



# BOARDROOM

Highlights of Monthly Meeting of the Board of Education

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"Tomorrow's Future Sits in Today's Classrooms"

April 2021

## Superintendent's Report...

At Monday's meeting we recognized the Morris Hills High School Boys Cross Country team for winning their 24th NJSIAA Group 3, North 1 State Sectional Championship Team Title. Congratulations to the students and coaches for your hard work.

The 2021-2022 Budget was presented.

Enrollments as of April 9, 2021

	<i>Morris Hills</i>	<i>Morris Knolls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Grade 9	289	358	647
Grade 10	299	343	642
Grade 11	297	319	616
Grade 12	340	330	670
SE Self-Contained	—	43	43
AMSE	181	—	181
APA	—	120	120
Adult HS	—	156	156
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1406</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>3075</b>

James J. Jencarelli  
Superintendent

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

Authorized a revision to the 2020-2021 District Calendar, as submitted.

Authorized accepting the resignation of the following personnel:

a) Danielle Williams, Teacher of English, Morris Hills, effective June 30, 2021

b) Anthony Scholz, Assistant Ice Hockey Coach, Morris Knolls, effective April 26, 2021

c) Jennifer Kentos, Special Education Staff Assistant, Morris Knolls, effective April 16, 2021

d) Tara Ragusa, Transportation Aide AM or PM, District, effective March 30, 2021

e) William Regan, Spring Weight Room Coach, Morris Knolls, effective March 1, 2021

f) Robert Giovine, Assistant Football Coach, effective April 27, 2021

g) Jennifer DeJesso, Band Front Advisor-50% and Winterguard Advisor-50% , effective April 27, 2021

h) Shannon Shotwell, Band Front Advisor-50% and Winterguard Advisor-50% , effective April 27, 2021

i) Joseph Ansaldi, Assistant Volleyball Coach, MH, effective April 27, 2021

Authorized for the 2020-2021 school year the Memorandum of Understanding between the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education and the Morris Hills Regional District Education Association regarding Credit Assistance Program positions.

Authorized for the 2020-2021 school year the creation of the following additional pay positions:

a) Credit Assistance Program - Marking Period 1, 2, & 3 Credit Assistance Program Teachers for subject areas: English, Social Studies (U.S. History 2), Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), Mathematics (Geometry, Algebra 2), ESL, and Special Education, per diem

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prorated pay rate (hourly)

b) Credit Assistance Program - Marking Period 4, Student Support Teachers, Flex Homework Instruction rate (hourly)

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

a) Amanda Sachenski, Teacher of Spanish (replacing Silvana Cottiss), Morris Knolls, effective on or about August 31, 2021, to June 30, 2022

b) Karen DiCristina, School Nurse (replacing Laura Luzzi), Morris Knolls), effective on or before August 31, 2021, to June 30, 2022

c) Victoria Resnick, School Counselor (replacing Michele Pasquale), Morris Knolls), effective on or before August 31, 2021, to June 30, 2022

Authorized for the 2020-2021 school year an appointment of the following internship, based on receipt of the required documentation:

Pocze, Steve, SUNY Oneonta, Physical Ed./Health, Morris Knolls, May-June 2021

Authorized for the 2020-2021 school year the appointments of staff and payment of stipends for the following 1/6th positions to replace staff member on leave, effective on or about May 3, 2021, through June 30, 2021

Jennifer McGrath, Teacher of Science, MH

Tiffany Doltz, Teacher of Science, MH

Sean Robinson, Teacher of Science, MH

Stefana Niemoczynski, Teacher of Science, MH

Stephanie Vesper, Teacher of Science, MH

Authorized for the 2020-2021 school year the appointments of staff and payment of stipend for an MHRD TEN Workshop.

CPR/First Aid Certification, June 8, 2021, Mark Hill, \$165.00

Authorized for the 2020-2021 school year the appointment of the following Substitute employees, upon receipt of required documentation

Lis, Michelle, Substitute Teacher, Teacher Certificate

Authorized for the Summer 2021 the appointment of staff and payment of stipends for the following:

Zirkel, Jennifer, ESL - Morris Hills - April 12, 2021, Per Diem Rate prorated up to 2 hours

Maravi, Jose, ESL - Morris Hills - April 12, 2021, Per Diem Rate prorated up to 2 hours

Salim, Travis, Driver's Education Staff Assistant - April 12, 2021, up to 2 hours

Roman, Jonathan, AVID Summer Experience, 7/26-7/30/21: Per Diem, prorated, up to 4 hours/day for 5 days

Dalton, Maria, AVID Summer Experience, 7/26-7/30/21: Per Diem, prorated, up to 4 hours/day for 5 days

Mihalik, Ann Marie, Summer Accelerated-Geometry Honors, 6/22/21-7/28/21 = 25 Days

Geary, Robert, Summer Accelerated-Personal Finance (virtual), Session I & II Session 1: 6/22/21-7/9/21 = 12 Days, Session II: 7/12/21-7/27/21 = 12 Days

Pepperman, Alicia, Summer Accelerated-SAT Prep Lang. Arts, (virtual) Session I & II, Session 1: 6/22/21-7/9/21 = 12 Days, Session II: 7/12/21-7/27/21 = 12 Days

Visakay, Alexander, Summer Enrichment - Robotics, Session 2: 7/12/21-7/16/21 = 5 Days

Trisler, Sean, Summer Enrichment - Robotics, Session 1: 6/28/21-7/2/21 = 5 Days, Session 3: 7/19/21-7/23/21 = 5 Days, Session 4: 8/9/21-8/13/21 = 5 Days

Slotoroff, Cristofer, Summer Writing Camp (virtual, Session I, up to 4 hours per day

Yaeger, Nancy, Summer Writing Camp (virtual), Session II, up to 4 hours per day

Diaz, Andrew, Summer Writing Camp (virtual), Session I, up to 4 hours per day

Malandrino, Lynne, Summer Writing Camp (virtual), Session II, up to 4 hours per day

Penkalski, Kaitlyn, Summer Acceleration-SAT prep Math, (Virtual) Session I & II

Authorized for the 2020-2021 school year the appointments of staff and payment of stipends for the Credit Assistance Program Module Instruction Teachers, Marking Periods 1, 2 & 3, per diem rate prorated and Credit Assistant Program Student Support Teachers, Marking Period 4. Both programs will run: 4/19/2021 - 6/12/2021,

## Board Highlights (continued)...

Monday through Thursday (1 hour per day), Saturday (4 hours maximum per day):

Amicucci, Deborah; Biunno, Emily; Lugero, Gabrielle; Bradley, Erik; Carlson, Lara; Maravi, Jose; Collinsworth, Jason; Cordero, Meaghan; Roman, Christopher; Denton, Nicole; Falconi-Shubert, Nicole; Roman, Jonathan; Foley, Laura; Fundora, Martha; Hill, Henry; Knuth, Anthony; Koch, Jenna; Lemley, Christopher; McNaught, Krista; Niemoczynski, Stefana; O'Connell, Seana; Pepperman, Alicia; Petrosino, Tracy; Sills, Elizabeth; Taddeo, Nicole; Fisher, Maryanne

☑ Authorized for the 2020-2021 school year the appointments and salaries for the following coaches:

Brennen, Rebecca, Spring Weight Room Coach-Morris Knolls (50%)

Shubert, Joseph, Spring Weight Room Coach-Morris Knolls (50%)

☑ Authorized for the 2020-2021 school year the following volunteer coaches:

Hua, Elaine, Volunteer Softball Coach, MK

Clark, Shaye, Volunteer Lacrosse Coach, MK

Passannante, James, Volunteer Spring Track Coach, MK

Gaeb, Kyle, Volunteer Baseball Coach, MH

☑ Authorized for the 2020-2021 school year an unpaid leave of absence for Jennifer Kellam, Academic Intervention Teacher-Math, Morris Hills, utilizing sick/personal time from on or about May 15, 2021, followed by an unpaid leave from on or about June 2, 2021, through on or about June 21, 2021, with a return to work date of on or about August 31, 2021

☑ Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year a leave of absence for Laura Bailey, Teacher of Spanish, Morris Hills, utilizing sick time from on or about August 31, 2021, followed by an unpaid leave under FMLA/NJFLA from on or about October 25, 2021, followed by an extended unpaid leave from on or about January 24, 2022, with a return to work date of on or about March 1, 2022

☑ Authorized for the 2021-2022 school year a leave of absence for Amy Calzone, Teacher of English, Morris Hills, utilizing sick time from on or about September 13, 2021, followed by an unpaid leave under FMLA/NJFLA from on or about October 14, 2021, followed by an extended unpaid leave from on or about January 13, 2022, with a return to work date of on or about February 16, 2022

☑ Authorized a change to a leave of absence for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years under FMLA/NJFLA for Sarahi Rivas, Teacher of Spanish, Morris Hills, from sick starting on or about May 3, 2021, followed by an unpaid leave under FMLA/NJFLA starting on or about June 16, 2021, followed by an extended unpaid leave starting on or about November 24, 2021, with a return to work date of January 3, 2022, to the new dates of sick starting on or about April 19, 2021, followed by an unpaid leave under FMLA/NJFLA starting on or about June 8, 2021, followed by an extended unpaid leave starting on or about November 9, 2021, with a return to work date of January 3, 2022

☑ Authorized for the 2020-2021 school year the appointment of staff and payment of salary of the following non-certified personnel:

Sheila Biank, Special Education Staff Assistant (replacing Jennifer Kentos), MK, effective on or about May 11, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

☑ Authorized for the first reading the following new Policies and Regulation:

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| a) Policy 1643     | Family Leave                     |
| b) Policy 7425     | Lead Testing of Water in Schools |
| c) Regulation 7425 | Lead Testing of Water in Schools |

☑ Authorized for the first reading the following revised Policies and Regulation:

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| a) Policy 0145        | Bylaw - Board Member Resignation and Removal            |
| b) Policy 5330.01     | Administration of Medical Cannabis                      |
| c) Policy 7523        | School District Provided Technology Devices to Students |
| d) Regulation 5330.01 | Administration of Medical Cannabis                      |

☑ Authorized for the second reading the following revised Policies and Regulations:

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| a) Policy 5330.04  | Administering an Opioid Antidote              |
| b) Policy 5620     | Expulsion                                     |
| c) Regulation 5111 | Eligibility of Resident/ Nonresident students |

## **Board Highlights (continued)...**

d) Regulation 5330.04 Administering an Opioid  
Antidote