



# BOARDROOM

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## Superintendent's Report...

Thank you to our staff and Board of Education for a great first half of the school year. Best wishes to everyone for a happy, healthy and safe holiday season!

Enrollments as of December 1, 2021

	<i>Morris Hills</i>	<i>Morris Knolls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Grade 9	325	344	669
Grade 10	296	353	649
Grade 11	276	340	616
Grade 12	302	317	619
SE Self-Contained	—	42	42
AMSE	180	—	180
APA	—	154	154
Adult HS	—	145	145
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1379</b>	<b>1695</b>	<b>3074</b>

James J. Jencarelli  
Superintendent

## \*\*Board Highlights\*\*

- Authorized the 2022-2023 District Calendar, as submitted.
- Authorized accepting a donation of five non-functioning electric meters for use in District Electrical Trades Classes with an approximate value of \$5,000, from Bob Fylnn (JCP&L's Regional External Affairs Department) to the Morris Hills Regional District Career and Technical Education Department.
- Authorized accepting a monetary donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Steven Forte to the Morris Knolls High School Athletics Department to be used for the purchase of varsity jackets for students in need.
- Authorized accepting a monetary donation in the amount of \$2,000, from Thrift Barns of Morris County to Morris Hills High School.
- Authorized accepting, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of the following personnel:
  - a) Sharon Garry, Teacher of Vocational Arts/Theatre, Morris Knolls, effective June 30, 2022
  - b) Leslie Mozulay, LDT-C, Shared Services, effective June 30, 2022
  - c) Denise Murden, Secretary Grade A, Morris Hills, effective April 30, 2022
- Authorized accepting the resignation of the following personnel:
  - a) John O'Dell, Assistant Ice Hockey Coach, Morris Knolls, effective November 23, 2021
  - b) Stephanie Fasano, Head Field Hockey Coach, Morris Hills, effective December 20, 2021
  - c) Richard Consales, Art Services Club Advisor, Morris Hills, effective December 20, 2021
  - d) Peter P. Cervona, Special Education Staff Assistant, Morris Knolls, effective December 31, 2021

## Board Highlights (continued)...

☑ Authorized for the 2021-2022 the creation of 3 ESL Push-In Support 1/6 Positions using ARP/ESSER III Funds, ESL certification required

☑ Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year an unpaid leave of absence under FMLA/NJFLA for Richard Abad, Teacher of Art, Morris Knolls, from on or about April 29, 2022, with a return to work date of on or about August 31, 2022

☑ Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year a leave of absence for Jenny Benack, Instructional Coach/Teacher of Business, Morris Knolls, and Teacher of Business, Adult High School, utilizing sick time from on or about January 31, 2022, followed by an unpaid leave under FMLA/NJFLA from on or about April 1, 2022, with a return to work date of on or about August 31, 2022.

☑ Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year a change to an extended leave of absence for Laura Bailey, Teacher of Spanish, Morris Hills, from an original return to work date of on or about March 1, 2022 to a new return to work date of on or about August 31, 2022

☑ Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year a change to an extended leave of absence for Sahari Rivas, Teacher of Spanish, Morris Hills, from an original return to work date of on or about January 3, 2022 to a new return to work date of on or about April 4, 2022

☑ Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year the change of assignment for Debra Johnson, Teacher of Spanish (replacing staff member on leave), Morris Hills, from her original ending date of February 28, 2022 to a new ending date of on or about June 30, 2022

☑ Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year the appointments of staff and payment of salaries of the following certified personnel, subject to appropriate New Jersey Department of Education certification and required documentation:

a) William Wickey, Teacher of Spanish-1/6 position (replacing staff member on leave), Morris Hills,, effective on or about January 1, 2022 to on or about April 1, 2022

b) Shane Johnson, Teacher of Mathematics (replacing Jeffrey Churchill), Morris Knolls, effective on or about January 3, 2022 to June 30, 2022

☑ Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year the appointment of Kelly Peterson, leave replacement teacher at Morris County Vocational Technical School

(MCVTS), to teach at the Morris County Academy for the Performing Arts (MCAPA), located on the campus of Morris Knolls High School, salary to be paid through MCVTS, for the period of on or about January 3, 2022 to June 30, 2022. This is to replace a MCVTS staff member on leave who has been teaching at MCAPA.

☑ Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year the appointments of staff and payment of salaries of the following non-certified personnel, subject to receipt of required documentation:

a) Richard Amos, Jr., Bus Driver Full-run Class C (new position), District, effective on or about January 3, 2022 to June 30, 2022

b) Cindy Dilts, Transportation Coordinator (replacing Gerardo Retana), District, effective on or about January 5, 2022 to June 30, 2022

c) Nicholas Di Paolo, Special Education Staff Assistant (replacing Gionna Florey), Morris Knolls, effective on or about January 16, 2022 to June 30, 2022

d) Tara Kane, Special Education Staff Assistant (new position), Morris Hills, effective on or about January 20, 2022 to June 30, 2022

☑ Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year the appointments of staff and payment salaries for 1/6 positions for the following:

a) Amanda Bien, Teacher of Astronomy, Morris Hills, effective on or about December 1, 2021 to on or about January 31, 2022

b) Jose Maravi, ESL Push-In Support Using APR/ESSER Funds, effective on or about January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022

c) John Romano, ESL Push-In Support Using APR/ESSER Funds, effective on or about January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022

d) Jennifer Zirkel, ESL Push-In Support Using APR/ESSER Funds, effective on or about January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022

e) Meghan Burgin, Teacher of Business,, effective on or about January 1, 2022 to on or about January 14, 2022

f) Lauren Jackson, Teacher of Business, effective on or about January 1, 2022 to on or about January 14, 2022

g) Jihanne Radzieski, Teacher of Business, effective on or about January 1, 2022 to on or about January 14, 2022

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h) Debbi Sabatini, Teacher of Business, effective on or about January 1, 2022 to on or about January 14, 2022

i) MaryJo Wilk, Teacher of Business, effective on or about January 1, 2022 to on or about January 14, 2022

Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year the appointments of staff and payment of stipends for the following 1/6 positions to replace staff members on leave:

a) Stefana Niemoczynski, Teacher of Science, Morris Hills, effective on or about December 1, 2021 to on or about December 31, 2021

b) Monika Weissensee, Teacher of Science, Morris Hills, effective on or about December 1, 2021 to on or about December 31, 2021

c) Iwona Doyle, Teacher of Science, Morris Hills, effective on or about December 1, 2021 to on or about December 31, 2021

d) Joseph Konopinski, Teacher of Science (two 1/6 positions), Morris Hills, effective on or about December 1, 2021 to on or about December 31, 2021

e) Robert Geary, Teacher of Business, Morris Knolls, effective on or about January 31, 2022 to June 30, 2022

f) Robert Moore, Teacher of Business, Morris Knolls, effective on or about January 31, 2022 to June 30, 2022

Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year a change to the appointments of staff and payment of stipends for the following 1/6 positions to replace staff members on leave:

a) Maria Dalton, Teacher of Spanish, Morris Hills, change of ending date from the original date of on or about December 23, 2021 to a new ending date of on or about April 1, 2022

b) Debra Johnson, Teacher of Spanish, Morris Hills, change of ending date from the original date of on or about December 23, 2021 to a new ending date of on or about April 1, 2022

c) Mary Paulson, Teacher of Spanish, Morris Hills, change of ending date from the original date of on or about December 23, 2021 to a new ending date of on or about April 1, 2022

d) Zobeida Santana, Teacher of Spanish, Morris Hills, change of ending date from the original date of on or about December 23, 2021 to a new ending date of on or about April 1, 2022

e) Aaron Kaiser, Teacher of Science, Morris Knolls, change of salary effective on or about November 30, 2021 to on or about February 27, 2022

Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year the appointment of staff and rate of pay of the follow part-time position:

Coba, Andres, Part-time Custodian, 12/21/21-6/30/22

Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year the appointment of the following internship, upon receipt of required documentation:

Segura, Nicole, Montclair Univ., CST: Psychology, Morris Hills, Spring 2022

Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year the appointments of staff and payment of stipends\* for MHRD TEN PLC Workshops

Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year the appointments of the following Homebound tutors:

Pennisi, Kristin, Morris Knolls / MA English

Kelly, Matthew, Morris Knolls / MA, Mathematics & Students with Disabilities

Niemoczynski, Stefana, Morris Hills / MA, Chemistry

Pantikova, Suzana, Morris Hills / BA, Business: Comprehensive and Business: Financial Law

Ellis, Joseph. Morris Hills / MA, Social Studies

Lestrangle, Kelly, Morris Knolls/MA, Teacher of the Handicapped

Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year the appointments of the following Substitute employees, upon receipt of required documentation:

DiMartino-Rotella, Lucretia, Substitute Nurse, County Certificate

Gizzi, Noelle, Substitute Teacher, County Certificate

Hartsuiker, Michelle, Substitute Secretary-Long Term

(approx. dates of assignment: 2/17/2022 - 6/30/2022)

Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year the additional appointments of staff and payment of stipends\* for the following Course of Study Writers:

Math, Change of title: From: ESL Integrated Math To: ESL Integrated Math 1, Lara Carlson

World Language, Change of title: From: ESL

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Intermediate/Advanced To: ESL Intermediate, John Romano

World Language, ESL Advanced (new), John Romano  
Math, ESL Integrated Math II (new), Lara Carlson

Social Studies, US History 1H/CPA/CPB/Academy  
Social Studies 2, Joseph Ellis

Special Education, Work-Based Learning (new), Kelly LeStrange

World Language, Accelerated Spanish H, Jacqueline Quinones

Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year the following appointments of staff and payment of stipends for the following:

Hurley, Christopher, Counseling Service on 12/6/2021

Doltz, Tiffany, IB/Magnet Testing/Proctor: 12/4/2021

Weisz, Jacob, Before/After School Activities & Substitute Transportation Aide

Gizas, Efthimios, Bus Driver Class B Additional Hourly Pay positions

Amoz, Jr., Richard, Bus Driver Class C Additional Hourly Pay positions

Mueller, Janet, Transportation Aide Additional Training

Klinck, Tammy, MCAPA Auditions: Dance, 1/15/2022 (Snow Date 1/22/2022), Paid as guest artist (previously BOE approved)

Peterson, Kelly, MCAPA Auditions: Dance, 1/15/2022 (Snow Date 1/22/2022), Paid by MCVSD up to 7 hours

Robinson, Michelle, MCAPA Auditions: Dance  
1/15/2022 (Snow Date 1/22/2022), Paid as guest artist (previously BOE approved)

Garry, Sharon, MCAPA Auditions: Theatre, 1/15/2022 (Snow Date 1/22/2022)

Mazur, Joy, MCAPA Auditions: Theatre, 1/15/2022 (Snow Date 1/22/2022)

Whelihan, Corey, MCAPA Auditions: Theatre, 1/15/2022 (Snow Date 1/22/2022)

Adessa, Jodie, MCAPA Auditions: Vocal Performance, 1/15/2022 (Snow Date 1/22/2022)

Markowski, Kristen, MCAPA Auditions: Vocal Performance, 1/15/2022 (Snow Date 1/22/2022)

Obra, Rusty, MCAPA Auditions: Vocal Performance, 1/15/2022 (Snow Date 1/22/2022)

Shaffer, Ryan, MCAPA Auditions: Check-In Desk, 1/15/2022 (Snow Date 1/22/2022)

Beck, Krystal, MCAPA Auditions: Check-In Desk, 1/15/2022 (Snow Date 1/22/2022)

Di Paolo, Nicholas, Before/After School Activities & Substitute Transportation Aide

Kane, Tara, Before/After School Activities & Substitute Transportation Aide

Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year the appointment and salary of the following coach:

Linklater, Amanda (out of district), Assistant Ice Hockey Coach - Morris Knolls

Authorized for the 2022-2023 school year the appointment and salary of the following coach:

Lovisa, Samantha (out of district), Assistant Field Hockey Coach - Morris Knolls

Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year the appointments of the following volunteer advisor and coaches:

Sikes, Anna (out of district), Marching Band Advisor, MK

Becker, Max (out of district), Wrestling Coach, MK

Weiner, Samuel (out of district), Wrestling Coach, MH

Authorized for the first reading the following revised Policy and Regulation:

Policy 7432                      Eye Protection

Regulation 7432                Eye Protection

Authorized for the second reading the following new Policies:

Policy 1648.13                School Employee Vaccination Requirements

Policy 2428                    Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program

Authorized for the second reading the following revised Policy and Regulation:

Policy 5751                    Sexual Harassment of Students

Regulation 5751              Sexual Harassment of Students