

**MORRIS HILLS REGIONAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**
48 Knoll Drive, Rockaway, NJ 07866

MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, July 20, 2026
8:00 a.m., BOE Conference Room

I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

[MINUTES]

Mr. Wieczerszak asked everyone to rise at 8:00 A.M. and requested a meeting roll call.

II. ROLL CALL

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

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

[MINUTES]

Mrs. Matovski conducted a meeting roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

III. OPENING STATEMENT - NOTICE OF MEETING

"Adequate notice of this meeting was posted to the District's website on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

IV. 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."

V. FIRST PUBLIC PORTION - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

[MINUTES]

No public comment.

VI. FIRST BOARD DISCUSSION PERIOD

[MINUTES]

No public comment.

VII. AGENDA

A. Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation - NONE

B. Finance - NONE

C. Curriculum, Extended Education, Athletics, and Student Activities - NONE

D. Community Relations - NONE

E. General - NONE

F. Personnel (Items 1-1)

1. Consider accepting the resignation of the following personnel:

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution Number	Eff. Date
Carlson, Joseph	Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Custodial Services	DIST	H-0007-00-02A	27-11-000-261-100-000-03 50% 27-11-000-261-100-000-04 50%	9/4/2026
Gorski, Danielle	Student Assistance Counselor	MK	M-0004-00-08A	27-11-000-218-104-000-04 100%	8/17/2026
Vitale, Gia	Teacher of English - Lv. Repl.	MK	V-0004-03-20A	27-11-140-100-101-000-04 100%	8/14/2026

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Mr. Wiczerzak requested a motion to move the foregoing.

Motion By:	Mr. Napolitano, Chair.	Seconded By:	Mr. Maher
IN FAVOR:	Mr. Bertram, Mrs. D'Asti, Mr. Francia, Ms. Levy, Mr. Maher, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Serafin and Mr. Wiczerzak		
OPPOSED:	n/a		
ABSTAIN:	n/a		
			Final Resolution: Motion Carried

F. Personnel Continued (Items 2-4)

2. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing, for the 2026-2027 school year, a change of assignment and payment of salary for the following staff members:

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution Number	Step / Salary (*prorated)	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)
Russo, Shari	From: School Counselor To: Student Assistance Counselor	MK	From: M-0004-00-04A To: M-0004-00-08A	No Change 27-11-000-218-104-000-04	No Change: MA, Step 18, \$111,238	8/24/26-6/30/27

3. The Chief School Administrator recommends authorizing, for the 2026-2027 school year, the appointment of staff and payment of the salaries 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)
Ryan, Allison	School Counselor	MK	M-0004-00-04A	27-11-000-218-104-000-04	MA, Step 4, \$82,743	8/24/26-6/30/27
Gill, Madeline	School Counselor	MK	M-0004-00-03A	27-11-000-218-104-000-04	MA+30, Step 8, \$97,631	8/24/26-6/30/27
Otto, Alexandra	School Counselor (Lv. Repl.)	MK	M-0004-00-09A	27-11-000-218-104-000-04	MA, Step 2, \$80,283*	On or about 9/15/26-12/23/26
Koza Jr., Peter	Teacher of A/V TV Production (3/5 position)	MK	V-0004-18-10A	27-11-140-100-101-000-04	BA, Step 1, \$72,125*	8/24/26-6/30/27
Assadourian, Nicole	Teacher of English (Lv. Repl.)	MK	V-0004-03-20A	27-11-140-100-101-000-04	BA, Step 1. \$72,125*	8/24/26-12/23/26

ADDENDA ITEM

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution Number	Step / Salary (*prorated)	Effective Dates (all dates are on or about)	Employment Agreement
Eschmann, John	Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Custodial Services	DIST	H-0007-00-02A	27-11-000-261-100-000-03 50% 27-11-000-261-100-000-04 50%	\$157,000*	9/21/26 - 6/30/27	Employment Agreement

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

Name	Position	Loc.	Position #	Distribution Number	Period (all dates are on or about)	Add'l Info.	Rate of Pay	Job Code
Olson, Heather	Extended School Year Teacher	SS - WHTN	99-0000-60-000	27-11-212-100-101-000-04	6/29/26 - 8/7/26	Up to 30 days	\$208.89/day	ESYH

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

G. Policy - NONE

VIII. SECOND PUBLIC PORTION - ANY ITEM

[MINUTES]

No public comment.

IX. SECOND BOARD DISCUSSION

[MINUTES]

No board discussion.

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X. ADJOURNMENT

A. Approval to adjourn the regular meeting.

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

[**MINUTES**]
The board adjourned at 8:05 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Danielle Matovski
Board Secretary