



# BOARDROOM

Highlights of Monthly Meeting of the Board of Education

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## Superintendent's Report...

Congratulations to **Nancy Yaeger**, Morris Hills High School Teacher of the Year, and **Lisa Predenkoski**, Morris Knolls Teacher of the Year. In addition, I would also like to recognize our Educational Specialist of the Year: **Chris Hurley** from Morris Hills and **Chris Roman** from Morris Knolls.

The Board and I congratulate our distinguished group of retiring staff members.

Anne Albicocco	MH	25 Years
Vicky Burner	MK	12 Years
William Chegwidden	MK	26 Years
Kathleen Dalman	MK	35 Years
Joann Gilman Auricchio	District	15 Years
Linda Hutnikoff	MK	14 Years
James Jencarelli	District	14 Years
Lynne Malandrino	MH	39 Years
Joyce O'Donnell	District	29 Years
Gerardo Retana	District	23 Years
Leon Rodriguez	MK	7 Years
Terri Short-Lyons	MK	43 Years
Thomas Swanick	MK	43 Years
Mary Jo Wilk	MH	15 Years
Nancy Yaeger	MH	39 Years
Jeanmarie Zibit	MH	19 Years

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

Authorized accepting a monetary donation in the amount of \$5,000 from Anonymous to Morris Hills High School, to be used as a one time "Bright Futures Scholarship".

Authorized accepting, with regret, the resignation of the following personnel for the purpose of retirement:

Greene, Raymond, Bus Driver - Full run, Dist., 9/30/2023

Authorized accepting the resignation of the following personnel:

Hananberg, Brooke, School Psychologist, 6/30/23

Mendoza, Hector, Teacher of ESL, MH, 6/30/23

Belzel, Jessica, Teacher of Art, MK, 6/30/23

Agudelo, Luis, Bus Driver-Full run, Dist., 6/30/23

Kelly, Joseph, Assistant Football Coach, MH, 6/30/23

O'Connell, Seana, Head Girls Swimming Coach, MH, 6/30/23

Bias, Sara, Head Boys Swimming Coach, MH, 6/30/23

Zullo, Nicholas, Assistant Basketball Coach, MH, 6/30/23

Bradley, Erik, Assistant Baseball Coach, MH, 6/30/23

Campbell, Bruce, Assistant Baseball Coach, MH, 6/30/23

Moore, Gerard, Assistant Football Coach, MK, 6/30/23

Reilly, Alyssa, Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, MK, 6/30/23

Leonhardt, Erik, Assistant Softball Coach, MK, 6/30/23

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Leonhardt, Erik, Assistant Wrestling Coach, MK, 6/30/23

Bensky, Joseph, Assistant Ice Hockey Coach, MK, 6/30/23

Moreno, Allyson, National Honor Society Co-chair, MH, 6/30/23

Niemoczynski, Stefana, Science Honor Society Advisor, MH, 6/30/23

McLaughlin, Kieran, Social Studies Honor Society Advisor, MK, 6/30/23

Gambale, Scott, Senior Class Assistant, MK, 6/30/23

Kelly, Joseph., Unified Circle Club Advisor (.5 pos.), MK, 6/30/23

Rodimer, Jacqueline, Unified Circle Club Advisor (.5 pos.), MK, 6/30/23

Belzel, Jessica, Art Services Advisor (.5 pos.), MK, 6/30/23

Belzel, Jessica, Art Honor Society Advisor (.5 pos.) MK, 6/30/23

Passannante, James, Volunteer Winter & Spring Track , MK, 6/30/23

Authorized the rescinding of contracts for the following staff members:

Patterson, Brienne, Summer Accelerated, SAT Prep. Lang. Arts, Session 2, MH, 7/13/23 - 7/28/23

Trisler, Sean, Summer Enrichment - Robotics Session #1 & Session #2, MK, 7/17/23 - 7/28/23

Kasper, Keith, Summer Enrichment - TV Production, MK, 7/24/23 - 7/28/23

Izsa, Brett, Summer Enrichment - Strings Ensemble MK, 8/14/23 - 8/18/23

Regan, William, Summer Weight Room Supervisor MK, 7/16/23 - 8/31/23

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the Sidebar Agreement for eSports Activity Advisor between the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education and the Morris Hills Regional District Education Association and the eSports Activity Advisor job description.

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the revisions to the following Job Descriptions:

Special Education Staff Assistant

System Administrator

Communications & Technology Coordinator

Technology Services Specialist

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the following leave of absence:

Ansaldi, Gloria, Teacher of Math, MH, 10/13/23-Start of 25-26 SY

Godleski, Dale, Teacher of Fam. & Consumer Sciences MH, 10/30/23-3/26/24

Fisher, Maryanne, Teacher of Special Education, MK, 9/13/24-10/16/24

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year a change of assignment and payment of salary of the following staff members, subject to appropriate New Jersey Department of Education certification and required documentation:

Diamond, Kristi, From: Teacher of Mathematics To: Math Intervention Teacher, MH, 8/28/23 - 6/30/24

Di Paolo, , Nicholas, From: Special Education Staff Assistant To: Teacher of Special Education, MK, 8/28/23 - 6/30/24

Engelberth, Elizabeth, From: Secretary, Gr. A To: Secretary, Gr. B, MH, 7/1/23 - 6/30/24

From: Mendoza, Hector To: Zirkel, Jennifer, ESY Summer Enrichment, MH, 7/24/23 - 7/28/23

From: Pepperman, Alicia To: Patterson, Brienne, Academy Summer Program, English, MH, 7/24/23 - 7/28/23

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointment of staff and payment of salary of certified positions, subject to appropriate New Jersey Department of Education certification and required documentation

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointment of staff and payment of salary of non-certified positions, subject to receipt of required documentation

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the employment Agreement and payment of salary for the

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following Central Office Administrators:

Orentas-Boyer, Sonya, Director of Special Services, Dist.,  
7/1/23 - 6/30/24

Authorized an adjustment to the salaries of the following non-unit employees-not eligible for tenure, for the 2023-2024 school year:

Castellano, Kenneth, Comm & Tech Coord, Dist.,  
7/1/23 - 6/30/24

Semer, Preston, System Administrator, Dist., 7/1/23 -  
6/30/24

Hoffman, Matthew, Technology Services Specialist,  
Dist., 7/1/23 - 6/30/24

Toledo, Ian, Technology Services Specialist, Dist.,  
7/1/23 - 6/30/24

Authorized a horizontal advancement for the following certified personnel, in accordance with the 2021-2024 Negotiated Agreement between the Morris Hills Regional District Education Association and the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education, upon renewal of contract for the 2023-2024 school year:

DiGennaro, Mark J. from MA to MA+30, effective  
8/28/23 - 6/30/24

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointments and salaries of tenured administrators, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in accordance with the 2021-2024 Negotiated Agreement between the Morris Hills Regional District Administrative Association and the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointments and salaries of tenured teachers, effective or about August 28, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in accordance with the 2021-2024 Negotiated Agreement between the Morris Hills Regional District Education Association and the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointment and salary of tenured athletic trainer personnel, effective on or about August 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024, in accordance with the 2021-2024 Negotiated

Agreement between the Morris Hills Regional District Education Association and the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education:

Hilla, Mark, 09/24/2013, MH, Athletic Trainer

Hilla, Mark, DIST, Drug Test Coord.

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointments and salaries of tenured office staff, effective or about July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in accordance with the 2021-2024 Negotiated Agreement between the Morris Hills Regional District Education Association and the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education.

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointments and salaries of bus drivers and transportation aides, effective on or about August 21, 2023 through on or about June 30, 2024, in accordance with the 2021-2023 Negotiated Agreement between the Morris Hills Regional School Bus Drivers Association and the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education.

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointments and salaries of extra pay advisors

Authorized for the Summer of 2023 the appointment of staff and payment of salary of the following non-certified positions, subject to receipt of required documentation:

Fornaro, Patricia, Extended School Year Staff Assistant, MK, 7/3/23-7/31/23

Chegwidden, Meghan, Extended School Year Staff Assistant, MK, 7/3/23-7/31/23

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the the appointments of staff and payment of fees for Summer Development Workshops

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointments of the following staff members as Professional Support Team Mentors, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:11 et.seq. (mentor fee paid by mentee):

Edelstein, Laura- Ingling, Jamie, MH, Teacher of English, 8/28/23 - 6/30/24

Zadlock, Keriann- Jacobson, Rebecca, MH, Teacher of English, 8/28/23 - 6/30/24

Minter, Craig- Di Paolo, Nicholas, MK, Teacher of Special Education, 8/28/23 - 6/30/24

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Hornby, Tracy- Gust, Daniel, MH, Teacher of Social Studies, 8/28/23 - 6/30/24

☑ Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointments of staff and rate of pay of Part-time hourly positions:

Fernandez, Avelino, Substitute Trip Driver, Dist., 7/1/23 - 6/30/24

Plumb, Lawrence, Substitute Bus Driver, Dist., 7/1/23 - 6/30/24

Castrillon-Cardona, Maria, Part-time Custodian, Dist., 7/1/23 - 6/30/24

☑ Authorized for the Summer of 2023, the appointments of staff and rate of pay

☑ Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointments and rate of pay for the following Staff Assistants additional hourly positions:

Staff Assistants

Before/After School Activities, Athletic Aide, Freshman Orientation

Substitute Transportation Aide

All positions on an as needed basis.

Gioioso, Michelle

Fornaro, Patricia

Simone, Kristen

☑ Authorized for the Summer 2023 and the 2023-2024 school year the appointments and rate of pay for Transportation additional hourly positions

☑ Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointments of staff and rate of pay for Homebound Instructors

☑ Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year, effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, the renewals and rate of pay of Substitute Employees.

☑ Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointment of a volunteer coach and volunteer advisors as follows:

Stauss, Danielle, Environmental Action Club Volunteer Advisor, Morris Hills

Edelstein, Laura, International Relations Club. Morris Hills

Metzger, David, Color Guard Volunteer Advisor, Morris Knolls

Hardy, Sam, Marching Band Volunteer Advisor, Morris Knolls

Harrison, Bruce, Technology and Engineering Volunteer, Advisor, District

☑ Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointment of volunteer coaches

☑ Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointment of volunteer advisors

☑ Authorized a Memorandum of Agreement between the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education and the Morris Hills Regional District Education Association, Years of Service for Longevity.

☑ Authorized a Memorandum of Understanding between the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education and the Morris Hills School Transportation Dispatcher, Vacations.

☑ Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointment of Sonya Orentas-Boyer as the Education Stability Liaison for the Morris Hills Regional District.

☑ Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointments of the following anti-bullying position, effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024:

Sonya Orentas-Boyer, Anti-bullying Coordinator, District  
Nicole Gentile, Anti-bullying Specialist, Morris Hills

Danielle Van Der Veken, Anti-bullying Specialist, Morris Knolls

Ryan Shaffer, Anti-bullying Specialist, Adult High School

☑ Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointment of Sonya Orentas-Boyer as Homeless Liaison for the Morris Hills Regional District.

☑ Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointments of the following Affirmative Action Team members for the Morris Hills Regional District, effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024:

Sonya Orentas-Boyer, District Officer  
Robert Haraka, Team Member

Stan Abromavage, Team Member  
Daniel Haug, Team Member

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Patrick Brunner, Team Member

Yesenia Rivera, Team Member

Cheryl Giordano, Team Member

Nisha Zoeller, Team Member

Internal Controls - Allowability  
of Costs, New

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the appointments of the following School Improvement Panels:

Barkocy, Emily; Cirigliano, Joseph; MacNaughton, Ryan; Melvin, Genel; Malin, Jenny; Gambale, Scott; Mein, Timothy; Miraldi, Mary; Geary, Robert; Dalton, Maria

Authorized for the 2023-2024 school year the Emergency Medical Procedures for Coaches and Athletic Emergency Action Plans for Morris Hills High School and Morris Knolls High School, effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

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

Policy 2425            Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program, Revised

Policy 2499            Physical Education, Revised

Policy 5305            Health Services Personnel, Revised

Policy 5308            Student Health Records, Revised

Policy 8330            Student Records, Revised

Regulation 5308      Student Health Records, Revised

Regulation 8330      Student Records, Revised

Enrollments as of June 17, 2023

	<i>Morris Hills</i>	<i>Morris Knolls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Grade 9	309	341	650
Grade 10	345	350	695
Grade 11	270	344	614
Grade 12	297	350	634
SE Self-Contained	—	41	41
AMSE	180	—	180
APA	—	148	148
Adult HS	—	156	156
TOTAL	1388	1730	3118

Authorized for the second reading the following Policies, and Regulation:

Policy 6115.04      Federal Funds - Duplication of Benefits, New

Policy 6311            Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants, Revised

Policy 6471            School District Travel, Revised

Regulation 6115.01 Federal Awards/Funds

Nisha Zoeller  
Acting Superintendent