

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: November 14, 2023

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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

Board Member Absent: Theresa DeLaurentiis

Others Present: Jamie Maistros, Superintendent; April Vunk, ISSSL, Students Noah Moore, Jessica Walling, Tatiana Ives, Sean Dill, Tiger Ross, Dominique Cruz, Haylee Cole, Everett Pondolfino, Maddie Coleman, Carter Tuttle, Jacob Morlock, Asa Dugan, Casey Tuttle, Tatiana McAdams

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Dugan at 6:32 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 19, 2023 were approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Wendy Moore said the Senior Play was well done. The students did a great job.

Superintendent's Reports:

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about two policies that are required. They are Physical Restraint and Timeout. They will be on the agenda in December for the first reading.

Jamie Maistros told the Board that the Capital Project is on track to go out for bids in March. The estimates have come in a million too high. We will have to look at the project and make some parts of the projects alternates. The roof system was too high and we may have to look at alternate roofing. The project cannot go over the amount approved by the voters. Softball this spring will be held on a contracted field in Oneonta. We are looking at alternate places to hold CROP in the summer. The building will probably not be open this summer because of the project.

Jamie Maistros discussed the audit with the Board.

Jamie Maistros discussed the safety survey results with the Board. There were 36 responses from the faculty and staff. The survey will be put out to students and the community in the future. Upstate representatives came and talked to Mrs. Maistros about manning the metal detector. One person costs \$65,000. We have been told that it requires two people per metal detector. The person will be armed manning the metal detector, checking IDs etc. The Board would like a representative to come and talk to the Board. Mrs. Maistros said she has concerns about only one officer here.

Principal's Reports:

April Vunk told the Board we had our annual Halloween Parade. A Morris firetruck led the parade. The students had donuts and cider after the parade.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the Veteran's Day Breakfast held on November 9th. The elementary choir sang and different groups and classes made decorations. The veterans seemed to appreciate everyone's efforts.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the following early dismissals. Pre-K-6 are dismissed at 11:00 on November 9th for the teachers to get ready for Parent/Teacher conferences and on November 16 for the Parent/Teacher Conferences. On November 21 all students are dismissed at 11:00 for the start of the Thanksgiving break. The cafeteria will be offering bag lunches for the students on these days. The Parent/Teacher Conferences held on November 16th from 11:30 to 7:00.

April Vunk told the Board that the administration has been researching the use of YouTube during the school day. There was a survey asking teachers how and when they used the site. Teachers have been given technology to monitor their students use of their Chromebooks during the school day. Once the information has been gathered to see who is using YouTube and what they are using it for, a policy will be developed regarding this issue.

April Vunk told the Board in researching why we no longer have a Jr. NHS, it has been difficult to find information. Katharine Smith believes that it is related to the fact that we are a PK-12 building and we were not able to follow the guidelines, so it was discontinued.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the following upcoming dates. Nov. 6 through the 17th is Honor Society and fifth grade Food Drive. Nov. 16 early dismissal for grades PK-6. Nov. 16 grades 5 and 6 will attend the CASSC Youth Concert "Mother Goose Suite". Nov. 17 there is a Morning Program, theme is generosity, first quarter ends, 8th graders go to BOCES for a visit. Nov. 21 early dismissal for grades PK-12. Thanksgiving Break is Nov. 21 through Nov. 24. Nov. 27 Modified Sports begins and report cards are mailed. Dec. 1 is the Early Dismissal Drill; students will be dismissed at 2:35. Dec. 5 is Financial Aid Night.

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 6 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0:

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports and Warrants # 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, and 52 as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2023, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2023, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District accepts the Morris Central School Audit Committee's recommendation to approve the External Audit Report for the 2022-2023 school year prepared by Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the merger of the Morris Central School's Girls' Varsity, JV, and Modified Basketball teams with the Edmeston Central School's Girls' Varsity, JV, and Modified Basketball teams for the 2023-2024 school year. Morris does not have enough girls for the team.
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Tax Collector's Report for the 2023-2024 school year.

The following personnel items 1 through 5 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0:

1. Approval of the resignation of Ryan Funk as a permanent substitute effective November 1, 2023. Mr. Funk was paid for November 2nd and 3rd.
2. Approval of Emily Kliment as a substitute teacher (NC). Ms. Kliment is a student teacher from SUCO and is allowed to substitute for Jenna Turner.
3. Approval of Bethanee Barringer as a part-time .42 FTE teacher aide, retroactive to November 6, 2023. Ms. Barringer works less than 15 hours a week. She will be paid \$15.00 per hour. She works 3 hours a day if she is working 4 days a week and 2 hours and forty-five minutes if she is working five days a week.
4. Approval of Jody Bolton as a substitute Activity Leader for CROP for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Bolton will be paid \$20.50 per hour.

5. Approval of Garrett Aikins as a volunteer to help with the JV boys' basketball practices when he is home from college, for the 2023-2024 season. Volunteers are never allowed to be alone with the athletes.

Public Comment: None

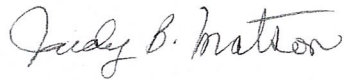
The Board went into executive session at 6:58 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues and CSE on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:55 p.m. on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0.

On the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0: the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans #3307, 3329, 3330, and 3331 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 7:56 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson
District Clerk