

ESC

of
Morris County

**AGENDA – BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING
MAY 13, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting To Be Held By Teleconference via Zoom Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

President, Michael Bertram, will call the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Educational Services Commission of Morris County by Zoom teleconference, May 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm

ROLL CALL

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary will call the roll.

- Irene LeFebvre, Boonton Town
- Barry Brantner, Boonton Township
- Heather Oguss, Butler Borough
- Richard Bruno, Harding Township
- Kristin Ruggiero, Jefferson Township
- Karen Nyquist, Long Hill Township
- Stephen Tindall, Madison Borough
- Diane Morris, Mine Hill Township
- Joseph Daughtry, Montville Township
- _____, Morris Plains Borough
- Michelle Shappell, Parsippany-Troy Hills
- Greg MacSweeney, Pequannock Township
- Melanie Bratton, Washington Township
- Scott Miller, Dover Town, Vice President
- Michael Bertram, Morris Hills Regional, President

NOTICE

I submit that a legal notice of this meeting of the Board of Directors was published on July 18, 2025 in the Daily Record. Notices were also sent to the offices of the Morris County Clerk and the Morris County Superintendent of Schools. In addition, a notice was posted on the website of the Educational Services Commission: www.escmorris.com

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of April 8, 2026.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

2. **APPROVAL OF CLOSED MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2026**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the Closed Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of April 8, 2026.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PUBLIC

COMMISSION

3. **APPROVAL OF LINE ACCOUNT TRANSFERS FOR THE 2025/2026 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the line account transfers to the 2025/2026 budget as per **EXHIBIT A**.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

4. **APPROVAL OF THE BOARD SECRETARY'S AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the certification from the Board Secretary that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C.:6A:23-2.11(a) further the Board of Directors, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the appropriate district, certifies that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C.:6A:23.2.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the Board of Director's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, therefore it is recommended that the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the month ending **March 31, 2026** showing a cash balance of **\$6,478,359.79** be approved as per **EXHIBIT B**.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

5. **APPROVAL OF ACTION ON PAYMENT OF BILLS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS that the following List of Bills be approved as per **EXHIBIT C**.

April 30, 2026 \$ 4,079,398.59

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

6. APPROVE REVISED POLICIES 327 AND 330

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the revisions to Policies 327 and 330 as attached. **EXHIBIT D**

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
 ROLL CALL _____

7. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS – 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the Professional Service Providers for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Oyer-Klein, Melissa	Psychologist	\$245/eval	4/1/2026
Bostwick, Sandra	OT	\$245/eval	5/1/2026
Creative Learning		\$80/hr	

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
 ROLL CALL _____

PERSONNEL

8. APPROVE ESC STAFF - 2025-2026

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve personnel for the school year 2025-2026, as recommended by the Superintendent:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Zoraya Forero-Guzman	In-class aide	\$24.00	4/13/2026
Crystal Smith	Sub-Nurse	\$31.00	4/16/2026

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
 ROLL CALL _____

9. ACCEPT RETIREMENT OF STAFF

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to accept the retirement of the following staff members, with regret:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Kelly Ryan	Teacher	7/1/26

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
 ROLL CALL _____

10. APPROVE MEDICAL LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve medical leave without pay, effective March 14, 2026 until TBD for the following employee:

Employee #02094

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
 ROLL CALL _____

11. **APPROVE REDUCTION IN FORCE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, for reason of economy and the reduction in the number of pupils, effectuates a reduction in force of one personal aide, which results in the termination of staff member 02148 effective May 29, 2026.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

12. **APPROVE REDUCTION IN FORCE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, for reason of economy and the reduction in the number of pupils, effectuates a reduction in force of four personal aides, which results in the termination of staff member 01997, staff member 01761, staff member 02061 and staff member 01459, effective June 30, 2026.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

TRANSPORTATION

13. **AWARD OF EMERGENCY AND NEGOTIATED TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS – 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to award the emergency and negotiated transportation contracts for transportation of school pupils for the 2025/2026 school year as per the attached: **EXHIBIT AA.**

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

14. **APPROVE TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT ADDENDA – 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the transportation contract addenda for changes made to routes for the 2025/2026 school year as per the attached: **EXHIBIT BB.**

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

15. **ACCEPT CANCELLATION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS – 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to accept the cancellation of transportation contracts for the 2025/2026 school year as per the attached: **EXHIBIT CC.**

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

PUBLIC

OTHER BUSINESS

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION

16. CLOSED SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to recess this public meeting and enter into closed session, where the public will be excluded, for the purpose of discussing Superintendent’s Evaluation, which comes within the provisions of NJSA 10:4-12, Chap. 231 of P.L. 1975. The matters discussed in closed session will be disclosed to the public when circumstances permit.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ TIME _____
ROLL CALL _____

17. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION FROM CLOSED SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to return to the regular session of the Board of Directors meeting from the closed session.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ TIME _____
ROLL CALL _____

18. APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the Superintendent’s Evaluation for the 2025-2026 school year.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

19. APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT’S GOALS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the Superintendent’s Goals for the 2026-2027 school year.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

20. ADJOURNMENT

The President asks for a motion to adjourn.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ TIME: _____
ROLL CALL _____

ATTACHMENTS

EXHIBITS

	Minutes April 8, 2026
A	Line Account Transfers – March 2026
B	Board Secretary’s & Treasurer’s Report-March 31, 2026
C	Payment of Bills – April 30, 2026
D	Revision to Policies 332 and 419- Health Benefits
AA-CC	Transportation