

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: July 11, 2024

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Board Members Present: Mary Dugan, Russell Tilley, Emily Boss, Theresa DeLaurentiis

Board Member Absent: Wendy Moore

Others Present: Jamie Maistros, Superintendent; April Vunk, Principal; Staff Members Lindsey Gifford, Jenna Turner

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Dugan at 6:38 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 2024 was approved as presented on the motion of Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Lindsey Gifford talked to the Board about our special education program. We have five special education teachers. One teacher has an elementary 12-1-1 class, another teacher has the basic life skills 12-1-1 class, and three are resource room/consultant teachers. We have students from Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton, Edmeston, and Laurens Central Schools attending our 12-1-1 classes. 18% of our student population is in the special education program. The state prefers 13%. We are looking for a parent representative for our CSE/CPSE Committees. Mrs. Gifford shared the Special Education Plan for 2024-2026 with the Board. The Plan has to be updated every two years and will be put on our website.

Superintendent's Reports:

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about our Capital Project Phase 2. The hot water heater installed in September 2022 is failing. We are looking for a replacement. As part of our capital project a water softener will be installed. As part of phase 2 of the capital project, Mrs. Maistros shared with the Board the cost of the items that have been discussed. The 10,000-gallon fuel oil tank replacement is \$500,000. Replacing the playground surfacing/woodchips is \$72,500. Replacing the asphalt walkways near the playground is \$28,000. installing window air conditioners for the elementary classrooms is \$25,000. The work discussed for the existing bus garage include replacing the roof, metal deck repair, replacing 10 windows, 2 exterior doors, removal of caulking, masonry restoration around windows and doors, and repair/reconstruction of the concrete stair wall, The total cost is \$276,500. This cost does not include replacing the overhead doors, fixing all masonry cracks, updating the septic, securing water to the building, floor drains, and abating lead and asbestos. Uses for the existing bus garage were discussed. Mrs. Maistros said there has to be a decision made soon, so the work can be done next summer.

Principal's Reports:

April Vunk talked to the Board about the end of the year events. The elementary students enjoyed field days followed by their annual trip to Gilbert Lake. Pre-Kindergarten had their graduation ceremony. The Moving Up ceremony, Awards Night and Graduation was well attended and went smoothly.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the Regents results. Most of the students did well on the Regents. Mrs. Vunk said she would like to see the Mastery percentage higher. At the end of the fourth quarter 28 students were on the Honor Roll, 37 students were on the High Honor Roll, and 39 students were on the Principal's List. During the fourth quarter there was a push to identify the students who were on the edge of failing for the year. The students were met with, tutored, and counseled to help them pass. In the end,

we had eight students that failed one course and two students that failed two courses. The 3-8 data for the state assessments are still embargoed.

April Vunk talked to the Board about summer school and summer CROP. There are three teachers doing summer school. One teacher is teaching middle school math. One teacher is overseeing students doing credit recovery for Health and Earth Science. One teacher is a special education teacher providing help and services for students with IEPs or 504 plans. Summer CROP and LPP are going well. We have approximately 100 students here on any given day. Driver's Education starts in August.

April Vunk talked to the Board about upcoming summer events. CROP will end on July 12. Summer school ends on August 2. Principal's Retreat is July 24 through July 26. Summer Professional Development is ongoing throughout the summer. Driver's Education starts at the beginning of August.

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 of Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0:

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports and Warrants # 147, 148, 149, 150, 001, 002, and 003, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2024, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2024 and the Trial Balance for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.
4. Approval of the Summer Golf Club for 2024. The Club is playing six nights at Colonial Ridge. The cost is \$100 per night.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Contract for Educational Services with BOCES for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$1,187,317.07, retroactive to June 27, 2024.
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Morris Central School District and the Morris Central Teachers Association setting the pay rate for a Driver's Education teacher at \$350 per student.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget Transfer Report for \$76,371.06, retroactive to June 28, 2024.
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves moving funds from the Fund Balance to the following reserves:

Capital Vehicle - \$64,900
Repair Reserve - \$500,000
TRS Retirement - \$57,400
Liability Reserves - \$500,000
Capital Reserves – up to \$3,000,000

The following personnel items 1 through 7 were approved as presented on the motion Russell Tilley, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 4-0:

1. Approval of Patrick Harmer as the Driver's Education teacher for the summer of 2024. Mr. Harmer will be paid \$350 per student.

2. Approval of the bus drivers for the summer bus runs. They are Joseph Holbert at \$29.00 per hour and Mallory Holbert at \$30.00 per hour.
3. Approval of the following summer school teachers for the summer of 2024 as follows:
 - Kyle Szokoli – Special Education – two sessions at \$1,900 per session
 - Alison Dening – Middle School Math and Algebra – two sessions at \$1,900 per session
 - Julene Waffle – teaching/monitoring credit recovery for Earth Science – one session at \$1,900
4. Approval of Rachel Jaquish as a Bus Monitor for the Pathfinder run July 15 through August 16 at \$17.50 per hour.
5. Approval of Julene Waffle and Patrick Harmer as chaperones for the Summer Golf Club. They will be paid \$40 per night.
6. Approval of McKenzie Rhone as the Cross Country Coach for the 2024-2025 school year with a stipend of \$2,879.
7. Approval of Gerard Joy as the Boys' Modified Soccer Coach for the 2024-2025 school year with a stipend of \$1,600.

The following Administrative item #1 was approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 4-0:

1. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Special Education Plan for 2024-2026, as presented.

Public Comment: None

The Board went into executive session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues, and CSE/CPSE on the motion of Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0.

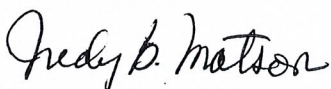
The Board came out of executive session at 9:24 p.m. on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0.

On the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0, the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans #2892, 3063, 2979, 3201, 3202, 2690, 2538, 2997, 2756, 2658, 2541, 2540, 2750, 2719, 2630, 3286, 3246, 3331, 2616, and 2642, were 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 Emily Boss, and carried 4-0, the IEP's of the specified CPSE students' plans #3297, 3342, and 3301, were approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 9:26 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