

## MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Date of Meeting:** October 19, 2023

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

**Board Members Present:** Mary Dugan, Wendy Moore, Theresa DeLaurentiis

**Board Members Absent:** Russell Tilley, Emily Boss

**Others Present:** Jamie Maistros, Superintendent; April Vunk, ISSSL, Staff Member Jenna Turner; Students Tatiana Ives, Yana King, Noah Moore

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Dugan at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2023 and the emergency meeting of October 4, 2023 were approved as presented on the motion of Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 3-0.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** None

Cameron Daniels talked to the Board about LGBTQ via Zoom. Transgender students have the right to choose their identity. We must use the chosen ID and correct pronoun when referring to the student. The student has the right to use the facilities, play on the team, etc. of their chosen gender identity. We must provide protection from harassment and discrimination. All student records must be changed except their permanent records. Their information is to be kept confidential.

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

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the Corrective Action Plan for the Comptroller's Audit. Our fund balance was too large; in the plan we show how we are working to change it.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about Bus Purchasing. We got off sequence with purchasing the big buses. To keep from having to purchase two large buses in one year, Mrs. Maistros talked about purchasing a large diesel bus, either a 35 or 19 passenger small bus and a traverse. Diesel buses last longer and are easier to work on. The consensus of the Board was go with a 65-passenger diesel bus, 19-passenger bus and a traverse.

Jamie Maistros thanked the Board for allowing her to go to the NYSCOSS conference. At the conference they discussed another holiday being added to the school calendar and the possibility of moving away from Christmas, winter, and spring vacations and using longer holidays to be able to get in the 180 days required for school. They also discussed electric vehicles, etc.

Jamie Maistros discussed the metal detector with the Board. We can contract with an outside agency for one person experienced in law enforcement for \$65,000. The consensus of the Board was to keep looking into it.

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

April Vunk talked to the Board about the Superintendent's Conference Day on October 6, 2023. Most of the teachers are attending workshops through BOCES. Some of our special education teachers spent the day with Lindsey Gifford in Laurens going over IEP writing and transition planning. Some teachers and aides, including aides from Laurens spent the day with April Vunk for Therapeutic Crisis Intervention training.

April Vunk talked to the Board about Class Trips and Speakers. The Yearbook class went to Oneonta to sell ads. The juniors and seniors went to see *Fahrenheit 451*. Juniors went to Cobleskill College for a Career Fair. The Outdoor Club went to Cooperstown for a ghost tour hike and will be taking a trip to do

goat yoga in November. The sixth graders went to Howe Caverns. There was a yearbook representative to help the class with the cover. A guest speaker from Hartwick Admissions spoke to the English 10 class about the process of applying for college and the essay they will have to submit for their college applications. Board member, Emily Boss talked to the Consumer Math class about checking and savings accounts. Mrs. Bolton and Mrs. Sneddon organized a Scholastic Book Fair. They sold over \$4,000 of Scholastic products. They are using the funds earned to sponsor students for the safety patrol trip, purchase and donate equipment for use in classrooms and were also able to give \$20 scholastic dollars to each elementary teacher to get books for their classroom.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the Emergency Drills. We have done five fire drills so far, four during the regular school day and one during CROP after school. We will be doing a lockdown drill in the near future.

April Vunk talked to the Board about CROP. CROP began on September 18. They have been concentrating on getting to know you and fall themes. 78 students are enrolled, with an average of 45 to 55 students each day. 59 parents came to orientation during Open House. CROP has partnered with Cooperative Extension to offer cooking classes again this year. They will also have programs sponsored by Roxbury Arts Group and Hanford Mills.

April Vunk talked to the Board about Upcoming Dates and Events. 10/20 is the first Morning Program and Varsity boys play South Kortright in the second round of sectionals. 10/21 Varsity girls play Richfield Springs in the second round of sectionals. 10/31 is the Halloween Parade. 11/9 early dismissal for grades PK-6. 11/10 no school for Veterans Day. 11/13 Winter sports begin. 11/16 early dismissal for grades PK-6. Parent teacher conferences for PK-6 from 11:30 to 7 and grades 7-12 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Jenna Turner talked to the Board about the 3-8 grade state assessments. 128 students took the 3-8 ELA assessment. 21 students earned 4; 46 a level 3; 29 students a level 2; and 32 students a level 1. 125 took the 3-8 math assessment. 11 students earned a level 4; 51 students a level 3; 34 students a level 2 and 29 students a level 1. These exams were all based on the new standards.

**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 7 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 3-0:**

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports and Warrants # 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 41, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2023, as presented. The Bank Reconciliations for the months of June, July and August 2023.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2023, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Corrective Action Plan in response to the Comptroller's Audit.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves 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 one award of \$300. The Criteria is as follows:

This scholarship will be awarded to a Morris Central School senior student with the highest average in their field of study at BOCES.

6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the adoption of the following State of New York Deferred Compensation Plan:

WHEREAS, The Morris Central School District wished to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions (the "Plan") for voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, The Morris Central School District is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law; and

WHEREAS, The Morris Central School District has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with The Morris Central School District by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax-favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for their retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that The Morris Central School District hereby adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials of The Morris Central School District are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the Plan; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Administration Services Agency is hereby authorized to file copies of these resolutions and other required documents with the President of the State of New York Civil Service Commission.

Adopted the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, at a meeting of the Morris Central School Board of Education.

I hereby certify that The Morris Central School District is a local public employer within the meaning of Section 5 of the state Finance Law and that the adoption of the Plan has received all required approvals of any local governing body or officer and otherwise complies with the local law.

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:

Old Interactive Boards – InFocus JTouch 55 (2)

Old Interactive Whiteboards – SMART Board 660 Interactive Whiteboard (9)

SMART Board 680 (1)

Various Old Computers and Peripherals:

iPads (18)

Apple TV Gen 1 (19)

HP Laser Jet Printer (1)

Computer Monitors (45)

Mitsubishi 46" LCD (1) – DL Room?

Lenovo Chromebooks (15)

Dell Chromebooks (69)

Dell Desktop PC (5)

Dell Laptops (14)

Lumens Document Cameras (12)

Hitachi Short Throw Projectors (5)

Epson Short Throw Projectors (19)

NEC Long Throw Projector (1)  
Netgear ProSafe Switches (4)

**The following personnel items 1 through 10 were approved as presented on the motion of Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 3-0:**

1. Approval of extending Caitlin Smith's maternity leave until October 27, 2023, on the recommendation of her pediatrician. Ms. Smith will return to work on October 30, 2023. Taryn Ostroff will continue to cover her until she returns.
2. Approval of Ryan Funk as a substitute teacher (NC), teacher aide, and LTA for the 2023-2024 school year, retroactive to October 4, 2023.
3. Approval of Emily Grover as a substitute teacher (NC), teacher aide, and LTA for the 2023-2024 school year.
4. Approval of Cindy Gumble as a substitute activity leader for CROP for the 2023-2024 school year with a stipend of \$20.50 per hour.
5. Approval of Mike D'Amico as an unpaid coach for the track team for the 2023-2024 school year.
6. Approval of the following coaches for the 2023-2024 school year:
  - Boys Varsity Basketball – Gerard Joy with a stipend of \$3,759
  - Boys JV Basketball – Shawn Aikins with a stipend of \$2,772
  - Boys Modified Basketball – Brian Roser with a stipend of \$1,812
  - Girls Varsity Basketball – Rhoda Flint with a stipend of \$5,216
  - Girls JV Basketball – To Be Determined
  - Girls Modified Basketball – Claire Fraser with a stipend of \$1,812
  - Indoor Track – McKenzie Rhone with a stipend of \$2,788
7. Approval of Charles Jenison as a substitute cleaner, retroactive to September 29, 2023. Mr. Jenison will be paid \$16.35 per hour.
8. Approval of Ryan Funk as a permanent substitute, retroactive to October 16, 2023. Mr. Funk will be paid \$125 until November 1, 2023. He will then go to \$130 per diem. He is eligible for individual health insurance with 20% contribution.
9. Approval of Christie Allison as a substitute teacher aide and LTA for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Public Comment:** Mary Dugan thanked the administration, staff and community for coming together during the recent tragedy.

The Board went into executive session at 7:21 p.m. to discuss personnel issues on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 3-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:04 p.m. on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 3-0.

The Board adjourned at 8:05 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson  
District Clerk