

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: July 12, 2022

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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

Others Present: Jamie Maistros, Superintendent; Brian Breck, Principal; Staff Members Diane Walling, Michael Iannelli, Rhonda Burnside, Amy Gerhartz; Student Scott Murphy; Community Members Tammy Murphy, Wayne Gerhartz

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Dugan at 6:36 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2022 was approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Mary Dugan shared thank you notes from Carissa Richards, Thomas Pondolfino, and Leah Rehrmann with the Board.

Public Comment: Mary Dugan welcomed Brian Breck and Theresa DeLaurentiis. Mrs. Dugan went over the Code of Ethics with the Board. She said it is a privilege to serve on the Board. The Board will treat each other with respect and all are committed to do the best for the District.

Diane Walling and Amy Gerhartz gave the Board an update on the Rtl plan, which has to be updated every three years. Response to Intervention has been elementary focused. In 2022-2023 the middle and high school will be included. It is a three tier program. Tier One is a minimum of five weeks. There is a benchmark data meeting with a follow up in four to six weeks. The intervention is provided by the classroom teacher and progress is monitored. Tier Two is a minimum of nine weeks. The intervention is provided in the classroom or out of the classroom in small groups for two to three days a week for approximately twenty minutes by an interventionist. Data of progress is maintained. If enough progress is made the student returns to Tier One. If more progress is needed, the student either stays in Tier Two or moves to Tier Three. Tier Three is a minimum of fifteen weeks. Intervention is provided out of the classroom, either in a very small group or individually daily for thirty minutes by an interventionist. Progress is monitored and data is collected in all tiers. The team meets for data meetings and/or IST meetings. They work with the students in both math and ELA.

Superintendent's Reports:

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the timeline for the Capital Project. The vote is expected in December, with the project starting in 2024 and completion in 2025. The final plan will be completed in September. The project includes a new bus garage. The current bus garage will not pass inspection in another year. The project is almost \$14,000,000; we will be using \$1,000,000 from our Capital Fund. Included in the scope of the project is a new bus garage, milling the faculty parking lot, updating lights, a new roof over the 1931 and 2002 parts of the building, improved ventilation, PA system allowing us to page certain parts of the building instead of the entire building, exterior doors, new carpeting for the library and offices, etc. Locations for the bus garage are the current softball field, the third practice field, or near the current location. Included in the cost is the destruction of the current bus garage. We will receive approximately 85% in state aid. The project is not expected to increase taxes for property owners. There will be public forums to discuss the project.

Jamie Maistros held a public hearing for the District Safety Plan. Mrs. Maistros said it was a pleasure to have the students in the building for the summer programs. The committee worked on the safety plans. The major changes for the District Safety Plan are names and phone numbers, and COVID information that will have to be updated. The Building Safety Plan is a confidential document. It also needs mainly names and phone numbers changed. We will be doing an evacuation to the churches this year. Otsego County has a grant that allows schools to put in one metal detector at no cost to the school. About half of the districts in our BOCES have declined the grant. You have to have the space and staffing to

operate the metal detector. Decisions have to be made on when the device is operational and who will operate it. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with obtaining a metal detector.

Principal's Reports:

Brian Breck talked to the Board about CROP and other summer programs. CROP enrollment is now 98 students. Our maximum was 85, Matthew Sheldon extended our numbers with the stimulus money so we will not have a cut-off for student enrollment. The first week of CROP went well. There was an in-house field trip day with a bounce house, water day was Friday. The field trips planned are 7/13 to Interskate 88, 7/20 to WonderWorks Destiny USA in Syracuse, 7/27 is Howe Caverns and 8/2 is expected to be the opening day at the Otsego County Fair. ESY has fourteen students from four districts (Morris, Laurens, GMU and Edmeston. The employees were hired from Morris, Laurens, and GMU, including two teachers, two classroom aides, three one-on-one aides, a speech and language pathologist, two substitute teachers and a substitute aide. Summer School we have five students enrolled. Three are working with a teacher and the other two are enrolled in an online program because they have multiple classes that they are trying to complete.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about summer professional development and curriculum work. Science of Reading Session 1 took place last week. Session two is in August. Three members of the TCI Team have been trained and certified. A fourth member was unavailable and will be trained in the future, by April Vunk who is a certified District Trainer. She will be conducting training sessions for our staff. Aides will receive a partial training on Superintendent's Conference Day. We plan on training others during the school year. This week we have Into Reading and Literature Curriculum professional development. Materials have been received and will be given to the teachers.

Brian Breck gave the Board a hiring update. Interviews were conducted for chemistry/physics and elementary guidance counselor. Both candidates turned down the positions for a higher paying position. The positions have been reposted. Spanish has been posted and an anticipated elementary position has also been posted. Vocal Music was filled. Destinie Smith will be completing her student teaching during the fall semester and will take over the position permanently after graduating. Cheryl Ernst has agreed to act as a cooperating teacher while Destinie completes her student teaching and college requirements.

Brian Breck shared the June Regents with the Board. The results of the Regents this year were very good. 80% of the students were on the Academic Achievement List for the fourth quarter. Only four students were failing two or more classes for the year.

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 5 and 7 through 9 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0: (Item #6 was tabled to be discussed in executive session.)

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports and Warrants #114, 115, 116, and 117, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2022, as presented. The bank statements for the month of June did not arrive in time for the Board meeting.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2022 and the Trial Balance for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the merger of the Morris Central School Varsity and Modified Girls Soccer teams with the Edmeston Central School Varsity and Modified Girls Soccer teams for the 2022-2023 school year.

5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the merger of the Morris Central School Varsity and Modified Cross-Country teams with the Edmeston Central School Varsity and Modified Cross-Country teams for the 2022-2023 school year.
6. Tabled until August
7. Approval of the Summer Golf Club for 2022. The Club is playing six nights at Colonial Ridge, the cost is \$100 per night.
8. Approval of the Board Meeting Calendar for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.
9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget Transfer Reports, retroactive to June 30, 2022, as presented.

The following personnel items 1 through 18 were approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of the resignation of Victor Lasher as a regular run bus driver effective June 30, 2022.
2. Approval of Rebecca Scofield as a probationary food service worker effective August 31, 2022. Ms. Scofield's salary will be \$15,102.
3. Approval of the resignation of Jeffrey Rhone as a probationary Spanish teacher effective July 8, 2022.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:
 - a) Name of Appointee: Toree Donnelly
 - b) Tenure Area: Elementary Education
 - c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: August 31, 2022
 - d) Expiration Date of Appointment*: August 31, 2026
 - e) Certification Status: Childhood Edu. 1-6, Initial, expires 8/31/23
 - f) Salary: \$53,000
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:
 - a) Name of Appointee: Christine Callea
 - b) Tenure Area: Elementary Education
 - c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: August 31, 2022
 - d) Expiration Date of Appointment*: August 31, 2026
 - e) Certification Status: Early, Childhood Edu, Birth-2, 1-6, Professional
 - f) Salary: \$58,000
 - g) Sick Days: She is bringing 24 sick days from her previous employment.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:
 - a) Name of Appointee: Diane Sneddon
 - b) Tenure Area: Elementary Education
 - c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: August 31, 2022
 - d) Expiration Date of Appointment*: August 31, 2026

- e) Certification Status: Childhood Edu. 1-6, Initial, expires 1/31/23
f) Salary: \$64,000
g) Sick Days: She is bringing 24 sick days from her previous employment.

*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.

7. Approval of Kathy Forgit and Maureen Ahl as summer bus monitors from July 5 through August 12, 2022. Kathy Forgit is being paid \$17.50 per run and Maureen Ahl is being paid \$20.11 per hour. She will occasionally work an extra two hours for office work at the bus garage.
8. Approval of the following summer bus drivers, Joseph Holbert, James Tyler, and William Whitaker. Christina Strain will drive two students to OAOC BOCES. The drivers will be receiving \$20 per hour.
9. Approval of Heather Grant for the summer Greenhouse Project for the summer of 2022. Mrs. Grant will be paid \$25 per hour.
10. Approval of the following people for summer golf chaperones, Julene Waffle and Taryn Ostroff. They will be paid \$40 per night.
11. Approval of Taryn Ostroff to cover the reception desk during CROP starting on July 11 through August 2, 2022. Ms. Ostroff's stipend will be \$60 for half a day and \$120 for a full day.
12. Approval of the following summer CROP employees for 2022:

Co-Directors – Caitlin Smith and Diane Turner with a stipend of \$27 per hour.
Activity Leaders – Jenna Turner, Virginia Robinson, Courtney Mackey, Stephani Mitcham, Lisa Marino, Lisa Rozanski, Rachel Wisniewski, Aidan Mackey, Diane Turner, and Caitlin Smith. They will be paid \$20 per hour.
The students working as Peer Tutors will be paid \$13.20 per hour.
13. Approval of the following fall coaches for 2022:

Varsity Boys Soccer – Brian Roser with a stipend of \$2,972
Modified Boys Soccer – TBD
Varsity Girls Soccer – Rhoda Flint with a stipend of \$4,023
Modified Girls Soccer – TBD
Cross-Country – McKenzie Rhone with a stipend of \$2,700
14. Approval of the employees and rate of pay for the ESY 2022 summer program as attached. (See Attachment #1)
15. Approval of Cheryl Ernst as a mentor/teacher of vocal music effective August 31, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Mrs. Ernst's stipend is \$240 per diem.
16. Approval of Destinie Smith as a long-term substitute training/teaching with Cheryl Ernst effective August 31, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Ms. Smith's stipend will be \$202.50 per diem with no benefits.
17. Approval of Alison Denning as a summer school teacher for one session at \$1,900.

18. Approval of Christina Decesare as CROP Project Manager at a salary of \$52,000, with individual health insurance, both paid out of the CROP Grant. It is a ten-month position with 10 days in the summer at \$289 per diem.

Public Comment: None

The Board went into executive session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues, and CSE/CPSE. Tammy and Scott Murphy and Michael Iannelli were invited to come into executive session, on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:16 p.m. on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

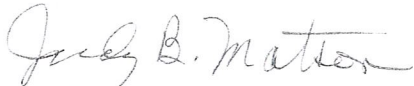
Business item #6 was tabled until the August Board meeting.

On the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0, the IEP's of the specified CPSE students' plans #3203 and 3246 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 Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0, the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans #2690, 2997, 2719, 2905, 2810, 2756, 2759, 2680, 3094, 3128, 2955, 2953, 2928, 2927, 2926, 2538, 2482, 3197, 2493, 3056, 2509, 2569, 2566, 2574, 2802, 2453, 3166, 2988, 2979, 2993, 2990, 2992, 3063, 2743, 2541, 2540, 2750, 3232, 2603, 2481, and 3000 were approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 9:17 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson
District Clerk

Staff List

ESY 2022

There are some changes from what was approved at the June Board meeting.,

Superintendent: Jamie Maistros

Acting Principal (not in the building every day): Amy Gerhartz

Principal on Duty (intern): Rhonda Burnside

K-2 12:1:1 Teacher: April Vunk \$53.01 per hour (Same)

K-2 Classroom Aide: Rhoda Flint (\$17.64 + \$5.00/hour) = \$22.64 (Change) ✓

1:1 aide for KG: Tritny Knapp (\$13.20 + \$5.00/hour) = \$18.20 (New) - ✓

3-5 12:1:1 Teacher: Lori Peck \$65.04/hour (Same)

3-5 Classroom Aide: Shari Bennett \$14.20 + \$5.00/hour = \$19.20 (New) - ✓

1:1 aide for CL: Donna Shean \$14.44/hour + \$5.00/hour = \$19.44 (Change) ✓

1:1 aide for CC: Amy Costello \$14.20 + \$5.00/hour = \$19.20 (New) - ✓

Speech Language Pathologist: Jacqueline Marsh \$60.00/hour (Same)

Occupational Therapist: Amanda Baysinger per contract w/Access Therapy

Physical Therapist: Stephanie Connally per contract w/Access Therapy

Nurse on Duty: Kasia Baker (hourly rate for an extra 10 days) \$40.81 (Same)

Head Cafeteria Staff: Jill Foerster

Head Custodial Staff: John Tol

Substitute Teachers: Caitlin Smith \$38.07 per hour, Jody Bolton \$46.17 per hour
- (Same)

Substitute Aides: Stacy Barnes \$13.20 + \$5.00 = \$18.20 - New ✓