-2027

Motion #14 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the reappointment of the non-represented staff for the 2026-2027 school year as filed with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Human Resources office.

* Salaries are contingent upon and subject to change pending the ratification of a formal agreement.

DISTRICT

REAPPOINTMENT AND SALARIES OF SUPERVISORY SUPPORT STAFF 2026-2027

Motion #15 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the supervisory support staff reappointment and salaries for the 2026-2027 school year as filed with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Human Resources office.

* Salaries are contingent upon and subject to change pending the ratification of a formal agreement.

EXTRA PAY REVISION 2025-2026

Motion #16 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following extra-pay positions **(revisions in bold)** for the 2025-2026 school year:

MORRISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR		
POSITION	**STAFF MEMBER**	**TOTAL SALARY**
9-12		
PK-5 Helping Teachers - Normandy Park	Krickus, Melissa (08/27/2025-05/13/2026)	**3,361.00**
PK-5 Helping Teachers - Normandy Park	Mahony, Sarah	**$4,369.00**

EXTRA PAY 2026-2027

Motion #17 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following extra-pay positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

DISTRICT COORDINATOR EXTRA PAY		
POSITION	**STAFF MEMBER**	**TOTAL SALARY**
DISTRICT		
Advanced Placement Instructional	Rooney, Kevin	$10,000
Bilingual (K-5)	Myers, Kolleen	$8,500
Gifted and Talented (K-8)	Lewis-Lahey, Anthony	$8,500
Math (6-12)	Kemp, Christiana	$8,500
Social Studies (K-12)	Bozza, Amy	$8,500

9-12

AP EXAM PROCTORS 2025-2026

Motion #18 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following AP Exam Proctors for the 2025-2026 school year **(revisions in bold)**

Position: AP Exam Proctor
Staff: **Barrera, Claudia ***
Brown, Renee *
Caruso, Sandra *
Cheikes, Ellen *
Flynn, Katharyn
Kenny, Kristina *
Meyer, Siobhan *

Norton, Michael *
O'Mahoney, Grace
Phinn, Vincent *
Pichardo, Oshaira *
Solomon, Gregory
Streiff, Cherie *
Stroh, Katherine
Tate, Monica *
Votapek, Olivia
Weisenseel, Kate *

Rate:

	AM Session	PM Session
Standard Time	$125	$125
Extended Time	$145	$145

*to be paid for hours outside contracted work day

EXPLANATION: Upon submission of an approved timesheet, AP Exam Proctors will be paid through test fees and local funds.

DISTRICT
COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2025-2026

Motion #19 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following Summer Music Academy effective June 29, 2026 -July 24, 2026. This will include pre-camp meetings, the camp season and post-camp cleanup. Hours will be assigned as needed.

NAME	POSITION	HOURLY RATE
Beadle, Tim	Summer Music Teacher	$50
Havington, Andrew	Summer Music Teacher	$50
Malko, Lindsey	Summer Music Teacher	$50
Morla, Nathan	Summer Music Teacher	$50
Ocasio, Ariel	Summer Music Teacher	$50

EXPLANATION: Upon submission of an approved timesheet, staff will be paid as outlined above. Salaries to be paid out of collected tuition.

DISTRICT
MISCELLANEOUS - (PER DIEM ADMINISTRATOR) 2025-2026 *

Motion #20 that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education Approve the following individuals for the purpose of managing schools in the absence of the School Administrator at the rate of $550 per day:

Doty, David - Per Diem Administrator
Term: 5/12/2026 to 6/30/2026
Limited to an average of 3 days per week

EXPLANATION: Upon submission of an approved timesheet, Per Diem Administrator will be compensated as outlined above.

*pending completion of paperwork

DISTRICT
MISCELLANEOUS - (PER DIEM ADMINISTRATOR) 2026-2027 *

Motion #21 that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education Approve the following individuals for the purpose of managing schools in the absence of the School Administrator at the rate of $550 per day:

Doty, David - Per Diem Administrator
Term: 7/1/2026 to 9/1/2026
Limited to an average of 3 days per week

EXPLANATION: Upon submission of an approved timesheet, Per Diem Administrator will be compensated as outlined above.

*pending completion of paperwork

DISTRICT
UNRECOGNIZED POSITION TITLE(S) 2026-2027

Motion #22 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following Unrecognized Position Titles as approved by the Executive County Superintendent pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-5.5 for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Executive Director of Technology

DISTRICT
NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS 2026-2027

Motion #23 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the reappointment of the following staff for the 2026-2027 school year, pending approval by the Executive County Superintendent.

LoFranco, Anthony - School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

ALL SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PENDING FUNDING AND ENROLLMENT SUMMER DISTRICT

PK-12 SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR 2026 *

Motion #24 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve PK-12 Special Education Extended School Year staff as follows: **(Revisions in bold).**

Program: PK-12 Special Education Extended School Year
Position: Extended School Year Special Education Program - Staff
Description: Provide IEP-mandated extended school year services to students with disabilities.
Date: June 30, 2026
July 1, 2026 - July 31, 2026 (ESY Program)
(excludes July 3, 2026)
Set up date: Tuesday, June 30, 2026
Funding: Local
Staff:

Teachers - $50/hour (as per contract language)
Adamo, Sarah
Aiello, Dina
Baldassari, Michelle
Bisulca, Tracy
Bozzi, Amy
Bruskin, Jennifer
Cabrera, Rosalba
Cardona, Daniela
Castiglia, Toni Marie
Castro, Meg
Dawson, Stacy
Haith, Seynabou
Halker, Jennifer
Heldt, Catherine
Herbert, Meghan
Kersey, Warren
LoDolce, Blake
McMahon, Catherine
Mortimer, Annmarie
O'Brien, Matthew
Patten, Kelly
Ratner, Alyssa
Shaw, Bianca
Shaw, Tyronica
Wilcox-Avalos, Catherine

Substitute Teachers - $50/hour (as per contract language)
Abreu, Angelica
Benson, Alison
Bowman, Sasha

Bruskin, Jennifer
Beeck, Chelsea
Bueno, Nathalia
Cardona Castano, Laura
Chavis, Jamal
Curley, Meredith
Diaz, Nailah
Diehl, Christopher
Ekstroem Knudsen, Jonathan
Escobedo, Nicole
Ferrer, Mercy
Gingrich, Regina
Higgins, Hunter
Kardaras, Barbara
Karger, Rebecca
Martell, Marlene
Mesias, Phyllis
Opipari, Carolyn
Opipari, Gessica
Parish, Daniel
Rangel, Teresa
Ratner, Alyssa
Recarte, Melissa
Romano, Julia
Stroh, Katherine
Xenitelis, Alexa
Walker, Brianna
Weiss, Gloria
Wright, Matthew

Assistant Behavior Specialists - $29/hour
Baran, Christine
Beeck, Chelsea
Benson, Alison
Berry-Brown, Kendra
Bueno, Nathalia
Cardona Castano, Laura
Celis, Maria
Chavis, Jamal
Curley, Meredith
Degidio, Sarah
DeLillo, Heather
Diaz, Nailah
Diehl, Christopher
Ekstroem Knudsen, Jonathan
Facchini, Maria
Gagliardi, Elissa
Gaynor, Alison

Gingrich, Regina
Griffith, June
Guzman, Daniela
Hammond, Aatifa
Higgins, Hunter
Jones, Marisa
Kardaras, Barbara
Karger, Rebecca
Kinney, Minsu
McCormack, Margaret
McElwee, Jermaine
Mesias, Phyllis
Mestell, Jonathan
Meza, Luz
Opipari, Gessica
Parish, Daniel
Pelletier, Elise
Phinn, Vincent
Rangel, Teresa
Rogers-Martin, Dayhahnae
Romano, Julia
Sanchez-Barragan, Laura
Simmons, Frances
Stroh, Katherine
Swiontikowski, Joseph
Terhune, Wendy
Titus-Thermitus, Carline
Toler, Michelle
Xenitelis, Alexa
Walker, Brianna
Weiss, Gloria
Wright, Matthew
Zuluaga, Andrea

Substitute Assistant Behavior Specialists - $29/hour
Clark, Bridget
Clark, Katherine
Dowman, Dashone
Gupta, Sheela
Opipari, Carolyn
Romero, Jehimy
Tirri, Kristina
Townsend, Michael

ESY Staff - 1/140th of monthly salary up to $65/hour per contract language
Corona, Beverly
Ecker, Francesca

Grifonetti, Kara
Kenny, Janice
Lagonigro Fazari, Maria
Maloney, Kristy
Monahan, David
Silvers, Jessica
Talledo-Bracamonte, Daniela

ESY Staff Substitutes- 1/140th of monthly salary up to $65/hour per contract language
Beeck, Jean
Caamano-Hussein, Christina
Eriksen, Carolyn
Griffiths, Kaitlyn
Nitting, Alexis

* Salaries are contingent upon and subject to change pending the ratification of a formal agreement.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Motions #1-24)
Moved by Ms. Murphy seconded by Mr. Smith

AYES:	Mrs. Agu, Mrs. Davidson, Ms. Perry, Ms. Pylypchuk (Motions #1-6, 8-24), Mr. Smith, Mrs. Spiotta, Mrs. Wall, Ms. Murphy, Dr. Rodriguez
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Ms. Pylypchuk (Motion #7)
RECUSE:	None
ABSENT:	Mrs. Cole

BUSINESS MATTERS

DISTRICT

Financial Reports

Motion #1 **Financial Reports of the Secretary to the Board of Education**
that the Board of Education approve the following financial report as on file in the Business Administrator's office for the month of **March 2026**

Fund 10 -- General Fund
Fund 20 -- Special Revenue Fund
Fund 30 -- Capital Projects Fund

Statement of Cash Balances
that the Board of Education accept the Statement of Cash Balances for the month of **March 2026** which is reconciled with the Board Secretary's Reports by fund for that month.

Motion #2 Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c) 3, we certify that as of **March 2026** after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion #3 Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c) 4, I certify that as of **March 2026** no budgetary line item account has been over-extended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (b).

_____ **May 11, 2026**
Business Administrator/Board Secretary Date

DISTRICT

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Motion #4 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education . approve the Budget Transfers as on file in the Business Administrator's Office for the 2025-2026 budget through **March 2026.**

BILLS LIST 2025-2026

Motion #5 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the attached 2025-2026 bills list for the period ending:

April 30, 2026 (payroll)
May 11, 2026
May 12, 2026 (NACHA)

DISTRICT

TUITION RATES

Motion #6 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education approve the annual estimated tuition rates for the 2026 – 2027 school year for Pre-School - Grade 12 Classes.

REGULAR CLASSES

Pre-School	$ 17,028.00
Kindergarten	$ 18,112.00
Grades 1-5	$ 19,421.00
Grades 6-8	$ 20,116.00
Grades 9-12	$ 19,643.00

SPECIAL CLASSES

LLD Mild to Moderate	$ 27,512.00
LLD Severe	$ 24,744.00
Multiple Disabled	$ 72,351.00
Autism	$ 63,928.00
Pre-School Disabled	$ 53,340.00

SPECIAL CLASSES – ESY (21-day program)

LLD Mild to Moderate	$ 3,210.00
LLD Severe	$ 2,887.00
Multiple Disabled	$ 8,441.00
Autism	$ 7,458.00
Pre-School Disabled	$ 6,223.00

PK-8

PEEA PROVIDER CONTRACTS 2026-2027

Motion #7 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following agreements to provide high quality preschool services, in accordance with Preschool Expansion Education Aid (PEEA):

Robert C. Grant Head Start Center
The Greater Morristown YMCA: (Angela's Place, Richard Blake Center, The Y-Zone)
Cornerstone Family Programs - Neighborhood House
Temple B'Nai Or
Kiddie Academy, Cedar Knolls
Madison Area YMCA F.M. Kirby Children's Center
Primrose School of Morristown
Children on the Green

EXPLANATION

Morris School District receives PreSchool Education Expansion Aid (PEA) funding from the New Jersey Department of Education. Funds are used to offset costs of preschool classrooms at Lafayette Learning Center, as well as for preschool classrooms with community providers. The contracts are State templates. The Board has approved this budget as presented at the 2026-2027 public budget hearing. Agreements are on file in the Business Administrator's Office.

DISTRICT

Food Service Management Company Agreement 2026-2027
Pomptonian Food Service

Motion #8 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board has concluded that the proposal submitted by Pomptonian Food Service is the most advantageous to the School District, price and other factors considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Board of Education approve and award a contract for School Food Service Management for the 2026-2027school year, in the third renewal year of the 4 year renewal option, to Pomptonian Food Service located at 155 Passaic Ave, Suite 210, Fairfield, NJ 07004. It is the recommendation of the Business Administrator that the Morris School District, Board of Education award the contract to Pomptonian Food Service (hereinafter referred to as the "FSMC"), subject to the following contractual provisions:

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, a fee of $0.23149 per reimbursable meal and meal equivalent to compensate the Food Service Management Company for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as the cost of operation. The district guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC. The 2026-2027 Total Cost of the Contract is projected to be $2,555,857.87 as found on the Response and Projected Operating Statement (Form 23)

The number of National School Lunch Program, and if applicable, Breakfast Program, At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program and After School Snacks Programs, meals served to children shall be determined by actual count. A "Meal Equivalent" provided by the FSMC is determined by dividing the total of cash receipts, other than from sales of National School Lunch Program, and if applicable, Breakfast Program, At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program and After School Snacks Programs, meals, or Cash Equivalents, by the Equivalency Factor. The Equivalency Factor used to determine the number of Meal Equivalents served by the FSMC shall be the amount of $4.70.

The per meal management fee of $0.23149 will be multiplied by total meals.
The FSMC guarantees that the return to the District from the Food Service Program for the school year will be $105,000. If the annual operating statement shows a return of less than $105,000, Pomptonian Food Service will pay the difference between the actual and the guaranteed amount. Financial terms of the Contract are based upon the assumptions as stated in Section II A, Paragraph 8, and Section BBB (Guarantee Conditions and Assumptions) in the Contract. If there is a change in conditions, including, without limitation, changes to the preceding assumptions, the parties agree to enter negotiations concerning the impact of such changes, and the financial terms of the Contract, including any guarantee, shall be adjusted accordingly.

DISTRICT
AGREEMENTS
SHEPARD SCHOOL

Motion #9 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education Approve an agreement, between the Morris School District and The Shepard School of Morristown, to provide a school meal Program for the 2026-2027 school year beginning July 1, 2026.

EXPLANATION

This is an annual agreement between the Morris School District and Shepard. MSD will provide lunches to Shepard at a rate of $5.05 per meal.

Grow It Green

Motion #10 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the agreement with Grow It Green Morristown, to continue the gardening program that benefits the children of the district through the programs offered by Grow It Green.

EXPLANATION

This was discussed at the May Finance Committee meeting. This is a 5 year term agreement, July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2031. Agreement is on file in the office of the Business Administrator.

DISTRICT
LEASE PURCHASE FINANCE

Motion #11 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY DETERMINING TO FINANCE ACQUISITION OF TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES AND OTHER RELATED EQUIPMENT BY MEANS OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING $1,500,000, AUTHORIZING AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS IF NECESSARY, DELEGATING THE AWARD OF THE BID, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE LEASE AND RELATED DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Morris School District (the “School District”), in the County of Morris, New Jersey, is created and is charged by law with the

responsibility to provide a system of public education within the school district over which the Board has jurisdiction and to acquire and install equipment therefor; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to fund the acquisition of passenger buses, including related equipment, financing and incidental or related costs (the "Equipment"), by means of an equipment lease purchase financing for a term that does not exceed six (6) years pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:20-4.2(f) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et. seq*.; and

WHEREAS, the Board has selected the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission as financial advisor (the "Financial Advisor") and McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, as special counsel (the "Special Counsel") for the purpose of advising and assisting with the proposed lease purchase financing of the Equipment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.S.A 18A:18A-1 *et. seq*. (the "Public School Contracts Law") and the regulations promulgated thereunder, a notice of the bid will be published if required and bids or quotes (hereinafter simply referred to as "bids") are scheduled to be returned to the Business Administrator, who, with the assistance of the Special Counsel and the Financial Advisor, will determine the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to purchase the Lease (as hereinafter defined) from the Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Purchaser"); and

WHEREAS, the Board will enter into a lease purchase agreement (the "Lease") and other related documents with the Purchaser in an amount not to exceed $1,500,000 to finance the Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the delegation of the award of the bid to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and further authorizes the Board President, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Financial Advisor and Special Counsel to prepare and to execute the Lease and certain other documents and agreements necessary or incidental to the transactions contemplated thereby;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby determines to finance the Equipment by means of a lease purchase financing in a principal amount not exceeding $1,500,000 in accordance with the requirements of the Public School Contracts Law. The lease shall be for a period not to exceed five years and the interest portion of rent shall be calculated at a rate per annum not in excess of the rate set forth in the legally responsive bid producing the lowest yield. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Financial Advisor, the Special Counsel and other appropriate representatives of the Board (the "Professionals") are hereby authorized to prepare the necessary timetables, bid documents and other related documents as may be necessary and to take other steps necessary to prepare for and to implement the proposed financing.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the publication of a request for bid if required in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law or the solicitation of quotes in order to prepare for the proposed transaction.

Section 3. The Board President and/or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are authorized to award the bid and the Lease in accordance with the terms of this resolution to the lowest bidder in accordance with the bid proposals or quotes submitted to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, which winning bid proposal or quote will be retained on file in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary. The Purchaser’s interest rate will be held fixed for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of the bid or such longer period as recommended by the Financial Advisor. If the closing does not occur within such thirty (30) day or longer period from the date of the bid, the interest rate will be calculated in accordance with the index rate recommended by the Financial Advisor as set forth in the bid specifications.

Section 4. The Board President and/or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Lease, an agent or an escrow agreement, an assignment agreement, if necessary, and such other documents as may be necessary to consummate the transaction in a form approved by Special Counsel. Specifically, the Board authorizes the Board President or the Business Administrator to establish an escrow account for the deposit of the Lease proceeds and to direct the deposit and investment of the Lease proceeds in the escrow in accordance with the requirements of law. The Business Administrator is also authorized to pay any agreed upon fees in connection with the transaction including any escrow agent fee. The Board President and/or Business Administrator are also authorized and directed to take on behalf of the School District such other actions as shall be necessary and appropriate to accomplish the lease purchase financing for the Equipment in accordance with the terms of the Lease and this resolution and pursuant to the terms of the agreements and instruments authorized to be prepared hereby and to accomplish the performance of the obligations of the School District in respect thereto.

Section 5. The payment of rent or other monies due under the Lease shall be made only from the General Fund of the School District. Neither the Board, the School District nor any agency, department or political subdivision thereof, shall be obligated to pay any sum due under the Lease to the Purchaser from any taxing source unless an appropriation is made in a duly approved budget of the School District. The obligations of the School District shall not constitute indebtedness of the School District or the constituent municipalities or of any department, agency or political subdivision thereof. The Lease shall set forth the term of the lease purchase agreement for the Equipment, the rental payments to be paid by the School District in respect thereof and the dates on which such rent shall be due and payable.

Section 6. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), in order to

preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Lease, including the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Lease, if applicable. The Board authorizes the Business Administrator to act and determine on behalf of the Board whether the Lease will be designated as "bank qualified" within the meaning of Section 265 of the Code. The Board hereby declares its intent to issue the Lease in the expected maximum principal amount of the Lease set forth herein and to use the proceeds of the Lease to pay or to reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purpose for which the Lease is authorized herein. This resolution is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for the purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

Section 7. The references herein to officers of this School District and in actions taken on behalf of this Board include any interim, acting or successor officers holding those positions or the Vice President in the absence or unavailability of the Board President.

Section 8. Any action authorized herein taken prior to the adoption of this resolution is hereby ratified and deemed to be taken pursuant to this resolution.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

DISTRICT

BIDS

Bid Award # 27-004 Lawncare

Motion #12 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42, the bid for Lawncare, Bid #27-004, having been duly advertised and received on April 28, 2026, the award be made to TruGreen Limited Partnership, Randolph, New Jersey, for the 2026-2027 school year as set forth below:

	TruGreen Limited Partnership
BASE BID:	
Fertilization	$19,481.70
Crabgrass Control	$6,321.00
Broadleaf Weed Control	$12,123.30
Vegetation Control	$3,520.00
Total Base Bid	$41,446.00

OPTIONS, PER ACRE:	
Surface Insect Control	$115.00
Grub Control (Merit)	$150.00
Lime (Pelletized)	$150.00
Drive (for crab grass)	$165.00

BID Award # 27-011 Alexander Hamilton Security Vestibule Upgrades

Motion #13 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42, Bid #27-011, Alexander Hamilton Security Vestibule Upgrades, having been duly advertised and received on April 23, 2026, be awarded to Tri-Plex Industries, Inc., South Amboy, NJ, for the 2026-2027 school year as set forth below:

Vendor	Base Bid
Tri-Plex Industries	**$137,000.00**
Wallkill Group	$178,178.00

DISTRICT

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2026-2027

Motion #14 WHEREAS there exists a need for professional services for 2026-207 and funds are available for these purposes,

WHEREAS the Public School Contracts Law (Chapter 114, Laws of 1977) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for professional services without competitive bids be publicly adopted,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris School District Board of Education that the following be engaged as follows:

Atlantic Health System Behavioral Health Assessment Center	Student Behavioral Health Assessment	$250/Assessment
Barbara C. Miller PT, PA	General Physical Therapy Consultation Services Direct Physical Therapy Services Physical Therapy Evaluations	$132/hour

Progressive Therapy of NJ, LLC	BCBA Services: Functional Behavior Assessments Behavior Treatment Plans, Classroom based consultations/staff training Behavior Technician services	$125/hour $50/hour
Hillmar	Bilingual and monolingual speech-language, psychological, educational, social, BDI evaluations CST evaluations for Hearing impaired - speech-language, psychological, educational and social evaluations Occupational and Speech Therapy Services, Applied Behavior Services, Counseling Services, Participation in IEP meetings, Oral and written translation	See Hillmar Rate Sheet
Go For Bodywork Manual Physical Therapy	Physical Therapy Services	$114/hour
Grace Medical Group, LLC	Psychiatric Evaluations	$1,500/evaluation
Creative Speech Solutions, LLC	Occupational/Speech Therapy Services Speech-Language Evaluation Clinic-Based Therapy Services	$95/hour $450/Evaluation CSS LLC 2026-27 Rate Sheet

DISTRICT

Nonpublic Transportation Services - 2025-2026 revised

Motion #15 WHEREAS, in accordance with the statutes of 18A:18A-11, Boards of Education of two or more districts may provide jointly, by agreement, the transportation of pupils attending schools within or outside of the district:

WHEREAS, Morris School District and the following schools intend to enter into an agreement to provide certain transportation services for the following:

Assumption School
Children on the Green
Cornerstone Family Programs/Morristown Neighborhood House
Peck School
Richard F. Blake Children's Center
Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth
Unity Charter School
Greater Morristown YMCA

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to pursue the said transportation jointure with above listed schools.
2. that the services provided by the Morris School District Board of Education shall be provided in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies as established by the Morris School District Board of Education.
3. that the cost of transportation, as apportioned to each participating district and computed by Morris School District, shall be in accordance with policy as established by the Morris School District Board of Education.
4. that the above listed schools will pay a management fee to Morris School District.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Morris School District Board of Education be authorized to enter into a transportation jointure for the 2025-2026 school year with the above listed schools.

TRAVEL & REIMBURSEMENT

Motion #16 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, employees are attending conferences, conventions, staff training seminars or workshops as depicted on attachment: and

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated functions was previously approved by the chief school administrator as work related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendees; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the functions was approved as critical to the instructional needs of the school district or furthering the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, the travel and related expenses particular to attendance at these functions are in compliance with the state travel payment guidelines established by the Department of Treasury and with guidelines established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget; be it
RESOLVED, that the board approves the travel and related expenses particular to attendance at these functions.

BUSINESS MOTIONS (Motion #1-16)
Moved by Ms. Murphy seconded by Mrs. Spiotta
AYES: Mrs. Agu, Mrs. Davidson, Ms. Perry, Ms. Pylypchuk, Mr. Smith
Mrs. Spiotta, Mrs. Wall, Ms. Murphy, Dr. Rodriguez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSE: None
ABSENT: Mrs. Cole

CLOSED SESSION (9:11 PM)
Moved by Dr. Rodriguez seconded by Mrs. Spiotta
AYES: Mrs. Agu, Mrs. Davidson, Ms. Perry, Ms. Pylypchuk, Mr. Smith
Mrs. Spiotta, Mrs. Wall, Ms. Murphy, Dr. Rodriguez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSE: None
ABSENT: Mrs. Cole

OPEN SESSION (9:17 PM)
Moved by Mrs. Spiotta seconded by Mrs. Wall

AYES:	Mrs. Agu, Mrs. Davidson, Ms. Perry, Ms. Pylypchuk, Mr. Smith Mrs. Spiotta, Mrs. Wall, Ms. Murphy, Dr. Rodriguez
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
RECUSE:	None
ABSENT:	Mrs. Cole

ADJOURNMENT (9:17 PM)
Moved by Mrs. Wall seconded by Ms. Perry

AYES:	Mrs. Agu, Mrs. Davidson, Ms. Perry, Ms. Pylypchuk, Mr. Smith Mrs. Spiotta, Mrs. Wall, Ms. Murphy, Dr. Rodriguez
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
RECUSE:	None
ABSENT:	Mrs. Cole

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Lo Franco
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary