

## **MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Date of Meeting:** May 21, 2024

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Board Members Present:** Mary Dugan, Russell Tilley, Emily Boss, Wendy Moore, Teresa DeLaurentiis

**Others Present:** Jamie Maistros, Superintendent; April Vunk, Principal; Staff Members Jenna Turner, Courtney Mackey

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Dugan at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 18, 2024 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** None

Courtney Mackey talked to the Board about her elementary library classes and her eighth grade English class. She said the NYLA conference she went to was amazing.

### **Superintendent's Reports:**

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the group trying to get a bank in Morris. They would like a letter of support to have the valley designated as a Banking Development District. The Board approved sending the letter.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about our enrollment. We have 312 students this year.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the Capital Project. We are spending the \$1,000,000 from the reserves to fund the project until we bond towards the end of June. We will be bonding for \$12,515,000 and bonding for Phase 2 at a later date. The Board discussed the different choices of color for the new bus garage roof.

### **Principal's Reports:**

April Vunk talked to the Board about scheduling for the 2024-2025 school year. The elementary scheduling committee met on May 6<sup>th</sup>. They worked on the specials and RTI Schedules for each classroom. When completed the academic part of the schedule will be added.

April Vunk talked to the Board about summer school. The students at risk of failing one or more classes were identified and a letter was sent home. Plans have been made to help them pass their courses. When we have a better idea of who needs summer school we will know what courses need to be offered and post for teachers to cover the courses.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the academic achievements and celebrations. 19 students were on Honor Roll, 41 were on High Honor, and 40 were on the Principal's List. A "Thanks for Going the Extra Mile" gathering was held on May 1<sup>st</sup> for all the students who were on an academic achievement list for the third quarter.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the senior class achievements. Jessica Walling was named Valedictorian and Magdalena "Yana" King was named Salutatorian for the Class of 2024. Their averages were within .3 of each other. The student ranked 16<sup>th</sup> has a GPA above 90%. All of the students have much to be proud of and have contributed in so many ways to our school, not only academically, but through music, sports and many other clubs. Mrs. Vunk said the class of 2024 will be greatly missed when they graduate.

April Vunk talked to the Board about recent school events. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students went to Washington DC and Gettysburg for two nights and three days. They traveled through Hale Transportation and went with

the students from Unadilla Valley to cut costs. They had a wonderful time. Mrs. Vunk thanked all the chaperones that went on the trip. Mrs. Vunk and Mrs. Maistros attended the Scholar Recognition Dinner with our Valedictorian, Jessica Walling and her chosen mentor, Julene Waffle. Our Envirothon team competed at Gilbert Lake on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. They came in fourth out of eight teams. They did well, we are so proud of them.

April Vunk talked to the Board about upcoming events. There is no school May 23 through May 28. May 27 is the Memorial Day Parade. June 1 is the Sherburne Pageant of Bands. June 11 is the 7-12 Spring Concert. June 14 is Gilbert Lake Day, Regents begin, and Pre-Kindergarten Celebration. June 19 is no school for Juneteenth Day.

**Be It Resolved** upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approve the following

**The following business items 1 through 8 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0:**

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants # 115,116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, and 125, as presented.

2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2024, as presented.

3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2024, as presented.

4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following election officials for the 2024-2025 Budget Vote held on May 21, 2024:

Michael and Barbara Virgil, Elaine Frederick, Lucy Holcombe, Lisa Galbreth, Cindy Sines  
Chief Election Officials Norma Boyd, Carol Tyson

5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget Transfer Reports of \$15,746 and \$76,183.15, as presented.

6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following scholarship for the 2024 graduation:

This is a \$250 scholarship. It is the Unatego Touchdown Club in Memory of Michael Packard. The criteria for this award should be given to a student that is always friendly, loves sports but may not have been the star of the team, and is looking to further their education in a Technology or Teaching based field.

7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District accepts the Bus Bond Bid from NBT Bank at an interest rate of 4.44%. Delaware National Bank of Delhi's bid was 5.14% and Community Bank was at 4.99%.

8. The following was approved on February 16, 2023:

**Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Capital Reserve to the Capital Project Budget. It will be for Codes 023-2110-244 for Legal Services, 023-2110-245 for Architectural Services, and 023-2110-246 for Survey and Engineering Services. **The following Code is being added 023-2110-201 for Clerk of the Works.**

**The following personnel items 1 through 9 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0:**

1. Approval of tenure for Jennifer Parker, effective September 1, 2024 is hereby made



- a) Name of Appointee: Jennifer Parker  
b) Tenure Area: Speech  
c) Date of Commencement of Service of Tenure: Sept. 1, 2021  
d) Certification Status: Speech and Language Disabilities, Prof.

2. Approval of Peyton Mackey as a substitute teacher (NC) retroactive to May 13, 2024.
3. Approval of the resignation of Michael Gregg as a social studies teacher effective July 1, 2024.
4. Approval of the resignation of Emily Kliment as a permanent substitute effective May 10, 2024.
5. Approval of Patrick Miller as a probationary regular run bus driver retroactive to May 6, 2024. Mr. Miller's salary is \$12,223, prorated May 6 through June 26, 2024.
6. Approval of Mallory Frazier as a substitute teacher (NC) retroactive to April 30, 2024.
7. Approval of Gerard Joy as a substitute teacher (NC) retroactive to May 10, 2024.
8. Approval of making Pamela Maraglio's extra challenging stipend retroactive to the start of the 2023-2024 school year instead of March 21, 2024. She was approved for \$390 and will receive an additional \$845 through the end of the school year.
9. Approval of making Rachel Jaquish's extra challenging stipend retroactive to the start of the 2023-2024 school year instead of March 21, 2024. She was approved for \$390 and will receive an additional \$845 through the end of the school year.

**Public Comment:** Mary Dugan congratulated the track and baseball teams for the Tri-Valley Championships.

The Board went into executive session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues and CSE on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:24 p.m. on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0.

9. **Be it Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the certified results for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget Vote held on May 21, 2024 as follows:

Yes: 86      No: 16      Invalid: 0      Blank: 3      Total: 105

10. **Be it Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Certified Board Member Vote held on May 21, 2024 as follows:

Wendy Moore: 94      Write In: 4      Blank: 7      Invalid: 0      Total: 105

On the motion Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0: the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plan #3341 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 8:40 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson  
District Clerk