

## MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Date of Meeting:** May 16, 2023

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

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

**Others Present:** Jamie Maistros, Superintendent; Brian Breck, Principal; Staff Members Deanna Perkosky, Destinie Smith; Students Amber Reilly, Jillian Maerz, Skylar Feather, J. J. Benjamin; Scott Duell, Architect; Dr. Catherine Huber, ONC BOCES

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Dugan at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 2023 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** None

Deanna Perkosky and Destinie Smith talked to the Board about their Music Program. Mrs. Perkosky is the instrumental music teacher and Ms. Smith is the vocal music teacher.

Scott Duell talked to the Board about the Capital Project. The placement of the softball field was discussed. They discussed putting it where it used to be behind the school. A decision has to be made by the beginning of June to get the plans to the state in July. The bus garage was discussed. It is now larger than on the original plans.

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

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the diversion ditch that is on Spring Street. It was rerouted during our '95 Project. The school is responsible for cleaning and maintaining the ditch. A homeowner came and talked to Mrs. Maistros. It is a problem every spring and floods the back lawns of the homeowners.

Jamie Maistros introduced Dr. Catherine Huber to the Board. Dr. Huber talked to the Board about the Regional Initiative of the Principal Pipeline and Teacher Pipeline. Trying to find qualified principals and teachers. Dr. Huber told the Board that Jamie Maistros is an alternate delegate to the House of Delegates.

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

Brian Breck talked to the Board about the tenure recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about third quarter grades. There was a slight dip in the third quarter. The majority of those failing this quarter have passed the other two quarters and are still on track for passing the class. There are three students that have failed at least two of the three quarters and are still struggling in the fourth quarter. We are exploring the options of after school or Regents week help.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about the grading policy. A parent questioned the student's ability to take outside college courses and whether it should count as part of the student's GPA and class ranking. After looking at the policy it is understood that it is not allowed because it would be an unfair advantage between students whose families have the means to pay for the classes and transport them to these classes. Mr. Breck would like the wording changed to clearly state that it is not allowed.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about the top five ranked seniors in the Class of 2023.



Brian Breck talked to the Board about School Events. The Safety Patrol went to Gettysburg and Hershey Park on May 11 and 12. Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Johnson took science students to the Envirothon at Gilbert Lake on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mrs. Johnson's team came in second and Mrs. Grant's team came in fourth. May 15<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Madeline Schiller and Julene Waffle at the Scholar Recognition Dinner.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about upcoming dates. 7-12 Spring Concert is May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Mr. Montgomery, a motivational speaker will be here May 19<sup>th</sup>. Prom is May 20<sup>th</sup>. The Outdoor Club Mountain Biking Trip is on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**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 10 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0:**

1. Approval of the Claims Auditor's Reports and Warrants # 107, 108, 109, 110, and 111, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2023, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2023, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District accepts the bus bond bid from Delaware National Bank of Delhi for 4.55 % interest on \$155,557 for one (1) 65-passenger school bus. Community Bank came in at 4.57%. The signing is on May 25, 2023.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following Election Officials for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Budget Vote held on May 16, 2023:  
  
Mike and Barbara Virgil, Carol Tyson, Marillyn Boggs, Lois Jones, Lucy Holcombe  
Chief Election Officials Norma Boyd, Lisa Galbreth
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Negotiated Agreement between Morris Teachers Association and the Morris Central School Board of Education for the effective dates of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District hereby authorizes the funding of the District approved reserves with the excess of 4% from unassigned fund balance at June 30, 2023. The allocation of such fund balance will be determined subsequent to June 30, 2023 and prior to setting the tax levy.
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the request of \$508.20 from the Morris Beautification Committee for May 2023 through the fall of 2023. The Morris Beautification Committee will prepare the plants for one larger container and four pots for the school property.
9. Approval of the Bank Reconciliations for the month of March 2023.
10. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget Transfer Reports for \$77,486.81 and \$27,403.74 as attached. (See Attachment #1.)

**The following personnel items 1 through 7 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0:**

1. Approval of tenure for Claire Fraser, effective September 1, 2023 is hereby made
  - a) Name of Appointee: Claire Fraser
  - b) Tenure Area: Elementary Education
  - c) Date of Commencement of Service of Tenure: September 3, 2019
  - d) Certification Status: Childhood Edu Birth-2, 1-6, Initial exp. 8/31/2024



2. Approval of tenure for Beth Collins, effective September 1, 2023 is hereby made

- a) Name of Appointee: Beth Collins
- b) Tenure Area: Art
- c) Date of Commencement of Service of Tenure: September 3, 2019
- d) Certification Status: Art, Permanent

3. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Administrative Leave with pay for Catherine Burch starting on April 26, 2023 through May 15, 2023.

4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Separation Agreement between the Morris Central School District and Catherine Burch and the resignation of Catherine Burch effective May 15, 2023. Mrs. Burch has insurance through June 30, 2023. She will pay her portion of the insurance out of her last pay check.

5. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:

- a) Name of Appointee: Ryan Mason
- b) Tenure Area: Guidance Counselor
- c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: September 5, 2023
- d) Expiration Date of Appointment\*: September 1, 2027
- e) Certification Status: School Counselor, Permanent
- f) Salary: \$72,763 (To be revised to \$64,000 at the 6/15/23 BOE meeting.)

\*To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law §§2509, 2573, 3212 and 3014, in order to be granted tenure the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision, *classroom teacher* and *building principal* mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of this Part.

6. Approval of Stephani Mitcham as a bus aide for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Mitcham's stipend will be \$17.50 per run per the MESSA Contract.

7. Approval of Bryan Schechner as a substitute teacher (NC) for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

**Public Comment:** None

The Board went into executive session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues, contract negotiations, Superintendent's Evaluation on the motion Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:30 p.m. on the motion Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0.

**The following items Business 8 through 11 and CSE were approved as presented on the motion of Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0:**



8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the certified results for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Budget Vote held on May 16, 2023 as follow:

Yes: 126 No: 35 Blank: 1 Total: 162

9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the certified results for the Village Library of Morris' request for an annual tax increase of \$7,215, for a total of \$65,000 as follows:

Yes: 98 No: 57 Blank: 7 Total: 162

10. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Certified Board Member Vote held on May 16, 2023 as follows:

Emily Boss: 150 Write In: 5 Blank: 7 Total: 162

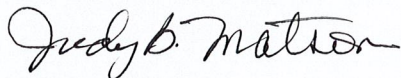
11. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Certified Board Member Vote held on May 16, 2023 as follows:

Russell Tilley: 147 Write In: 5 Blank: 10 Total: 162

On the motion of Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0; the following IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans #2939 and 3102 were approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 9:32 p.m. without further discussion on the motion Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson  
District Clerk

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Karen S.  
Adam P.  
Shannon H.

BOCES BUDGET CODE TRANSFERS

Date: 05/16/2023

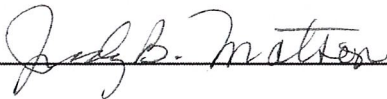
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1320-490	1169.100		1460-490	1169.100
2250-490	\$1,355.40		2259-490	\$ 1,355.40
2810-490	\$50,708.00		1680-490	\$ 50,708.00
2820-490	\$24,254.31		1680-490	\$ 24,254.31
	\$77,486.81			\$ 77,486.81

Prepared By:

  
Shannon Harrington, Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Education at its meeting on: May 16, 2023

District Clerk:



Date: 5/17/23

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Shannon H.

# Budget Code Transfers

Date: 5/16/23

DESCRIPTION	TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	TRANSFER TO	AMOUNT
Textbooks	2110-480	\$ 409.79	Hardware	2630-220	\$ 409.79
Mat/Supplies	2855-450	\$ 88.31	Mat/Supplies	2110-450	\$ 88.31
Mat/Supplies	2855-450	\$ 29.95	Mat/Supplies	2250-450	\$ 29.95
Op Plant	1620-402	\$ 2,179.92	Mat/Supplies	2810-450	\$ 2,179.92
Transportation	5510-160	\$ 5,342.96	Trans Supervisor	5510-161	\$ 5,342.96
Op Plant	1620-402	\$ 1,364.77	Trans Contractual	5510-400	\$ 1,364.77
Op Plant	1620-402	\$ 11,037.04	Trans Material/Supplies	5510-450	\$ 11,037.04
Op Plant	1620-402	\$ 6,951.00	Sp Ed. Contractual	2250-400	\$ 6,951.00
		\$ 27,403.74			\$ 27,403.74

Prepared By: Shannon Harrington, Treasurer



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