

## MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Date of Meeting:** April 21, 2022

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

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

**Board Member Absent:** Wendy Moore

**Others Present:** Matthew Sheldon, Interim Superintendent; Katharine Smith, Principal; Staff Members Rhonda Burnside, Morgan Westbrook, Lindsey Laing, Amy Gerhartz; Students Leah Rehmann, Robert Hand; Community Members Grace Wheeler, Wayne Gerhartz

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Dugan at 7:02 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2022 and the special meeting of March 31, 2022 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0.

**Correspondence:** Matthew Sheldon shared a letter he received from The People of the United States of America against all COVID vaccines, masking etc. The letter was dated June 2021 from Texas.

**Public Comment:** None

Lindsey Laing and Morgan Westbrook talked to the Board about their fifth grade curriculum. Ms. Laing teaches ELA and Social Studies and Ms. Westbrook teaches Math and Science. Ms. Laing said they finished the state testing. They are working on a book on the TUCCR list. In social studies they worked on the Western Hemisphere, native Indians, etc. Ms. Westbrook said in math they are reviewing for the state test. In science they studied the planets, built a bridge with straws and paper, etc.

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

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the 2022-2023 Budget and state aid. Nothing has changed very much. The tax increase will be 1.76% which is below the tax cap of 2.46%. There will be a budget hearing on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the principal's search. There were five committees that met with the two candidates today. Mr. Sheldon said he didn't have a chance to review the feedback from the groups.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the 2021-2022 Capital Outlay Project. The sidewalks were done during the spring break. The repointing has started. Fire proofing in the science wing has been delayed because of the specs, it should be done by June. The doors for the boiler room and head start are not here. We will cut the checks by the end of June and hold them until the work is done.

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

Katharine Smith gave the Board a third quarter report card update. 69% of the 7 through 12 grade students were on an academic achievement list. That is 101 out of the 146 students. 16% were failing one or more course which is twenty-four students in grades 7 through 12.

Katharine Smith gave the Board a hiring update. We had ten applications for an elementary position, one application for the 7-12 math position, one application for the PE/Health position and four applications for the special education position. A candidate for the elementary resource room position was interviewed today, reference check will be done. We hope to offer the person the position so she can start mid-May.

Katherine Smith talked to the Board about some of the end of the year events. We are planning on having Gilbert Lake Day, Awards Night, which will include sports, Moving Up, and Graduation. There will be more information at the May meeting.



Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the summer programs and professional development. The focus for professional development will be related to the new ELA series and the science of reading. TCI (Therapeutic Crisis Intervention) training will be offered this summer. It is a five-day training for the first time and a yearly refresher after that. April Vunk became a trainer and will be doing the training.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about upcoming student events. April 23 is Earth Day Clean up from 9:00 to 12:00. April 26 and 27 are the 3-8 Math Exams. April 27 is the Sophomore Symposium at SUNY Cobleskill. April 30 is the Athletic Club incentive trip. April 30 the Outdoor Club is going to Chimney Bluffs State Park and Canyon Climb at Destiny USA. The Envirothon competition in grades 9-12 will be held at Gilbert Lake on May 4. We have 12 students participating. May 5 is the 7-12 Spring Concert at 6:30 in the big gym. May 12 is the PK-3 Spring Concert at 1:00 in the small gym. May 14 is the Prom 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Grove. It is open to juniors and seniors. May 15 the Outdoor Club goes to the Waterfalls Hike in Ithaca. May 17 is Open House from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. instead of the Academic Fair.

**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 8 were approved as presented on the motion Russell Tilley, seconded by Michael Walling, and carried 4-0:**

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports and Warrants #85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, and 94, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report and Bank Statements for the month of March 2022, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2022, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget of \$10,164,634 for the 2022-2023 school year. The 2022-2023 Budget will go to the voters on May 17, 2022. the Board also approves the Capital Outlay Project for 2022-2023 of \$100,000. The project is part of the 2022-2023 Fiscal Budget.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Tax Report Card for the 2021-2022 school.
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget Transfer Reports, as attached. (See Attachment #1)
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following agreements with DCMO BOCES: The Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, Generic Agreement, and the Food and Cafeteria Supplies Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year, as attached. (See Attachment #2)
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the request of \$462 from the Morris Beautification Committee for May 2022 through the fall of 2022. The Morris Beautification Committee will prepare the plants for one large container and six pots for the school property.

**The following personnel items 1 through 6 were approved as presented on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0:**

1. Approval of Michael D'Amico as an unpaid assistant coach for the track teams for the 2022 season.
2. Approval of Richard Daigle as a probationary cleaner, retroactive to March 31, 2022. Mr. Daigle's salary will be \$27,456, prorated March 31 through June 30, 2022.

3. Approval of the contract for Superintendent Jamie Maistros, effective June 1, 2022. Mrs. Maistros' salary for June will be 1/12 of her 2022-2023 contract of \$135,000, retroactive to April 4, 2022, date of signatures.
4. Approval of Alexandra Rufer as a substitute teacher (NC) for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
5. Approval of Jason Abrams as a probationary mechanic effective July 1, 2022. Mr. Abram's salary will be \$49,920. Mr. Abrams will drive bus when needed.
6. Approval of the resignation of Lisa Marino as a teacher aide effective May 5, 2022. (Mrs. Marino rescinded her resignation on April 22, 2022. It will be on the May agenda for approval.)

**Public Comment:** Mary Dugan thanked Matthew Sheldon and Katharine Smith for all they did during the snowstorm that caused a power outage in the area for up to five days in some areas. She thanked them for opening the school up to the community so they could come get warm, take a shower, etc. Michael Walling thanked the bus drivers for getting the students to school safely. Matthew Sheldon said there were several roads that were closed because of trees or down power lines that couldn't be picked up by the bus. Mallory Jorgensen went and picked up several students with the school car that the bus couldn't get to. There were ten students that were inaccessible and couldn't attend school. Mr. Sheldon said the fuel for the generator lasts three days. It is 600 gallons of fuel. Farrell Gas came with a propane truck to fill the buses during the power outage.

The Board went into executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, and CSE on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0.

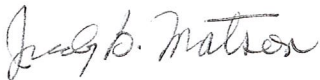
The Board came out of executive session at 8:18 p.m. on the motion<sup>of</sup> Michael Walling, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0.

On the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0: the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plan #3245 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

On the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Michael Walling, and carried 4-0: the IEP's of the specified CPSE students' plan #3246 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 8:19 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson  
District Clerk



# BOCES BUDGET CODE TRANSFERS

Date: 03/28/2022

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TRANSFER TO	AMOUNT
2060-490	\$6,700.00	1310-490	\$ 6,700.00
2110-490	\$29,257.00	1430-490	\$ 29,257.00
2250-490	\$11,355.00	1460-490	\$ 11,355.00
2250-490	\$55,367.00	1680-490	\$ 55,367.00
2110-490	\$13,359.00	2259-490	\$ 13,359.00
2060-490	\$4,151.00	2610-490	\$ 4,151.00
	\$120,189.00		\$ 120,189.00

Prepared By: Shannon Harrington  
Shannon Harrington, Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Education at its meeting on: April 21, 2022

District Clerk: Debbi Walker Date: 4/22/22

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**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**COOPERATIVE PURCHASING  
SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023**

**WHEREAS,**

The Cooperative Purchasing Service is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Central School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Central School named below wishes to appoint the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to advertise for bid, accept, tabulate bids and award bids on their behalf; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below authorizes the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts; (3) abide by the Award of the BOCES Board; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

**CERTIFICATION OF DISTRICT CLERK**

I, Judy B. Matson, District Clerk of the

Morris Central School Board of Education, hereby certifies that the above resolution was adopted by the required majority vote of the Board of Education at its meeting held on 4/21/22.

Judy B. Matson  
Signature of District Clerk

4/22/22  
Date



**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**GENERIC  
SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023**

**WHEREAS,**

It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Central School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Central School named below wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and providing the information to their Board of Education who will make the awards; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned items, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below agrees to (1) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that it will award contracts based on information provided from the bid; (3) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

**CERTIFICATION OF DISTRICT CLERK**

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Morris Central School Board of  
Education, hereby certifies that the above resolution was adopted by the required  
majority vote of the Board of Education at its meeting held on 4/21/22.

Judy B. Matson 4/22/22  
Signature of District Clerk Date

Attachment C

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FOOD and CAFETERIA SUPPLIES  
SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023**

**WHEREAS,**

It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly Cafeteria supplies including but not limited to food and paper items, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Central School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Central School named below wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and awarding bids and reporting the results to the schools; therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (3) that it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

**CERTIFICATION OF DISTRICT CLERK**

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Judy B. Matson  
Signature of District Clerk

4/22/22  
Date