

## MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

**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, Principal; Staff Members Pat Harmer, Jenna Turner, Julene Waffle; Students Levi Waffle, Leah Gregory, Georgia Kolka; Community Members Maggie Brenner, Tom Washbon; NY Bus Sales Jeremy Johnston, Brett Adoff

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Dugan at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 17, 2024 were approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley and carried 4-0.

The minutes of the special meeting of October 31, 2024, to approve the audit, was approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, carried 4-0.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** Maggie Brenner told the Board that the first phase of the Two Creeks Trail around Calhoun and Butternut Creeks is almost done. She also talked about the community project of trying to get a bank back in Morris.

Pat Harmer talked to the Board about the Seal of Civil Readiness for graduation. Through Civic education, students learn how to identify and address problems in their school or community. The Seal of Civic Readiness is a prestigious award that lets colleges and employers know that you have demonstrated the knowledge, mindsets, and skills that will promote a successful democratic society. The student who earn this Seal will have the Seal added to their high school diploma and may include it on college applications and resumes. In addition to completing all of the requirements for graduating with a New York State Regents diploma, students wishing to receive the NYS Seal of Civic Readiness must demonstrate proficiency in Civic Knowledge and Civic Participation. Students must earn 6 points to receive the Seal of Civic Readiness. The Global Research Project and the High School Civics Project will be overseen by the District Seal of Readiness Committee.

Jeremy Johnston from New York Bus Sales talked to the Board about the benefits of a five-year bus rotation plan compared to the eight-year plan we currently have. The buses will be under warranty for five years so repair costs will be lower and you will get a higher trade-in value at the end of five years compared to eight years.

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

Jamie Maistros gave the Board an update on the Capital Project. More security cameras will be installed. A new server head is being installed. The doors will be fixed. A large part will be done during winter break. The bus garage is moving along. The garage has tarps covering the doorways to keep the weather out. The overhead doors are being shipped.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the Regionalization Study. The District Plans are due soon.

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



April Vunk talked to the Board about the Halloween Parade. The turnout for the parade was one of the largest we have had in many years. Following the parade, the students were treated to cider and donuts at the school.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the Veteran's Day Breakfast. The breakfast was hosted by Kelly Catella and her CFES students. The cafeteria was decorated with student art work and the Elementary Chorus sang for the veterans.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the Parent/Teacher Conferences. The parent/teacher conferences were held on Thursday, November 14 from 11:30 to 7:00. The conferences were well attended at the elementary and middle school levels.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the Health Curriculum. Many teachers are embedding health curriculum into their daily classroom activities, including healthy eating, exercise, heart health, personal hygiene, hand washing, and healthy relationships. This is in addition to the required health classes for seventh and tenth grade students.

April Vunk talked to the Board about upcoming dates and events. Nov. 22 report cards mailed home. Nov. 26 early dismissal for PK-12. Nov. 27 through Nov. 29 is Thanksgiving Break. Dec. 13 at 1:00 is the PK-3 concert. Dec. 17 at 7:00 p.m. is the 7-12 concert.

**The following business items #1 through 5 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0:**

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants # 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, and 46, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2024 and the Bank Reconciliations for the month of July 2024, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2024, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Tax Collector's Report for the 2024-2025 school year.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget Transfer Report totaling \$1,368,236.84.

**The following personnel items #1 through 8 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0:**

1. Approval of Peter Kalin as a substitute teacher (NC) for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Approval of Katarzyna Baker and Lisa Coyle as unpaid co-advisors for the Ski Club for the 2024-2025 school year. Students will be transported by their parents.
3. Approval of the resignation of Ryan Mason as a probationary guidance counselor effective November 15, 2024. His last day of work was November 14, 2024.
4. Approval of Ben Child and Brian Webster as unpaid volunteers to help the boys' varsity basketball team for the 2024-2025 season. Volunteers are never allowed to be alone with the athletes.
5. Approval of Matthew Murphy as an unpaid assistant for the boys' varsity basketball team for the 2024-2025 season.
6. Approval of Vicky Pegg and Heather Hoosock as unpaid volunteers to help with the Spring Musical Play. Volunteers are never allowed to be alone with the students.

7. Approval of Stephanie Connally as an unpaid assistant to help with the Spring Musical Play.

8. Approval of Rebecca Brown as a substitute teacher aide and LTA for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Public Comment:** Julene Waffle thanked the Board for allowing Ski Club, but said several didn't sign up because of the self-transport.

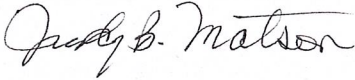
The Board went into executive session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues, and CSE and/or CPSE on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:20 p.m. on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, 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 #2985, 4040, and 4003, were approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 8:21 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy B. Matson".

Judy B. Matson  
District Clerk