

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DATE: **TUESDAY, July 14, 2026**

TIME: **8:30 A.M.**

Time: _____

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER

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

IV. ROLL CALL

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

Superintendent:	_____ Dr. Anita Champagne
Assistant Superintendent	_____ Dr. Melissa España
Business Administrator/Board Secretary:	_____ Mr. Michael Davison
Attorney for the Board of Education:	_____ Mr. John Mills III, Esq.
Student Representative:	_____ Mr. Duncan Felch

Press: _____

Visitors: _____

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Reports:

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| • Activity Participation Fee | Conor Devine |
| • Budget Update - Grants | Michael Davison |
| • 2026 NJQSAC District Placement Scores | Dr. Champagne |
| • Policy Updates | Dr. Champagne |
| ○ Policy Update Structure | |
| ○ Bell-to-Bell Survey | |
| • Program Update (ST/FT) | Dr. Champagne |

Information Only:

- MCST Security and Fire Drill Logs and Student Incident Report (Attachment #1)
- MCCTI Security and Fire Drill Logs and Student Incident Reports (Attachment #2)

VII. COMMITTEE PROGRAMS

VIII. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC (related to agenda items only)

IX. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of June 15, 2026 as submitted. (Attachment #3)
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of the Board of Education of June 15, 2026 as submitted.

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

X. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT AND TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Motion to approve the Report of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary submitted pursuant to 18A:17-9 for the period ending and investments made during the month of May 2026. Further, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 the Board of Education certifies that as of May 31, 2026, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriate 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:23A-16.10 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Attachment #4)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I certify that as of May 31, 2026 no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10.

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Date

2. Motion to approve the Report of the Treasurer submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36 for the period ending May 31, 2026. (Attachment #5)

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

XI. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following Resolution has been recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Motion to accept the placement results of the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) for the school year 2025-2026 as detailed in the attached letter dated June 29, 2026 from the NJDOE. (Attachment #6)
2. RESOLVED, that the bylaws and policies printed and codified in the comprehensive document entitled "Bylaws and Policies of Morris County Vocational School District" on file in the Superintendent's Office as identified on the attached list are hereby adopted and that all bylaws and policies heretofore adopted by the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education and inconsistent with the bylaws and policies hereby adopted are hereby rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event any policy, part of a policy or section of the bylaws is judged to be inconsistent with law or inoperative by a court of competent jurisdiction or is invalidated by a policy or contract duly adopted by this Board, the remaining bylaws, policies, and parts of policies shall remain in full effect. (Attachment #7):

Bylaws	0000 Series
Administration	1000 Series
Program	2000 Series
Teaching Staff Members	3000 Series
Support Staff Members	4000 Series
Students	5000 Series
Finance	6000 Series
Property	7000 Series
Operations	8000 Series
Community	9000 Series

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

XII. FINANCE

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

1. Motion to approve the payment of bills as attached. (Attachment #8)

2. Motion to approve and authorize the Board Secretary to pay urgent and unforeseen bills and meet financial obligations for July 15, 2026 through the next Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education meeting.
3. Motion to approve the following amendments to the 2025/2026 Current Expense anticipated revenue budget statement and the corresponding appropriations budget for Funds 11, 12, 13, 20, 30, 62, 63 and 66 as per listing attached. (Attachment #9)
4. Motion to approve the attached list of travel and related costs which are educationally necessary, fiscally prudent, in compliance with state travel reimbursement guidelines, are related to and within the scope of the employee's current responsibilities and promote the delivery of instruction or further the efficient operation of the school district. (Attachment #10)
5. Motion to approve the submission of the FY27 ESEA Consolidated Grant Application to the NJDOE in the amount of \$102,496.00 (*Title I-\$68,166.00, Title II A-\$24,330.00, and Title IV A-\$10,000.00*) for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
6. Motion to approve the submission of the FY27 IDEA Grant application in the amount of \$300,529.00 for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
7. Motion to refuse the Title III funds in the amount of \$2,142.00 (this amount is less than the federal \$10,000.00 minimum amount to fund a standalone program).
8. Motion to approve the acceptance of the FY27 Consolidated Adult Basic Skills (ABS) and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) Grant funds from the NJDOL in the amount of \$1,035,192.00 to be shared as allocated between Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
9. Motion to approve the acceptance of the FY27 Perkins Postsecondary Grant funds from the NJDOE in the amount of \$121,402.00 for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
10. Motion to approve the purchase of two hundred eighty (280) Lenovo Chromebooks for use at the Morris County School of Technology based upon pricing as obtained through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey cooperative purchasing program, contract #ESCNJ/AEPA 026-D, in the amount of \$132,498.80.
11. Motion to approve the single-source procurement of fifty (50) Apple 13" Macbook Air laptops for use at the Morris County School of Technology in the amount of \$69,400.00.
12. Motion to accept a donation of assorted cookware items from Boston Foundry; dba Made in Cookware, Austin, Texas, with an estimated value of \$8,000.00 for use in the Culinary Arts Program, with a letter of appreciation to the donor.
13. Motion to accept a donation from the Rochkind Wagner Foundation, Morristown, New Jersey in the amount of \$2,800.00 for scholarship awards for the 2026-2027 fall semester for students in the share-time programs in accordance with the terms of the agreement on file, with a letter of appreciation to the donor.
14. Motion to approve an increase for mileage reimbursement expenses for travel related to work-based learning site visits for the 2026-2027 school year up to \$3,600.00 each for the following individuals:
 - Angela Bernardino
 - Mary Hammond
 - Colleen Pascale

15. Motion to approve the Morris County Vocational School District's participation in the Educational Data Service, Inc. Cooperative Pricing System (Ed-Data), for the purchasing of supplies, goods and services for the 2026-2027 school year from its authorized vendors in the amount of \$9,800.00.

16. Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 (5) authorizes contracting units to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements; and

WHEREAS the Educational Services Commission of Morris County, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency", has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System known as the "Educational Cooperative Pricing System" for the purchase of work, materials and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Vocational School District within the County of Morris, New Jersey, desires to participate in the Educational Cooperative Pricing System.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on July 14, 2026 by the said Board of Education as follows:

AUTHORITY

As directed by N.J.S.A. 18A-18A-11 et seq. and pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 (5), the Board President is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall advertise for and receive bids from vendors who will make school supplies, equipment and other related goods and services available to participating members of the said Cooperative Pricing System at the agreed upon price; and

The Lead Agency entering into contracts on behalf of the Morris County Vocational School District shall be responsible for complying with the 54 provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. (Attachment #11)

17. Motion to approve, pursuant to Board of Education policy 2436, the annual Activity Participation Fee for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$100.00 per student (waived for families eligible for free and reduced price meals based on New Jersey eligibility standards).

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

XIII. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, PROGRAMS, STUDENTS

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

1. Motion to approve the senior Work-Based Learning Experiences for the 2026-2027 school year as per the attached list. (Attachment #12)

2. Motion to approve the application for the enrollment of the Morris County School of Technology as a member of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to participate in the approved interscholastic athletic program sponsored by the NJSIAA for the 2026-2027 school year. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3, the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education adopts as its own policy and agrees to be governed by the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the NJSIAA.

3. Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education received the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report of the Superintendent dated June 15, 2026;

WHEREAS, the parties involved in the case(s) reported were notified of the results of the investigation, Superintendent's decision and the rights of those parties to request a hearing before the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, no requests for a hearing before the Board of Education have been received; and

WHEREAS, the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights provides the Board of Education the opportunity to affirm, modify or reject the Superintendent's decisions on reported cases of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education **affirms** the Superintendent's decision in the case(s) listed in the HIB Investigation Reports reported to the Board at its regularly-scheduled Board of Education meeting on June 15, 2026. (Attachment #13)

4. Motion to approve, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:34-3, the disposal of the following out of use textbooks:

Title	Edition	ISBN	Count
Starting Out with Java	6th	978-0-13-395705-1	1
Computer Science Illuminated	7th	978-1-284-15561-7	16
ACSM's Introduction to Exercise Science	2nd	978-1-4511-7672-8	51
Fundamentals of Athletic Training	3rd	978-0-7360-8373-7	17
Hole's Human Anatomy & Physiology	14th	978-0-07-802429-0	38
Introduction to Kinesiology-A Biophysical Perspective		978-0-920905-27-2	14
Elements of Literature	6th	0-03-068379-3	17
Economic Education for Consumers	4th	978-0-538-44888-8	101
Geometry		978-0-618-50157-1	26
The Official SAT Study Guide with DVD		978-0-87447-979-9	20
Discovering French Nouveau	1st	0-395-87482-3	5
Discovering French Today	3rd	978-0-547-87247-6	14
Discovering French Today	2nd	978-0-547-87197-4	19

Discovering French Today	1st	978-0-547-87156-1	33
Allez Viens	3rd	0-03-056596-0	12
Avancemos	2nd	978-0-554-02532-2	59
Avancemos	1st	978-0-554-02531-5	48
Avancemos	3rd	978-0-547-87192-9	89
Nuevas Vistas		0-03-055213-3	21
Introduction to Research & Medical Literature	3rd	978-1-4496-5035-3	26

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

XIV. PERSONNEL

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

1. Motion to approve the appointment of Kyle Campbell as Teacher of Carpentry at BA Step 8 effective August 25, 2026 through June 30, 2027, pending successful completion of a criminal history background check and pre-employment physical examination.
2. Motion to approve the appointment of Kacie Krause as School Counselor at MA+30 Step 6 effective August 25, 2026 through June 30, 2027, pending successful completion of a criminal history background check and pre-employment physical examination.
3. Motion to approve the appointment of Denise Stierch as School Counselor at MA Step 2 effective August 25, 2026 through June 30, 2027, pending successful completion of a criminal history background check and pre-employment physical examination.
4. Motion to approve the appointment of Nory Urgiles as part-time Apprenticeship Coordinator within the Adult & Continuing Education Department effective July 15, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at an hourly rate of \$40 per hour for a maximum of 200 hours with funding provided by the FY27 Continuing Education Enterprise Fund.
5. Motion to approve the appointment of Madeline Tubbs from Rutgers University as a Student Teacher in the Social Studies Department five days per week from August 27, 2026 to December 23, 2026.
6. Motion to approve Ethan Statlander from Susquehanna University for a one-week externship in the Social Studies Department from January 4-11, 2027.
7. Motion to rescind the appointment of Laurie Sisto as DECA Advisor for the 2026-2027 school year.
8. Motion to amend the resolution of May 12, 2026 to approve the appointment of Stefana Niemoczynski as a Club Competition Chaperone for the 2025-2026 school year (correction to spelling of last name).
9. Motion to approve the below list of certificated staff as Teacher Mentors on an as-needed and as-requested basis for the 2026-2027 school year pending completion of training required by law and/or district policy:

Kevin Brophy
Kevin Conover
Mary Gonnella
Lauren Martin
Samantha Shane
Laurie Sisto

10. Motion to approve the transfer of the following staff members from the Morris County School of Technology to the Morris County Career Training Center (MCCTC) effective August 25, 2026:

Jennifer Katz	School Counselor
Michael Romano	School Counselor
Kathleen Whitehead	Teacher of Exercise Science

11. Motion to approve the participation of the following faculty members in the MCST Summer Institute on August 10-11, 2026 for a maximum of 7 hours each at the rate of \$34.00 per hour to be funded from each faculty member's professional development allowance:

Sheila Arakelian	Catherine Mohrle
Dale Bendsak	Megan Petrucelli
Kayla Coradin	Maryanne Renna
Stephen Gelb	Samantha Shane
Mary Gonnella	Laurie Sisto
Kathleen Harrington	Eric Weiss
Katherine Ilardi	Kathleen Whitehead
Marissa Levis	Jeffrey Wierzbicki

12. Motion to approve the appointment of the following staff members to work during the period July 15, 2026 through August 24, 2026 at their hourly rate, pending completion of a criminal history background check and pre-employment physical examination:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u># Hours (up to and not to exceed)</u>
Denise Steirch	School Counselor	30
Kacie Krause	School Counselor	30

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

XVI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

- NJ School Boards Annual Fall Workshop: October 19-22, 2026, Atlantic City

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Next Board Meeting: August 11, 2026 at **8:30 a.m.**
 - Paul Pineiro, NJSBA, Superintendent Evaluation Tool and Board Goals

