

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: October 17, 2024

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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

Others Present: Jamie Maistros, Superintendent; April Vunk, Principal; Staff Members Carly Norton, Claire Fraser, Julene Waffle; Students ~~Lucas~~ Waffle, Leah Gregory, Georgia Kolka

Leah gom

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Dugan at 6:31 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2024 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Claire Fraser and Carly Norton talked to the Board about their third grade curriculum. Mrs. Norton teaches math and science. She said that Sharon Foster has been coming in to help with the science classes. Ms. Fraser teaches ELA and social studies. Eight grade reading buddies come into the ELA classes to read with the students.

Superintendent's Reports:

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about Social Emotional Learning. Social Emotional Learning is being included in all areas helping students learn the necessary skills to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. Ms. Maistros talked about how it is being implemented and about the policies dealing with dignity for all students, bullying, and conduct.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about Budget Development. We are going to start the process earlier this year. The teachers will put their items in the cart from the BOCES bids and each order will be approved by an administrator. Ms. Maistros discussed the Rockefeller findings regarding state aid.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the Capital Project. The walls are going up on the bus garage. They are finishing the projects in the school building.

Jamie Maistros talked about the inclusion of a non-voting student as a member of the Board. Right now only Cherry Valley and Oneonta have student members. It is a requirement for the 2025-2026 school year.

The audit should be done around October 24. We will need an Audit Committee meeting followed by a special Board meeting.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about Ski Club transportation. The ski club is not a school function. They paid the school for the transportation. The advisors have decided they do not want to do it again. We need to decide if we make it a school function or leave it as a non-school function and possibly have the parents transport the students.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about epi pens and narcan. We are waiting for cases to have epi pens and narcan with the first aid kits. We may need to have epi pens on the buses in case a student is stung while on the bus.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about outside groups using the building. Charging outside groups for the use of the building and the cost of the maintenance worker was discussed. There have been requests for having yoga and dance recitals at the school.

Principal's Reports:

April Vunk talked to the Board about the Superintendent's Conference held on October 11, 2024. Faculty and staff came from Edmeston, Milford, and Laurens schools to work with our faculty and staff on a variety of topics in the morning. In the afternoon, Dr. Bird, an author and public speaker, talked about facing challenges in education and ways to face these challenges positively and proactively with grace and humor. There have been requests to further the regional department meetings at the spring conference day.

April Vunk talked to the Board about our Backpack Program. The program got off with a great start over the Columbus weekend. We currently have 11 students signed up, with more registrations coming in. The backpacks were sent home with food and snacks for the students over the long weekend. The students are asked to return the backpacks so they can be used again. We have received donations of over 30 backpacks and approximately \$2,700 to help sponsor this program.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the Opportunities for Otsego Assembly. They did a presentation for the students about bullying and bystanders. They presented age-appropriate information to all grade levels for 30 minutes to an hour.

April Vunk told the Board that we completed four of the six fire drills; one of the two lockdown drills; and the early dismissal required in the fall. There are two fire drills and two lockdown drills required in the spring.

April Vunk talked to the Board about Open House and the National Honor Society Inductions held on October 3, 2024. Open House was well attended. There were ten students inducted into the National Honor Society. A reception followed the induction ceremony in the cafeteria.

April Vunk talked to the Board about Upcoming Events. Oct. 18 is Morning Program. Oct. 31 is the Halloween Parade and festivities. Nov. 8 is early dismissal for PK-6 and the Veteran's Breakfast. Nov. 11 no school for Veteran's Day. Nov. 14 is early dismissal for PK-6 and Parent/Teacher Conferences 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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 9 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants # 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2024, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2024, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District accepts the donation from Michael D'Amico of \$2,000 for art supplies for the art classes.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District accepts the donation from NYSIR in the amount of \$1,000 for Homecoming supplies.
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves increasing the budget lines of the current budget to align with the recent donations and refunds received as follows:

Increase Budget Line 1620-200-00 by \$13,804.16 for a Refund of Claim – Water Heater
Increase Budget Line 1621-400-00 by \$1,600 to reimburse line item for cost to repair fence
Increase Budget Line 2885-450-00 by \$669.00 for donation from Michael D'Amico for weight room equipment
Increase Budget Line 2110-450-00 by \$2,000 for donation from Michael D'Amico for art supplies
Increase Budget Line 1010-450-00 by \$1,000 for a donation from NYSIR for Homecoming supplies

7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District does not wish to retain the following equipment or components, as they are obsolete, no longer functional or operational, and declares the following equipment and components as surplus in accordance with Board Policy #5250 and will be disposed of accordingly:

Dell Desktop PC (41)
Dell Computer Monitors (24)
Dell Laptops (20)
Dell Chromebooks (82)
Toshiba/Konica Copy Machines (4)
Epson Projectors (3)
Hitachi Projector (1)
Meraki APs (4)
Cafe POS Stations (2)
Lumens Document Camera (1)

8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District does not wish to retain the following equipment or components, as they are obsolete, no longer functional or operational, and declares the following equipment and components as surplus in accordance with Board Policy #5250 and will be disposed of accordingly:

C11 – 2016 Chevy Impala – Mileage 33,987
C14 – 2018 Chevy Impala – Mileage 18,786

9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approve the Morris Central School Multi Class Reunion of 2023 Scholarship. The Scholarship will be given one-time for the graduation of 2024. There will be two awards of \$200 each. The Criteria is as follows:

These scholarships will be awarded to two (2) senior BOCES students who will be entering the workforce in the trade that they studied at BOCES.

The following personnel items 1 through 15 were approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of Michael D'Amico as an unpaid assistant coach for the indoor and outdoor track teams for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Approval of Laura Hazen to work at the reception desk when CROP is in session. Ms. Hazen's stipend is \$21.00 per hour.
3. Approval of Sharon Foster as an unpaid volunteer to help with elementary science. Mrs. Foster has been fingerprinted and will be allowed to be alone with the students.
4. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:

a. Name of Appointee:	Mollie Gray, Spanish Teacher
b. Tenure Area:	World Language

- c. Date of Commencement of Probationary Service 9/26/24
- d. Expiration Date of Appointment*: 9/25/28
- e. Certification Status: Spanish 7-12, Initial, Exp. 1/31/30
- f. Salary: \$54,600

*To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law §§2509, 2573, 3212 and 3014, in order to be granted tenure the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision, *classroom teacher* and *building principal* mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of this Part.

5. Approval of Shannon Mitchell as a substitute teacher (NC), teacher aide, and LTA, retroactive to October 1, 2024.
6. Approval of Rachel Jaquish as a substitute bus aide for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Jaquish will be paid \$17.50 per run.
7. Approval of Julia Althiser as a substitute teacher (C), retroactive to October 4, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year.
8. Approval of Emily Grover as a permanent substitute effective October 17, 2024. Ms. Grover will be paid \$135 per diem and is eligible for individual health insurance at a 20% contribution.
9. Approval of Shawn Aikins as the Boys' JV Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Aikins stipend will be \$2,862.
10. Approval of Justin Lichtenwalner as an unpaid assistant for the indoor track team. Mr. Lichtenwalner has been fingerprinted and will be allowed to be alone with the students.
11. Approval of Justin Lichtenwalner as the Varsity Softball Coach for the 2025 spring season. Mr. Lichtenwalner was given credit for one-year experience; his stipend will be \$2,788.
12. Approval of Shannon Mitchell as a probationary teacher aide effective October 8, 2024. Mrs. Mitchell's salary is \$19,143, prorated October 8, 2024 through June 27, 2025.
13. Approval of the following coaches for the winter season of 2024-2025:
 - Boys Varsity Basketball – Gerard Joy with a stipend of \$3,881
 - Boys Modified Basketball – Brian Roser with a stipend of \$1,871
 - Girls Varsity Basketball – Rhoda Flint with a stipend of \$5,386
 - Girls JV Basketball – Kyle Szokoli with a stipend of \$2,685
 - Girls Modified Basketball – Claire Fraser with a stipend of \$1,871
 - Indoor Track – McKenzie Rhone with a stipend of \$2,091
14. Approval of the following mentors for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - Deanna Perkosky mentored by Diane Walling with a stipend of \$250
 - Mollie Gray mentored by Kathy Bechtold with a stipend of \$250
15. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approve the following resolution regarding Brianne Thompson's tenure:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District, based upon a review of employment history of Brianne Thompson, which reveals that she was

incorrectly provided with a three-year probationary appointment in an incorrect tenure area amends her probationary appointment as follows:

The Board of Education of the Morris Central School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Brianne Thompson to a four (4) year probationary appointment as a Music teacher in the Music tenure area, commencing on September 1, 2023 and ending on August 31, 2028.

This resolution corrects the previous appointment whereby Ms. Thompson was given credit toward her probationary appointment for prior substitute service and appointed to the "Vocal Music" tenure area.

Public Comment: Julene Waffle said we used to have Zumba Classes at the school. (Building Use Form and Certificate of Insurance was provided.) She would like to see the Ski Club continue. Mrs. Waffle said that she had transported her sons if they had basketball practice in the morning.

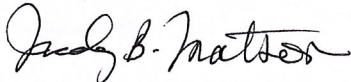
The Board went into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues, and CSE/CPSE on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:24 p.m. on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0.

On the motion of Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0, the IEP's of the specified CPSE students' plans #3301, 3348, and 3346 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 8:25 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson
District Clerk