

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: February 15, 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 John Tol, Jenna Turner; Students Sean Dill, Keegan Fraser, Ethan Herring, Reed Wolfe, Kaylee Kolka; Scott Duell, Architect

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 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

John Tol talked to the Board about lead testing. Samples are collected and sent to a lab for testing. The results must be 15 parts per million or less to be safe. 62 samples were sent and five came back hot. They are non-drinking faucets in the locker rooms, the steam kettle in the kitchen, etc. None of the drinking fountains tested hot. Only cold water is tested. The steam kettle only uses hot water, which is safe. Mr. Tol said that they start by changing the faucets and if still hot, check the piping. Many of the faucets come from China which still uses lead solder.

Scott Duell talked to the Board about a Building Condition Survey. Building Condition Surveys are on a five-year cycle. Ours was due in 2023, but we applied for a waiver because of the upcoming Capital Project. The waiver was rejected by SED because the project had not started. Mr. Duell said the items that should be addressed in the main building would cost \$5,520,171. There was \$80,000 in the custodial building that should be addressed. In the present bus garage there were \$927,000. For a total of \$6,527,171. Most of the items are part of the capital project.

Superintendent's Reports:

Jenna Turner talked to the Board about the Workplace Violence Prevention Program Draft. Josh Reiss met with the Safety Committee and went over a safety check list looking for risk factors. Employees need to wear their ID at all times including during after school events and sporting events. We need to ensure security coverage of all internal and external areas of the buildings and grounds and provide de-escalation training for all employees.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget. At this time, it looks like we will receive less aid and we have a budget increase of \$400,000. We will be looking at what cuts can be made.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about a Transportation Study looking into electric bus fleets. The cost is \$73,000. If the study shows that electric buses are not feasible, schools taking part in the study can get a two-year waiver from the state.

Jamie Maistros told the Board that she attended an ONC Board meeting and did a presentation about how things were going at Morris. Ms. Maistros also attended a joint Milford-Laurens athletic merger meeting.

Principal's Reports:

April Vunk talked to the Board about Academic Achievement and "You Are Stars" Gathering. This quarter 24 were on Honor Roll, 42 were on High Honor Roll and 46 were on the Principal's List. There was a "You Are Stars" gathering on February 9th for all the students on the achievement lists for this quarter.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the Morning Program and the Attendance Initiative. Our next Morning Program is tomorrow. Our second graders will be doing a presentation about cooperation. The Attendance Initiative started last month, encouraging students to attend school unless they are truly sick. Ms. Fraser's class had the highest attendance percentage and will receive the banner to hang outside their classroom.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the 3-8 State Testing. ELA testing is in April and Math testing is in May. Grades 5 and 8 will be doing the computer based testing the other grades will be doing the paper tests. The Science test for grades 5 and 8 will be in May and they are computer based tests.

April Vunk told the Board that there four students that took the Regents given in January. Three of the four passed their Regents.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the Superintendent's Conference to be held on March 15. We plan on offering staff development in various areas including recess management, science and literacy. We hope to add time for professional development and mindfulness activities.

April Vunk told the Board about the following upcoming dates: Feb. 16 is Morning Program and the Sweetheart Dance; Feb. 17 is Tri-Valley Championship at Unadilla Valley, boys play at 5:00 p.m. and the Freshmen Can Drive; Winter Break is Feb. 19 through 23; Mar. 1 is Five Week Reports; Mar. 2 is All County #2 at Cooperstown Central School; Mar. 4 is NHS Blood Drive; Mar. 11 Varsity Sports begin; Mar. 15 is Superintendent's Conference Day; Mar. 18 is no school; and Mar. 20 is the Pops Concert at 6:30 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 12 were approved as presented on the motion of Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants # 86, 87, and 88 as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2024 and Bank Reconciliations for December 2023, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2024, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Corrected Budget Transfer Report from the January Board meeting. The total is \$38,125.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget Transfer Report in the amount of \$74,155.
6. Approval of the School Calendar for 2024-2025 school year.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the merger of the Morris Central School's Varsity Baseball team with the Edmeston Central School's Varsity Baseball team for the 2024 season.
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the merger of the Morris Central School's Varsity Softball team with the Edmeston Central School's Varsity Softball team for the 2024 season.

9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the merger of the Morris Central School's Varsity and Modified Track teams with the Edmeston Central School's Varsity and Modified Track teams for the 2023-2024 school year.
10. **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 or components as surplus in accordance with Board Policy #5250 and will be disposed of accordingly:

2 – Book Shelves	2 – 3' x 8' Formica Top Tables
8 – 4' x 4' Chalk Boards	4 – Filing Cabinets – Four Drawer
10 – Children's Desks	8 – 4' x 8' Black Boards, not Slate
10 – 4' x 8' Folding Tables	6 – 4' x 6' Folding Tables
3 – Map Blinds	

11. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the creation of the Dana Gabrielle Memorial Scholarship for Graduation. The award this year will be \$500. The recipient is to be chosen by the family. That may change in the future. The Criteria is as follows: (See Attachment #1)

The Dana Gabrielle Memorial Scholarship is given to the senior or seniors who show interest in Music and Arts or demonstrated extraordinary care and concern for others.

12. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the easement request in order for NYSEG to install a pole for the electric services that will be needed for the new bus garage, as attached. (See Attachment #2)

The following personnel items 1 through 6 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Michael Packard as the technology teacher effective June 30, 2024.
2. Approval of Bruce Shano as a probationary cleaner retroactive to January 22, 2024. Mr. Shano's salary is \$31,200, prorated January 22, 2024 through June 30, 2024.
3. Approval of the resignation of Ryan Bolton as a cleaner at the start of his shift on January 25, 2024. Mr. Bolton was paid through January 24, 2024.
4. Approval of Carrie D'Amato as a substitute teacher (NC), teacher aide, and LTA for the 2023-2024 school year, retroactive to February 8, 2024.
5. Approval of Kyle Szokoli as the coach for the modified baseball team for the 2024 season. Mr. Szokoli's stipend is \$1,600.
6. Approval of Ventre Woolery as a substitute teacher (NC). Mr. Woolery is a student teacher from SUCO and is able to substitute for Patrick Harmer.

The following Administrative item #1 was approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0:

1. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the second reading and approval of the new policy as follows:

Policy #6192 – Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Statement

Public Comment: None

The Board went into executive session at 7:29 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 8:30 p.m. on the motion Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

On the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0: the IEP's of the specified CPSE students' plan #3311 and 3301 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

On the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0: the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plan #3053, 3114, and 3334 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 8:35 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy B. Matson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

Judy B. Matson
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February 11, 2024

Morris Central School Board of Education

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Dear Members of the Board of Education:

My family and I would like to set up an annual scholarship fund for Morris Central School senior(s) in memory of our daughter, Delilah's sister, Dana Gabrielle.

The description of the scholarship is as follows:

The Dana Gabrielle Memorial Scholarship is given to the senior or seniors who show interest in Music and Arts or demonstrate extraordinary care and concern for others.

The scholarship amount will be \$500.00 this year but, in the future, the amount and number of recipients may vary. The recipient(s) will be chosen by our family until we deem a time to pass the decision to the MCS faculty.

We would like to thank the members of the Board of Education for their dedication to supporting students in their academic pursuits. We are grateful for the opportunity to present this scholarship to a student or students in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the possibility of presenting this scholarship and continuing to represent the values of the Morris School District.

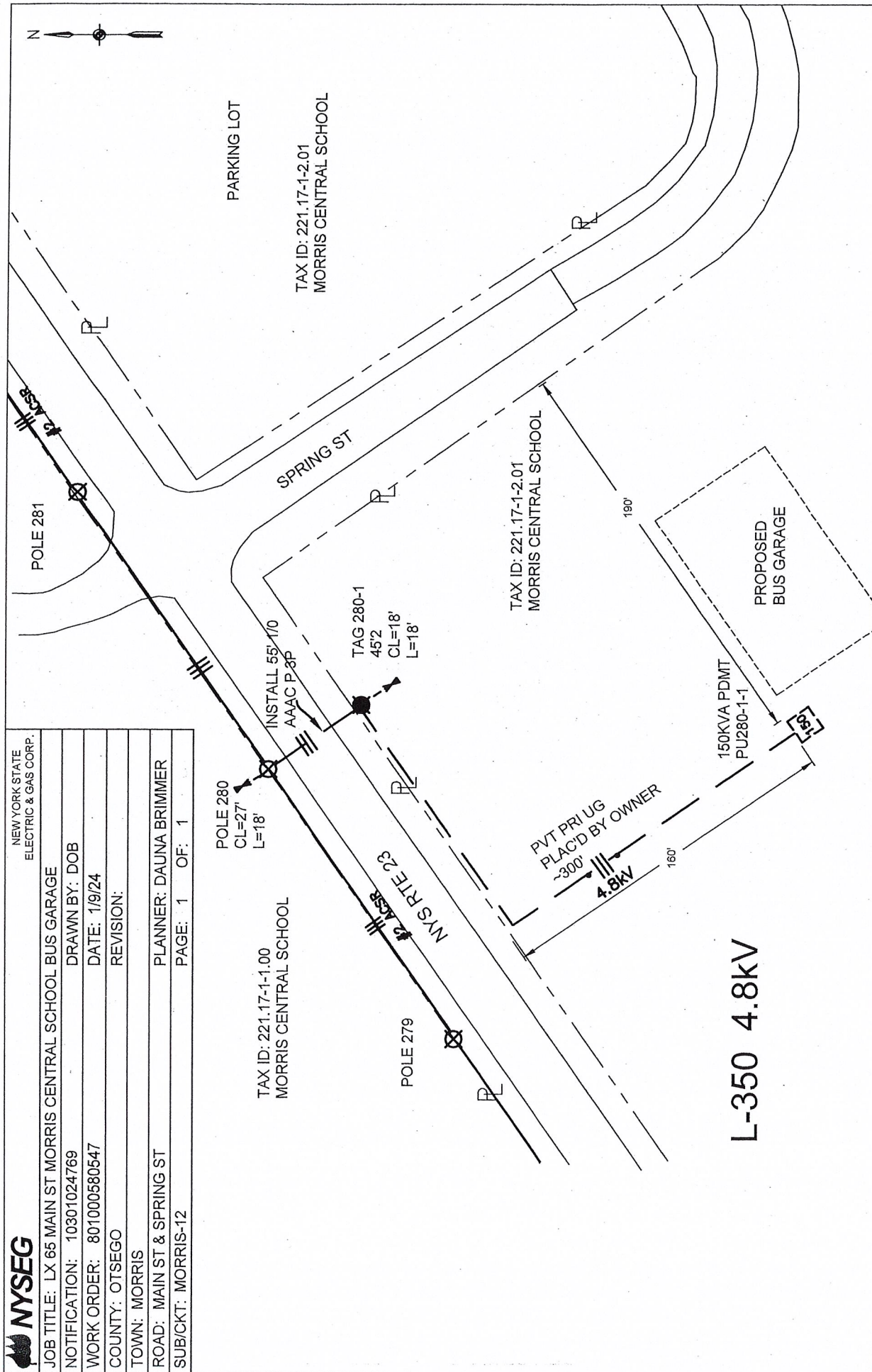
Respectfully,

The Triolo Family



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