



**AGENDA – BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting To Be Held By Teleconference via Zoom Meeting

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**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
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CALL TO ORDER

President, Michael Bertram, will call the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to order by teleconference on October 14, 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
Vacant, Chester Township
Scott Miller, Dover Town, Vice President
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
Michael Bertram, Morris Hills Regional, President
Michelle Shappell, Parsippany-Troy Hills
Greg MacSweeney, Pequannock Township
Melanie Bratton, Washington Township

NOTICE

I submit that a legal notice of this meeting of the Board of Directors was published on July 14, 2026 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 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2026**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors on September 9, 2026.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

PUBLIC

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2. **APPROVAL OF LINE ACCOUNT TRANSFERS FOR THE 2026/2027 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the line account transfers to the 2026/2027 budget as detailed on the attached: **EXHIBIT A**

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

3. **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 **August 31, 2026** showing a cash balance of **\$2,442,898.52** be approved: **EXHIBIT B**

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

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

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

September 30, 2026 - \$2,294,381.26

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

5. **APPROVE AWARD AND RE-AWARD OF COOPERATIVE PURCHASING BIDS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the award and re-award of bids as determined in consultation with Educational Data Services as listed: Prices for the listed bids are to remain firm from October 1, 2026, until February 28, 2027. These totals apply to the total cooperative bid. The Boards of Education reserve the right to increase or decrease quantities in the bid. **EXHIBIT D**

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

6. **APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS – 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the Professional Service Providers for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Alison Gabel-Conca	Speech	\$245.00	09/15/26
Lois Green	Social Worker	\$240.00	09/15/26
Rachel Mrugal	LDT-C	\$245.00	09/15/26
Samantha Nudo	Speech	\$245.00	09/15/26
Joan O'Shaugnessy	LDT-C	\$245.00	09/15/26

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Heather Rowens-Boot	LDT-C	\$245.00	09/15/26
Jessica Soltys	Psychologist	\$245.00	09/15/26
Monica Valencia	LDT-C	\$245.00	09/15/26
	Bilingual	\$375.00	09/15/26
Stephanie Vitale	Psychologist	\$245.00	09/15/26
	Bilingual	\$375.00	09/15/26
Theresa Wisolmerski	LDT-C	\$245.00	09/01/26
	Teacher	\$65/hr	09/01/26

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

7. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH SILVERGATE PREP

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the contract with Silvergate Prep for bedside instruction services from October 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 for the Educational Services Commission payable at a rate of \$41.46/hr.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

8. APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR TEACHER EVALUATION SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the contract with Riverdale Board of Education for Teacher Evaluation Services effective October 14, 2026 as per attached: **EXHIBIT E**

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

9 APPROVE CLOSURE OF LUNCH FUND ACCOUNT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the closure of the Lunch Fund Account.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

10. ACCEPT THE DECLINATION OF BOARD MEMBERSHIP

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to accept the declination of board membership by Amy Buck effective October 1, 2027.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

PERSONNEL

11. APPROVE ESC STAFF – 2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the following personnel for the school year 2026-2027, as recommended by the Superintendent:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Leah Okken	In-class aide	\$25 p/h	10/01/2026

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Tara Shull Teacher \$19,954.20 10/16/2026

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

12. APPROVE CHANGES TO ESC STAFF – 2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve personnel for the school year 2026-2027, as recommended by the Superintendent:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Sandy Alarcon	Teacher	\$24,398.64	09/01/26
Valerie Bishop	Teacher	\$53.13 p/h	09/01/26
Linden Klein	Teacher	\$49.65 p/h	09/01/26
Alexander Protopapas	Teacher	\$16,195.62	09/16/26
Laura Snyder	Physical Therapist	\$61,337.70	09/16/26
Trevor Stevens	Teacher	\$34,265.16	09/01/26
Susan Wesdyk	Teacher	\$13,779.18	09/16/26

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

13. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF STAFF- 2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to accept the resignation of the following staff members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Crystal Smith	Nurse	09/01/26

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

14. 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 which results in the termination of the following staff members:

One speech therapist position, staff member 01923, effective November 30, 2026,
One teacher position, staff member 01991, one in class aide position, staff member 02160, and
one home instructor position, staff member 01986 effective June 30, 2026.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

TRANSPORTATION

15. AWARD OF EMERGENCY AND NEGOTIATED TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS- 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to award the emergency and negotiated transportation contracts for the 2026/2027 school year as per the attached:
EXHIBIT AA

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

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16. **APPROVE TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT ADDENDA - 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the transportation contract addenda for changes made to routes for the 2026/2027 school year as per the attached: **EXHIBIT BB**

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

17. **ACCEPT CANCELLATION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS - 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to accept the cancellation of transportation contracts for the 2026/2027 school year as per the attached: **EXHIBIT CC**

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

18. **APPROVE RENEWAL OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS – 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the renewal of transportation contracts for the 2026/2027 school year as per the attached:

EXHIBIT DD – Revised Special Education Transportation

EXHIBIT EE – Revised Athletic Transportation

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

19. **AWARD OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS – 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to award the transportation contracts to the lowest bidders for transportation of school pupils for the 2026/2027 school year as per the attached:

EXHIBIT FF- Revised Results of Bid May 14, 2026

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

20. **APPROVE SUBSCRIPTION BUSING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR FOR GOTTESMAN RTW ACADEMY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS to approve the Agreement for Subscription Busing Services Agreement for Gottesman RTW Academy for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$127,930.20 as per the attached: **EXHIBIT GG**

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____
ROLL CALL _____

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OTHER BUSINESS

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GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION

21. ADJOURNMENT

The President asks for a motion to adjourn.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____ TIME: _____
ROLL CALL _____

ATTACHMENTS

EXHIBITS

	Minutes September 9, 2026
A	Line Account Transfers – August 2026
B	Board Secretary’s & Treasurer’s Report-August 31, 2026
C	Payment of Bills – September 30, 2026
D	Agreement with Riverdale
AA-GG	Transportation