

## MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Date of Meeting:** August 18, 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 Rhonda Burnside, Amy Gerhartz; Community Member Wayne Gerhartz; Scott Duell, BCA; JoAnn Fredette

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Dugan at 6:32 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 12, 2022 and the Re-Organizational meeting of July 12, 2022 was approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence:** Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about a letter she received from the Department of Transportation. They want to lease seven feet of land by the crosswalk to make a ramp to slow traffic down.

Mary Dugan shared a thank you note from Kathy Smith.

**Public Comment:** None

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

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the proposed Capital Project. The decision still has to be made about where the bus garage will be built. Part of the project is milling the faculty parking down to the base, the parking lot was put in during the 2002 project and changing the lighting in the parking lot to LED lights. The Board also discussed solar lights, but Scott Duell from BCA said that the lighting with solar can be very dim if there wasn't enough sun light during the day.

Jamie Maistros held a Public Hearing to use the Repair Reserve. We need to replace two hot water heaters. We have had them six years and they are only warranted for five years. School cannot start without hot water.

Jamie Maistros discussed the Catskill Area School Study Council Survey with the Board. The survey has different topics the Board might be interested in for workshops.

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

Brian Breck discussed with the Board the video that Jenna Turner made about the different activities that CROP did during the summer.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about Summer School. There were three math students taught by Alison Denning and two students doing online classes supervised by Jerry Degan. The ESY program ended Tuesday.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about hiring. On the agenda for approval are JoAnn Fredette for chemistry and physics, Julia Bjorvand for fifth grade. Both people have many years of experience teaching. We have a promising candidate for Spanish. She taught Spanish in North Carolina for thirteen years. We are checking to see what it will take for her to be certified in New York State. There were no candidates for the high school resource room. We are covering the position in-house until a certified teacher is found. We are posting Mr. Degan's position but have his classes covered by existing faculty.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about Upcoming Events. August 30, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation. UPK screening is on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. New Teacher Orientation is on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent's Conference Days are on August 31, and September 1.

Brian Breck discussed the UPK Orientation was on August 16. The parents attended a meeting and was given a tour of the building.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about Homecoming. A Community Connections Team discussed ideas about building community both in the building and with the community at large. They wanted homecoming weekend restored to what it was before COVID. There will be a door decorating contest, spirit week, and a pep rally. There will be a paint the town blue contest, a carnival, and bon fire on September 16<sup>th</sup>. On September 17<sup>th</sup> the soccer games will be played, an Alumni Soccer Game will be played and a dance at 7:00 p.m.

**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 6 and 8 and 9 were approved as presented on the motion of Theresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0(Item #7 was voted on separately.):**

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports and Warrants #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2022 and the bank reconciliation for the month of June, as presented. The bank reconciliations for the month of July did not arrive in time for the Board meeting.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2022, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Tax Warrant for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$3,158,662. The amount of the Library Tax is \$57,785, as attached. (See Attachment #1)
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Final AS-7 Contract for the 2021-2022 BOCES Educational Services at a cost of \$1,295,824.21, retroactive to July 27, 2022, as presented.
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves increasing school lunches by five cents for the 2022-2023 school year. PK-5 is \$2.25 and 6-12 is \$2.50. Breakfast prices will remain at the 2021-2022 rates, PK-5 is \$1.50 and 6-12 is \$1.75.
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Type II SEQRA for the Outlay Project, as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Morris Central School District ("District") Board of Education ("Board") is proposing work to be performed at various District buildings under the 100K Capital Outlay Project (SED 47-12-01-04-1-001-014 and 47-12-01-04-0-002-010) including providing carpet replacement, main kitchen grease trap replacement and replacement of the existing fuel monitoring system for the boiler plant fuel system ("Project"): and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of the Project is a routine activity of the District which qualifies as a Type II action as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.5, of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"): and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the information and documentation, which describe the design and intent for the proposed Project:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, based upon the record before it, including the general, specific, and detailed knowledge of the Board of the proposed Project and pursuant to the applicable standards of Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 of SEQRA, the Morris Central School District Board of Education does hereby determine that the proposed Project is classified as a Type II Action, and accordingly, will not have a significant impact on the environment.



9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the use of up to \$50,000 from the Repair Reserve to replace two hot water heaters. School cannot start without hot water. Morris Central School will repay the funds to the reserve within two years.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the merger of the Morris Central School Varsity Golf Team with Unadilla Valley and Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central Schools Varsity Golf Teams for the 2022-2023 school year, on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Theresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0.

**The following personnel items 1 through 15 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0:**

1. Approval of Jerome Degan as a summer school teacher. Mr. Degan's stipend is \$1,900.
2. Approval of verbal resignation of Richard Daigle as a probationary cleaner, retroactive to August 1, 2022.
3. Approval of Taryn Ostroff as a permanent substitute for the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Ostroff's stipend will be \$129.06 per diem. She is eligible for individual health insurance with a 20% contribution.
4. Approval of Tritny Knapp as a probationary teacher aide effective August 31, 2022. Ms. Knapp's salary will be \$17,167.
5. Approval to increase Donna Shean from \$19.44 to \$20.70 for the ESY Program for the summer of 2022. Ms. Shean is an employee at Laurens Central School. Her salary was increased.
6. Approval of the resignation of Jamie Joy as a teacher aide due to health reasons, effective August 19, 2022. She would like to return in the future if her circumstances change and there is a position available.
7. 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:	JoAnn Fredette
b) Tenure Area:	Secondary Science (Chemistry & Physics)
c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Service:	August 31, 2022
d) Expiration Date of Appointment*:	August 31, 2026
e) Certification Status:	K-6 & General Science 7-9, Permanent Biology & General Science 7-12, Permanent
f) Salary:	\$71,500 (She is bringing 36 sick days with her.)
8. 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:	Julia Bjorvand
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:	Child Edu. Birth-2, K, 1-6, Permanent
f) Salary:	\$68,000 (She is bringing 36 sick days with her.)
9. Approval of Ashley Johnson as the DASA (Dignity for All Students Act) Coordinator for the 2022-2023 school year.
10. Approval of Destinie Smith as the Choral Director. Ms. Smith's stipend is \$1,000.

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

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| a) Name of Appointee:                               | Ashley Johnson        |
| b) Tenure Area:                                     | Guidance Counselor    |
| c) Date of Commencement<br>of Probationary Service: | August 31, 2022       |
| d) Expiration Date of Appointment*:                 | August 31, 2026       |
| e) Certification Status:                            | Certification Pending |
| f) Salary:  | \$44,000              |

\*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. **(The Expiration Date of Appointment will change if the Appointee has received tenure at their previous employment.)** NOTE: I am checking with BOCES to see if tenure from another state reduces the number of probationary years. JBM

12. Approval of the resignation of Rebecca Scofield as a probationary food service worker effective August 16, 2022.

13. Approval of John Banks as a substitute cleaner for the 2022-2023 school year.

14. Approval of Yuriko Lentz as a probationary teacher aide effective August 31, 2022. Mrs. Lentz' salary will be \$17,167.

15. Approval of the resignation of Jerome Degan as a secondary English teacher effective August 23, 2022.

**Public Comment:** JoAnn Fredette thanked the Board for approving her tonight. She said she is very excited to join the team. She loves the building and is so excited to be teaching College Biology.

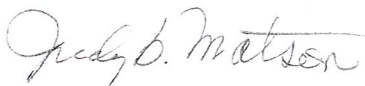
The Board went into executive session at 7:16 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues, and CSE/CPSE on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Theresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:34 p.m. on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0.

On the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0, the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans # 3195, 2532, 2999, 3245, 2616, 3202, 3201, 2656, 2886, 3172, 2578, 2876, 3001, 2998, 2857, 2995, 2933, 2823, 3049, and 2892 were approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 8:35 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Theresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson  
District Clerk



## MOTION CONCERNING TAX WARRANT

### (Collector Appointed to Serve on a Salary Basis)

Motion made by Theresa DeLaurentiis Seconded by Emily Boss  
Resolved

To the collector of Morris Central school district No. 1 Town(s) of Morris,  
New Lisbon, Pittsfield, and Laurens County(ies) of Otsego  
New York State.

You are hereby commanded:

1. To give notice and start collection on September 1, 2022  
(in accordance with the provisions of \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Section 1322 of the Real Property Tax Law)
2. To give notice that tax collection will end on October 31, 2022  
Date
3. To collect taxes in the total sum of \$3,158,662 in the same manner that  
collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with the  
provisions of Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.
4. To collect taxes in the total sum of \$57,785 and pay over such monies to the trustees of  
the Village Library of Morris.
5. To make no changes or alterations in the tax warrant or the attached tax rolls but shall  
return the same to the Board of Education. The board may recall its warrant and tax roll  
for corrections of errors or omissions in accordance with the provisions of Section 1316  
of the Real Property Tax Law.
6. To forward by mail to each owner of real property listed on the Tax rolls within ten days  
after the start of collection a statement of taxes due on his property on press-numbered  
tax bill forms provided by the school district in accordance with the provisions of Section  
922 of the Real Property Tax Law. To forward by mail, without interest penalties, to the  
office of the county treasurer a detailed tax bill of all state land parcels liable for taxes on  
the school tax rolls in accordance with provisions of sections 540 and 544 of the Real  
Property Tax Law.
7. To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sums listed on  
the attached tax rolls without interest penalties when such sums are paid before the end of  
the first month of the tax collection period. To add two per cent interest penalties to all  
taxes collected during the second month of the tax collection and to add three per cent  
interest penalties to all taxes collected during any part of the third month of the tax  
collection period and to account for such sums as income due the school district.
8. To issue press-numbered receipts only on forms provided by the school district in  
acknowledgment to receipt of payments of taxes and to retain, preserve and file exact  
carbon copies of all such receipts issued as required by Section 987 of the Real Property  
Tax Law.

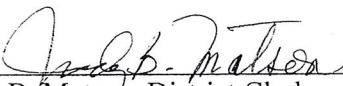
9. To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and if any taxes on the attached tax rolls shall be unpaid at the time, deliver an accounting thereof on forms showing by town the total assessed valuation, tax rate, the total tax levy, the total amounts collected and the total amounts remaining uncollected as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 940, 912, and 914 of the Real Property Tax Law and is delivered in accordance with Sections 1306 and 1318 of this law. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by a majority of the members of the board of education. The warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal or extension has been endorsed on the face of this warrant in writing in accordance with Section 318, subdivision 2 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

  
Judy B. Matson, District Clerk

8/17/52  
Date