

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: March 17, 2022

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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

Others Present: Matthew Sheldon, Interim Superintendent; Katharine Smith, Principal; Students Leah Rehrmann, Kelsey Chase, Robert Hand, Keegan Valentine; Community Members Maggie Brenner, Tom Washbon and Lydia Brinkley via Zoom

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

There was a Public Hearing for the use of up to \$51,200 from the Repair Reserve to repair or replace the PA system. Syracuse Time and Alarm did a temporary fix to keep it working. The cost of replacing the system is \$35,000 for parts and up to \$15,000 in labor and wiring. The work will be done during spring break. The cost listed in the possible Capital Project was \$288,000. We will have up to two years to pay the money back to the Repair Reserve.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2022, the special meeting of March 3, 2022, and the emergency meeting of March 8, 2022 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Upper Susquehanna Valley Association members Maggie Brenner, Tom Washbon, and Lydia Brinkley, via Zoom talked to the Board about the Butternut Creek Stream Corridor Rehabilitation Project. The project is being conducted by the Upper Susquehanna Coalition and the Butternut Valley Alliance. The project wants to restore the stream corridor, reforest 8.4 acres, restore 6.7 acres of wetlands and possibly remove the Olds Road embankment. The total cost is \$142,850. They are applying for grants to help fund the project. The school's land is in part of the project. They want the school to agree to put the land affected into a Conservation Easement. We still own the land and can sell or lease the land. There are restrictions on what we can build on the land or do with the land. They wanted the Board approval. The Board will discuss the project and may vote on it at the next meeting.

Superintendent's Reports:

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the 2022-2023 Budget and went through each section of the budget. We still haven't heard from the state about the amount of state aid we will receive and we are still waiting on information about some of our expenses. At this point, the tax increase would be 1.79%, well below our Tax Cap of 2.46%.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Capital Outlay Projects. The 2021-2022 Capital Outlay Project consists of sidewalk repair, repointing, exit door in the boiler room, and a fire door for Head Start. This project will be finished by the end of June 2022. The 2022-2023 Capital Outlay Project possible items could be the carpet in the library and offices, bringing the greenhouses up to spec for instructional spaces, and the grease trap in the kitchen.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the Principal Search. He told the Board there were 13 applications. He took five or six to Kathy Smith to review. Mr. Sheldon said that he set up preliminary meetings with the candidates. It might be a few weeks for the next part.

Principal's Reports:

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about recent student events. On March 8th Girls' with Grit was held at Morris Central School for girls in grades 7 through 12. Ten students participated in the free school-based webinar-style event. The students learned about tools to empower them to handle challenges and

setbacks. Nationwide there were 1,400 participants. The tenth grade BOCES visit was on March 9th. Fourteen students went to BOCES to learn about the CTE opportunities. Nine students have returned their application, so far. The National Honor Society project that was facilitated by Lincoln Waffle raised over \$2,300 for Ukraine refugees. They sold pins to raise the money.

Katharine Smith gave the Board a curriculum update. After working as a K-8 team piloting and reviewing material, it was determined that grades 2-8 will be using a program called Into Reading (2-6) and Into Literature (7-8). Grades K-1 will be using a program called Open Court and supplementing that with materials to reinforce and remediate phonics and phonemic awareness skills. Second grade will also use these supplemental materials. There will be professional development opportunities for teachers in grades K-3 to support them in teaching reading. All materials are aligned with the Next Generation Standards. We have had a staff developer from BOCES come in and observe all math classes PK-12 to assist teachers with the new standards and to assess our readiness for complete implementation next year. Next Spring, we will administer the new 3-8 exams aligned with the Next Generation Standards. Ms. Smith said she was contacted by the Director of Instructional Support Services to see if she would present to the Board of Regents in Albany in April about the work our teachers have done to prepare for the Next Generation Standards. Staff development specialist who work here in Morris have recognized us as a school that is ahead of the curve in planning and implementation and therefore the invitation was extended to talk about the work we have been doing.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about an assessment update. We received notification that we will be required to participate in field testing this year. We have been assigned English Text-Based analysis. The field test requires 80 minutes and all juniors who will be taking the ELA Regents are required to participate in the field testing. We received notification the Regents will be administered in June. There was no mention of exemptions being offered, based on the current COVID data available.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about Upcoming Events. March 18 is Superintendent Conference Day. Modified sports starts March 28. 3-8 testing is March 29 and 30. Third Quarter ends April 1. College Information Day for Juniors is April 1st from 9-2 at SUNY Cobleskill. NHS Egg Hunt is on April 9 from 9 to 12. Spring Break is April 11-18. The Senior Trip will be a one-day trip, not an overnight trip.

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 15 were approved as presented on the motion Wendy Moore, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports and Warrants # 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, and 84, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report and Bank Statements for the month of February 2022, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2022, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the certified Bus Vote held on March 10, 2022 as follows:

Yes: 36 No: 0 Total: 36

5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Election Officials for the certified Bus Vote held on March 10, 2022 as follows:

Lois Jones, Maureen Joy, District Clerk Judy Matson, Taryn Ostroff, Michael Virgil, Lucy Holcombe, Marillyn Boggs: Chief Election Officials Norma Boyd, Elaine Frederick

6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the merger of the Morris Central School Varsity Baseball Team with the Edmeston Central School Varsity Baseball Team for the 2021-2022 school year.

7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Administrative Budget as presented for the 2022-2023 school year.
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following three (3) candidates to the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Board of Education: Antoinette Hull, Cynthia Kukenberger, and Timothy Powell.
9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the purchase of instruction technology through ONC BOCES IPA as follows:

WHEREAS, the Morris Central School District requires additional Instructional Technology software and hardware beyond that which they currently own or is available to it and,

WHEREAS, the Morris Central School District wishes to spread the cost of purchasing said equipment over several years with a multi-year installment purchase contract,

NOW THEREFORE, the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES is hereby authorized to expend annually, on behalf of Morris Central School, funds to acquire the equipment, as attached. (See Attachment #1)
10. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C. as the External Auditor for the 2021-2022 audit at the cost expected not to exceed \$12,500.
11. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the bus bond resolution as follows:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 17, 2022 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES, AUTHORIZING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, as attached. (See Attachment #2)
12. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves transferring up to \$51,200 from the Repair Reserve to the Capital Fund to use to repair or replace the PA system.
13. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Budget Transfer Report as attached. (See Attachment #3)
14. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the designation of Bernard P. Donegan, Inc. as the Municipal Advisor of the Morris Central School District, as presented.
15. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the agreement between the Morris Central School and Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School to share an Occupational Therapist for the 2022-2023 school year. Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School is employing the Occupational Therapist. Morris Central School will utilize this provider at a level of 0.40 FTE and pay Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School 25% of the costs associated with employing this provider. The cost shall include both salary and benefits. Morris Central School will be billed quarterly.

The following personnel items 1 through 7 were approved as presented on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of the resignation of Susan Pylinski as a food service worker effective May, 4, 2022.

2. Approval of Hannah Tilley as a substitute teacher (NC), teacher aide, and LTA, retroactive to Mach 8, 2022, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Tilley is the daughter of Board member Russell Tilley.
3. At the January 20, 2022 Board meeting Jason Adams was approved as a substitute bus driver. His name is Jason Abrams and the minutes were corrected.
4. Approval of Jenna Turner as the modified track coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Turner's stipend will be \$1,300.
5. Approval of Cheryl Webster as a volunteer assistant coach for the modified softball team. Volunteers are never left alone with the athletes.
6. Approval of the resignation of Trista Hilts as a teacher aide, retroactive to December 6, 2021.
7. Approval of the resignation of John Banks as a cleaner effective March 30, 2022. (The agenda said April 1, 2022. I was given the wrong date. Mr. Banks last day of work was March 30, 2022.)

Public Comment: Mary Dugan thanked Matthew Sheldon for what he did during the propane leak and thanked Judy Matson for making the phone calls to notify the Board members.

Matthew Sheldon congratulated the Drama Club for their performance in the play. The play was delayed because of COVID and had to be moved again for a snow storm. Everyone did a great job.

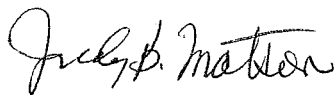
The Board went into executive session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, and CSE on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:17 p.m. on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Michael Walling, and carried 5-0.

On the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0: the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plan #2453 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 8:18 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson
District Clerk

**RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO THE PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL
TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR THE MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT FROM THE ONC BOCES**

WHEREAS, the Morris Central School District requires additional Instructional Technology software and hardware beyond that which they currently own or is available to it and,

WHEREAS, the Morris Central School District wishes to spread the cost of purchasing said equipment over several years with a multi-year installment purchase contract,

NOW THEREFORE, the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES is hereby authorized to expend annually, on behalf of the Morris Central School District, funds to acquire the equipment as follows:

Equipment (All Prices are estimated based on current NYS Contract and cooperative bidding pricing)

Quantity	Description	Unit Cost	Total Cost
8	Dell Latitude 7420 Laptops	\$ 1,131.03	\$ 9,048.24
6	APC Back-UPS battery backup	\$ 86.32	\$ 517.92
4	Dell Mobile Computing Carts	\$ 1,987.99	\$ 7,951.96
1	Dell XPS 13 9310	\$ 1,770.83	\$ 1,770.83
Estimated Cost of Equipment			\$19,288.95
Estimated Interest 1.940% (Estimate based on a 5 Year Lease)			\$925.35
Estimated Total Cost of Equipment			\$20,214.30

Annual payments (estimated) will be made in the following amounts to ONC BOCES;

2022-2023 School Year = \$	4,042.86
2023-2024 School Year = \$	4,042.86
2024-2025 School Year = \$	4,042.86
2025-2026 School Year = \$	4,042.86
2026-2027 School Year = \$	4,042.86

Estimated Total Payments (Including Interest) = \$ 20,214.30

Mary J. Dugan

Morris CSD Board of Education President

03/21/22

Date

Jack B. Matson

Witnessed by Morris Board Clerk

3/21/22

Date

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ADOPTING BOND RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District, New York, held at the District Offices in Morris, New York, on the 17th day of March, 2022:

PRESENT: Mary Dugan, Russell Tilley, Wendy Moore, Emily Boss,
Michael Walling

ABSENT: None

Wendy Moore presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Russell Tilley:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 17, 2022 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES, AUTHORIZING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Morris Central School District, New York, at a special meeting of such voters duly held on March 10, 2022, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the specific object or purpose hereinafter described; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Morris Central School District has undertaken or shall undertake certain capital expenditures, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. The Morris Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its General Obligation Serial Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$195,847, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the specific object or purpose described herein.

Section 3. The specific object or purpose to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") are the acquisition of one (1) 65-passenger school bus, at an estimated maximum cost of \$121,959, and one (1) 35-passenger school bus, at an estimated maximum cost of \$73,888, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of 195,847.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum aggregate cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$195,847, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor, (b) the Morris Central School District plans to finance the cost of said purpose entirely from funds raised by the issuance of said Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes hereinafter referred to, and (c) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is five (5) years.

Section 6. The Morris Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$195,847, and is hereby authorized to issue renewals thereof, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York in order to finance the purpose in anticipation of the issuance of the above described Bonds.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) there are presently no outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipating of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the Morris Central School District reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Section 9. The faith and credit of the Morris Central School District, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes as the same respectively become due and payable. And annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 10. The power to further authorize the issuance of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Bonds

and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law of New York, including without limitation, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, whether to authorize the receipt of bids in an electronic format, and to sell and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. The President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature any Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and are hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes the corporate seal of the School District and to attest the same.

Section 11. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full by the District Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District. The validity of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

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COUNTY OF OTSEGO }

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I, the undersigned clerk of the Morris Central School District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

1. A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District, State of New York, was held on March 17, 2022, and Minutes of said meeting have been duly recorded in the Minute Book kept by me in accordance with law for the purpose of recording the minutes of meetings of said Board.

2. I have compared the attached Extract with said Minutes so recorded and said Extract is a true copy of said Minutes and of the whole thereof insofar as said Minutes relate to matters referred to in said Extract.

3. Said Minutes correctly state the time and place when said Meeting was convened and the place where such meeting was held and the members of said Board who attended said Meeting.

4. Public Notice of the time and place of said Meeting was duly posted and duly given to the public and the news media in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, constituting Chapter 511 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York, and that all members of said Board had due notice of said Meetings and that the Meeting was in all respects duly held and a quorum was present and acted throughout.

5. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have hereunto affixed the corporate seal of the Morris Central School District this 17 day of March, 2022.


District Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE PURSUANT TO
LOCAL FINANCE LAW SECTION 81.00

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, was adopted on March 17, 2022, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such bond resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Morris Central School District is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Judy B. Matson
District Clerk
Morris Central School District,
New York

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 17, 2022 OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MORRIS CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION
OF SCHOOL BUSES, AUTHORIZING BOND
ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF,
THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN
PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH
SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING
OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Object or Purpose: the acquisition of one (1) 65-passenger school bus, at an estimated maximum cost of \$121,959, and one (1) 35-passenger school bus, at an estimated maximum cost of \$73,888, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of 195,847.

Period of Probable Usefulness and
Maximum Permissible Term of Any Borrowing: five (5) years.

Amount of Debt Obligations Authorized: up to \$195,847.

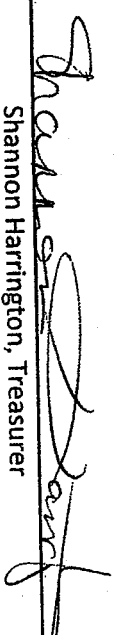
A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the School District Clerk of the Morris Central School District, Morris, New York.

Dated: March 17, 2022
Morris, New York

NON-BOCES Budget Code Transfers

Date: 3/11/2022

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TRANSFER TO	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
9060.800	\$ 312.50	1325.160	\$ 312.50	HLTH INS BUYOUT
9060.800	\$ 3,750.00	1620.160	\$ 3,750.00	HLTH INS BUYOUT
9060.800	\$ 5,000.00	2110.120	\$ 5,000.00	HLTH INS BUYOUT
9060.800	\$ 9,375.00	2110.130	\$ 9,375.00	HLTH INS BUYOUT
9060.800	\$ 7,500.00	2110.160	\$ 7,500.00	HLTH INS BUYOUT
9060.800	\$ 1,562.50	2250.160	\$ 1,562.50	HLTH INS BUYOUT
9060.800	\$ 1,250.00	2810-150	\$ 1,250.00	HLTH INS BUYOUT
9060.800	\$ 5,312.50	5510.160	\$ 5,312.50	HLTH INS BUYOUT
1325.400	\$ 289.59	1325.450	\$ 289.59	TREAS COPIER
1330.400	\$ 72.51	1330.450	\$ 72.51	TAX COL TONER
2110.400	\$ 315.00	2110.47	\$ 315.00	FOUR WIND TUITION
2250.470	\$ 845.01	2250.45	\$ 845.01	SP ED SUPPLIES
2250.470	\$ 1,105.26	2250.40	\$ 1,105.26	SP ED CONTRACTUAL
5510.160	\$ 2,903.58	5510.161	\$ 2,903.58	BUS OVERTIME
2110.100	\$ 9,000.00	1420.40	\$ 9,000.00	LEGAL CONTRACTUAL
1621.45	\$ 1,858.00	1621.40	\$ 1,858.00	MAINTNE CONTRACTUAL
1621.45	\$ 399.00	1910.40	\$ 399.00	UNAL INSURANCE
1621.45	\$ 216.50	1964.40	\$ 216.50	REFUND REAL PROPERTY
	\$ 51,066.95		\$ 51,066.95	

Prepared By: 
Shannon Harrington, Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Education at its meeting on: March 19, 2022

District Clerk: Judy B. Miller

Date: 3/24/22