



BOARDROOM

Highlights of Monthly Board of Education Meeting

December 2024

Superintendent's Report



The enrollment figures as of December 4, 2024 are as follows:

	<i>Morris Hills</i>	<i>Morris Knolls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Grade 9	303	325	628
Grade 10	269	391	660
Grade 11	285	344	629
Grade 12	302	344	646
Adult HS	--	167	167
AMSE	181	--	181
APA	--	146	146
SE Self- Contained	--	46	46
TOTAL	1340	1763	3103

Mr. Nicholas J. Norcia
Superintendent

- Authorized the approval of the Adult High School Calendar for 2025-2026.
- Authorized the approval of the following Field Trips:

Staff Member Department	Location Date
Stephanie Fasano Christopher Carrano Anthony Vasile 15 staff assistants Nurse Special Education Trip#AT-05453	Rockaway, NJ November 21, 2024 CHANGED TO: JANUARY 6, 2025
Tiffany Doltz Mock Trial Advisor Trip#AT-05849 Trip#AT-05878 (Snow Date)	Morristown, NJ January 7, 2025 Snow Date: January 8, 2025
Marcia Ghetti Jihanne Radzieski SKi Club Advisors Trip#AT-05781	Tannersville, PA January 9, 2025
Tiffany Doltz Mock Trial Advisor Trip#AT-05850	Morristown, NJ January 9, 2025
Harold Fahrer Jodie Adessa Lindsay Dunn Renee Lavin James Lavin English Trip#AT-05842	Montclair, NJ January 11, 2025
Robert Moore Barbara Seaman Christopher Roman Jenny Malin DECA Trip#AT-05790	Mahwah, NJ January 14, 2025
Colleen Perry Parent Chaperones + 2 chaperones TBD ADDED: MEGHAN BURGIN JIHANNE RADZIESKI DECA Trip#AT-04981	Mahwah, NJ January 14, 2025
Tiffany Doltz Mock Trial Advisor Trip#AT-05851 Trip#AT-05879 (Snow Date)	Morristown, NJ January 14, 2025 Snow Date: January 15, 2025
Marcia Ghetti Jihanne Radzieski Ski Club Advisors Trip#AT-05779	Tannersville, PA January 16, 2025
Tiffany Doltz Mock Trial Advisor Trip#AT-05852	Morristown, NJ January 16, 2025
Stephanie Fasano Anthony Vasile Christopher Carrano Matthew Kelly Douglas Gable 15 Staff Assistants + Nurse Special Education Trip#AT-05863	Parsippany, NJ January 16, 2025
Kristen Markowski Michelle Uhler Jodie Adessa Jennifer Brady Music Trip#AT-05845	Budd Lake, NJ January 17, 2025
Lisa Peluso Chaperone TBD APA	Randolph, NJ January 18, 2025

Staff Member Department	Location Date
Trip#AT-05874	
Adam Trollinger HOSA Club Advisor Trip#AT-05902	Wayne, NJ January 18, 2025
Harold Fahrer Jodie Adessa Rebecca Jacobson Renee Lavin James Lavin English Trip#AT-05840	Sewell, NJ January 19, 2025
Tiffany Doltz Mock Trial Advisor Trip#AT-05853 Trip#AT-05880 (Snow Date)	Morristown, NJ January 21, 2025 Snow Date: January 22, 2025
Marcia Ghatti Jihanne Radzieski Ski Club Advisors Trip#AT-05780	Tannersville, PA January 23, 2025
Tiffany Doltz Mock Trial Advisor Trip#AT-05854 Trip#AT-05881 (Snow Date)	Morristown, NJ January 23, 2025 Snow Date: January 27, 2025
Stephanie Fasano Anthony Vasile Christopher Carrano 15 Staff Assistants Nurse Special Education Trip#AT-05866	Morris Plains, NJ January 24, 2025
Samara McGhee Lindsay Dunn Speech & Debate Club Advisors Trip#AT-05239	Flemington, NJ January 25, 2025
Nickolas Maloupis Elizabeth Maloupis Physics Club Advisors Trip#AT-05841	Wayne, NJ January 25, 2025
Tiffany Doltz Mock Trial Advisor Trip#AT-05855	Morristown, NJ January 29, 2025
Stephanie Fasano Anthony Vasile Christopher Carrano 15 Staff Assistants Nurse Special Education Trip#AT-05867	Rockaway, NJ January 29, 2025
Marcia Ghatti Jihanne Radzieski Ski Club Advisors Trip#AT-05782	Tannersville, PA January 30, 2025
Kristen Markowski Michelle Uhler Jodie Adessa Music Trip#AT-05844	Mt. Olive, NJ January 31, 2025
Adam Trollinger Shane Johnson Lora Santucci Academic Decathlon Advisors Trip#AT-05859	Clifton, NJ February 1, 2025
Stefana Niemoczynski Allyson Moreno Student Government Advisors Trip#AT-05837	Jefferson, NJ February 4, 2025
Nicholas Livigne Art Trip#AT-05835	Denville, NJ February 4, 2025

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Marcia Ghetti Jihanne Radzieski Ski Club Advisors Trip#AT-05777	Tannersville, PA February 6, 2025
Irene Fischetti Amanda Manjorin Joseph Kelly Anna Nazzaro Adrian Cortes Special Education Trip#AT-05778	Rockaway, NJ February 7, 2025
Jodie Adessa Krystal Beck APA Trip#AT-05884	Whippany, NJ February 13, 2025
Sara Lakatos Meaghan Cordero Jenna Miller English Trip#AT-05873	Budd Lake, NJ February 21, 2025
Samara McGhee Lindsay Dunn Speech & Debate Club Advisors Trip#AT-05839	Bridgewater, NJ February 22, 2025
Allyson Moreno Stefana Niemoczynski Science Trip#AT-05568	Edison, NJ March 12, 2025
Allyson Moreno Kerri Schweizer Winterguard Advisors Trip#AT-05848	Flemington, NJ March 22, 2025
Seana Pivko Varsity Club Advisor Trip#AT-05877	Rockaway, NJ April 2, 2025
Kristen Maravi Emily Rapagnani World Language Trip#AT-05891	New York, NY April 10, 2025
Nicholas Pelosi Caryn Graf Rebecca Rock Ryan Shaffer School Counseling	Madison, NJ May 30 - June 1, 2025

- Authorized the ratification of the following Field Trips:

Staff Member Department	Location Date
Dan Schwartz Matthew Peterson Katie Williams Parent Chaperones Music Trip#AT-04643	Denville, NJ December 1, 2024
Timothy Mein CHANGED TO: NICHOLAS PELOSI Kaitlyn Penkalski AVID Trip#AT-05751 (Pelosi/Thomas Jefferson) Trip#AT-05752 (Penkalski/MacKinnon)	Rockaway, NJ Wharton, NJ December 12, 2024

1. Approval of the following Staff Conferences:

Staff Member Department	Location Date	Conference/Workshop
Lauren Sherburne	Online	Columbia University: Digital Literacies and

Staff Member Department	Location Date	Conference/Workshop
Stefana Niemoczynski Instructional Coaches	January 3, 2025 March 28, 2025 May 2, 2025	AI: Exploring the Possibilities of Digital Tools for Deepening Reading and for Generating Writing Feedback 3-12
Joseph Konopinski Justine Sobieski Lynn Lubrecht Kaitlyn Nagy Vanessa Fudrini Adam Trollinger Science	Denville, NJ January 10, 2025	AP STEM Roundtable at Morris Knolls High School
Stefana Niemoczynski Sean Trisler Instructional Coach/Technology	Ewing, NJ January 15, 2025	The College of New Jersey: Practical Design Integration with Morphological Charts - Design Thinking and Engineering Design Process
Lauren Jackson Business	Bloomfield, NJ January 16, 2025	NJCECA: January Coordinator Meeting
Melissa Sabo Rusty Obra Family & Consumer Science	Randolph, NJ January 16, 2025	County College of Morris: Culinary & Hospitality Arts Institute of New Jersey Spring 2025 Advisory Committee Meeting
Gina Giorgianni Reading Specialist	Ewing, NJ January 17, 2025	The College of New Jersey: College Readiness and High School Research
Nisha Zoeller Alyssa Radigan Neil Charles Brenda Gupta Asst Superintendent / Supervisors	Park Ridge, NJ January 23, 2025	NJDOE: NJGPA/NJSLA Training
Gina Giorgianni Reading Specialist	Ewing, NJ January 24, 2025	The College of New Jersey: Book Banning in New Jersey
Michelle Uhler Music	Dallas, TX March 19 - 23, 2025	American Choral Directors Association National Conference

- Authorized the approval of a donation of one pound of fertilizer, with an approximate value of \$5.74, to the Morris Hills High School Magnet Program to be used for a student AP Research project.
- Authorized the approval of a grant from DonorsChoose in the amount of \$1,956 to be used for the Morris Hills HOPE Club's Weekend Foods for our Families project.
- Authorized the approval of a grant from DonorsChoose in the amount of \$488.07 to be used for the Morris Hills HOPE Club's Weekend Foods for our Families project.
- Authorized the approval of a monetary donation in the amount of \$950 from the MHRDEA to the Morris Hills National Art Honor Society to go towards the Sara Bauer Art Gallery initiative.
- Authorized accepting, with regret, the resignation of the following personnel for the purpose of retirement:

Name	Position	Loc.	Eff. Date
Kellner, Susan	Secretary to the Athletic Supervisor	MH	2/28/25
Kellner, Susan	Varsity Club Advisor	MH	2/28/25
Phillips, Charles	Teacher of English	MK	6/30/25

- Authorized the approval of a Memorandum of Agreement and the Employment Agreement between the Morris Hills Regional District Administration Association and the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029.

- Authorized for the 2024-2025 school year the change to the following job description:

From: Adult and Continuing Education Program Specialist

To: Secretary to the District Supervisor of Adult High School, IB, and District Enrollment

- Authorized for the 2024-2025 and/or 2025-2026 school years the following leaves of absence:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates <i>(all dates are on or about)</i>	
Trisler, Sean	Teacher of Technology	MH	3/5/25	6/4/25
Sanchez, Nicole	Teacher of English	MH	4/21/25	10/18/25
O'Shea, Lisa	Special Education Staff Assistant	MK	From: 3/10/25-5/27/25 To: 2/18/25-5/23/25	From: 5/28/25 To: 5/27/25

- Authorized for the 2024-2025 school year the appointment of staff and payment of stipend for the following 1/6 positions:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates <i>(all dates are on or about)</i>
Petti, Carla	Teacher of Spanish	MK	From: 9/17/24 - 12/20/24 To: 9/16/24 - 2/14/25
Oliva, Ana	Teacher of Spanish	MK	From: 9/17/24 - 12/20/24 To: 9/16/24 - 2/14/25
Sachenski, Amanda	Teacher of Spanish	MK	From: 9/16/24 - 12/19/24 To: 9/16/24 - 2/13/25
Jimenez-Arias, Denise	Teacher of Spanish	MK	From: 9/16/24 - 12/19/24 To: 9/16/24 - 2/13/25
Chouquet, Liliana	Teacher of Spanish	MK	From: 9/16/24 - 12/19/24 To: 9/16/24 - 2/13/25
Fuhrmann, Deborah	Teacher of Special Education - English	MK	From: 8/26/24 - 1/15/25 To: 8/26/24 - 6/16/25
Conti, Constance	Teacher of Special Education - English	MK	From: 8/26/24 - 1/15/25 To: 8/26/24 - 6/16/25
Falconi-Shubert, Nicole	Teacher of Special Education - English	MK	From: 8/26/24 - 1/15/25 To: 8/26/24 - 6/16/25
Manjorin, Amanda	Teacher of Special Education - English	MK	From: 8/26/24 - 1/15/25 To: 8/26/24 - 6/16/25
Burlick, Diana	Teacher of Special Education - English	MK	From: 8/26/24 - 1/15/25 To: 8/26/24 - 6/16/25
Metzger, Susan	Teacher of Special Education - English	MK	From: 8/26/24 - 1/15/25 To: 8/26/24 - 6/16/25

- Authorized for the 2024-2025 school year the change of assignment and payment of salary of the following staff members:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates <i>(all dates are on or about)</i>
Stevens, Nathaniel	From: Custodian 3rd Shift To: Custodian, 2nd Shift	MH	12/17/24 - 6/30/25
Ciullo, Rosa	From: Gr. A Secretary, Counseling To: Secretary to the District Supervisor of AHS, IB, District Enrollment	From: MH To: Dist.	2/1/25 - 6/30/25

- Authorized for the 2024-2025 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 receipt of required documentation:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates <i>(all dates are on or about)</i>
Kong, Marlene	Teacher of Spanish	MH	2/18/25 - 6/30/25

- Authorized for the 2024-2025 school year the appointment of staff and payment of salary of the following non-certified positions, subject to receipt of required documentation:

Name	Position	Loc.	Effective Dates <i>(all dates are on or about)</i>
Escobar, Alina	Play Unified Special Olympics Basketball Coach	MK	12/1/24 - 3/25/25
Tallaksen, Dawn	ABA Stipend	MK	9/1/24 - 6/30/25

- Authorized for the 2024-2025 school year the appointment of the following Substitute employees:

Name	Substitute Position	Period <i>(all dates are on or about)</i>	Cert.
Fazzini, Robert	Substitute Teacher	12/17/24 - 6/30/25	County Certificate

- Authorized for the 2024-2025 school year the appointment of staff and payment of fees for Staff Development Workshops
- Authorized for the 2024-2025 school year the appointment of staff and rate of pay for the following positions:

Name	Position	Loc.	Period <i>(all dates are on or about)</i>	Add'l Info.
DiStasio, Daniel	Athletic Extra Pay (Hourly & Event)	Dist.	11/19/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
Schweizer, Shannon	Magnet/IB Check-In	MK	From: 11/23/24; To: 12/7/24; Snow date: 12/14/24	As needed
Jimenez, Jeffrey	ESL Parent Night	MH	From: 1/10/25 To: 1/16/25	As needed
Romano, John	ESL Parent Night	MH	From: 1/10/25 To: 1/16/25	As needed
Van Der Veken, Danielle	Additional SAC Services	MK	10/18/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
Gentile, Nicole	Additional SAC Services	MH	10/18/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
Callanan, Maria	Additional Psychology Svcs.	MK	10/18/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
Ossa, Giovanna	Additional Psychology Svcs.	MK	10/18/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
Herschman, Susan	Additional Psychology Svcs.	MK	10/18/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
DiFulco, Bianca	Additional Psychology Svcs.	Dist.	10/18/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
Seltzer, Alyson	Additional Psychology Svcs.	MH	10/18/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
Wojcik, Leigh	Additional Psychology Svcs.	MH	10/18/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
McNally, Debra	Additional Soc. Worker Svcs.	MK	10/18/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
Dul, Christine	Additional Soc. Worker Svcs.	MH	10/18/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
Hurley, Christopher	Additional Soc. Worker Svcs.	MH	10/18/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
O'Shea, Mary	Additional LDTC Services	MK	10/18/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
Vetter, Robin	Additional LDTC Services	MK	10/18/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
Swicegood, Michele	Additional LDTC Services	MH	10/18/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
Markowski, Kristen	School Accompanist	Dist.	12/17/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
Izsa, Brett	School Accompanist	Dist.	12/17/24 - 6/30/25	As needed
Uhler, Michelle	School Accompanist	Dist.	12/17/24 - 6/30/25	As needed

- Authorized for the 2024-2025 school year the appointment of a volunteer coach and a volunteer advisor as follows:

Name	Position	School
Sawicki, Marilyn	Volunteer Girl-Up Club Advisor	Morris Hills

- Authorized for the first reading the following Policies and Regulations:

Number	Title	New or Revised
a. Policy 1642	Earned Sick Leave Law	Revised
b. Regulation 1642	Earned Sick Leave Law	Revised
c. Policy 2417	Student Intervention and Referral Services	Revised
d. Regulation 2417	Student Intervention and Referral Services	Revised

- Authorized for the second reading the following Policies and Regulations:

Number	Title	New or Revised
a. Policy 3160	Teaching Staff Members - Physical Examination	Revised
b. Policy 4160	Support Staff - Physical Examination	Revised
c. Regulation 3160	Teaching Staff Members - Physical Examination	Revised
d. Regulation 4160	Support Staff - Physical Examination	Revised