

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: August 22, 2024

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Board Members Present: Mary Dugan, Emily Boss, Wendy Moore

Board Member Absent: Russell Tilley, Theresa DeLaurentiis

Others Present: Jamie Maistros, Superintendent; Staff Member Jenna Turner; Student Roman Turek; Community Member Mike Turek

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

The minutes of the re-organizational and regular meetings of July 11, 2024 were approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 3-0.

Correspondence: President, Mary Dugan shared thank you notes with the Board.

Public Comment: Mike Turek wanted to see if it was possible to get a Go Go Ball Pit for the playground next year. It was at his son's last school and the kids really enjoyed it. 20 to 25 kids are in the pit. Someone rolls a ball that them and if they are hit they have to get out of the pit. They range from \$1,200 to \$6,000 depending on what they are made out of.

Superintendent's Reports:

Jamie Maistros presided over a Public Hearing for the Building and District Safety Plans. The District Plan is posted on the website. The Building Plan is sent to the state, the state police and the fire department. The biggest change is that we can no longer do unannounced drills. The parents need to be informed one to seven days before the drill. There were also some name changes and revised wording.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the Capital Project. The roof is complete. In all but 5 rooms the flooring is complete. If the floors are not done by the start of school, we will be able to move the 5th and 6th grades until they are finished. The ceiling lights are here and the steel has arrived for the bus garage. Mrs. Maistros explained the change order that is on the agenda for approval. There are upgrades for the entry intercom, a new server, outside speaker and strobe, tower clock repair, additional cameras and a change to the fire alarm panel at the new bus garage.

Principal's Reports: (Given by Jenna Turner)

Jenna Turner talked to the Board about the changes to the Code of Conduct. There were small changes. One was where some students eat. The biggest change was the process to remove students from the classroom.

Jenna Turner talked to the Board about Summer CROP. CROP was a full day running July 1 through July 12. There were 65 students enrolled in grades PK-8. They took multiple field trips and had water day on Fridays. During the final week, Chobani provided students and their families with a case of yogurt.

Jenna Turner told the Board that two students participated in Driver's Education with Mr. Harmer. Both were successful in passing the coursework and driving requirements. Eight students attended summer school for math, Biology, Earth Science, and Health. They all passed and received course credit.

Jenna Turner talked to the Board about the Summer Regents. Five students took the Regents on August 19 and 20. The exams have not been graded yet. One student took the Global Studies Regents to achieve mastery. Two students took the English Regents to pass, they did receive course credit. Two students took the Biology Regents to pass, they did receive course credit.

Jenna Turner talked to the Board about summer professional development. 20 teachers came in for 30 professional development days, so far. All teachers were asked to use the days collaboratively with other professionals to align and improve their curriculum. Topics that were worked on included novel studies, Battle of the Books planning, ELA, phonics, TUCCR grant and planning, social studies and science integration, the Seal of Civic Readiness, Algebra, and Geometry. Mrs. Vunk led a group of people in a refresher training on Therapeutic Crisis Intervention. The training discussed de-escalation techniques and how to help our most dysregulated students. On August 29, Katharine Smith will be leading a training for teachers on "planning for success". She will talk about the importance of everyday planning and organization related to the objectives we are trying to meet with students.

Jenna Turner told the Board that at this point we are fully staffed. Ryan Manchester resigned in the middle of August and we were able to fill the position with Melissa Brown. The following are the remaining new hires: Technology – Gerard Joy; 5th grade – Kalliann Harrison; 6th grade – Melissa Brown; Social Studies - Stephanie Masciola; and Art – Alexis Ochi.

Jenna Turner told the Board that the 3-8 Assessments are still embargoed. We hope to be able to share the results with the Board next month.

Jenna Turner told the Board that the aides schedules will soon be finalized.

Jenna Turner talked to the Board about the Seal of Civic Readiness. We received approval from NYSED to offer our students the opportunity to receive a "Seal of Civic Readiness" on their diploma at graduation. Some of the team that worked on this project will be at the next Board meeting to talk about the process and requirements.

Jenna Turner talked to the Board about upcoming dates. 8/26 new teacher orientation and varsity sports begin; 8/28 7th grade orientation at 9:00 a.m., 9th grade orientation at 6 p.m., and "wacky kickball game" for incoming 5th and 6th graders at 7:00 p.m.; 9/3 and 9/4 Superintendent Conference Days; 9/5 the first day of school for students and modified sports begins.

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 13 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 3-0:

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants # 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2024 and Bank Reconciliations for the months of May and June 2024, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2024, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following SEQRA Resolution for the 2024-2025 Capital Outlay Project.

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 47-12-01-04-0-001-018) including Auditorium curtain replacement, wall repair, and sound system upgrades ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, as the scope of the Project is 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 627.5 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 of the environment.

5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the donation from Michael D'Amico totaling \$740 for the following equipment:

One (1) set of 20 pound dumbbells
One (1) set of 15 pound dumbbells
One (1) set of 70 pound dumbbells
One (1) Power Rack, squat rack with multi-angle pull-up bar, and adjustable bench

6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Tax Warrant for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$3,287,952. The amount of the Library Tax is \$65,000, as attached. (See Attachment #1)

7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves continuing the Space Usage Agreement with Opportunities for Otsego for the 2024-2025 school year.

8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Morris Educational Support Staff Association and the Morris Central School District:

WHEREAS, the District is in need of the provision of Art classes for the 2024-2025 School Year;

WHEREAS, Unit member Kyna Townsend is willing to perform the duties related to the provision of Art classes for the 2024-2025 School Year;

WHEREAS, the parties wish to establish the pay rate and other terms and conditions of employment for Kyna Townsend in the provision of Art classes for the 2024-2025 School Year;

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Kyna Townsend shall teach up to, but not more than, fifteen (15) Art classes per week.

Kyna Townsend shall be compensated sixteen dollars (\$16.00) per Art class and be provided one thirty (30) minute preparation period per day.

Kyna Townsend shall be compensated eight dollars (\$8.00) per class she supplies sub plans for on days she is not at work.

Kyna Townsend shall remain covered by all other provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the contract with Access Therapy for Physical Therapy Services for the 2024-2025 school year. The services will be 2 days a week (7 hours a week) for 10-months, September 3, 2024 through June 27, 2025, at a cost of \$21,500. The District will be billed monthly. If additional services are required, the District will be charged \$75 per hour and billed monthly.
10. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Final AS-7 Contract for the 2023-2024 BOCES Educational Services at a cost of \$1,327,681.46, retroactive to August 8, 2024.
11. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves increasing school lunches by five cents for the 2024-2025 school year. PK-5 is \$2.35 and 6-12 is \$2.60. Breakfast prices will remain at the 2023-2024 rates, PK-5 is \$1.50 and 6-12 is \$1.75. We received a grant and all students' meals are free this year. They will be charged for any extra items they purchase.

12. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget Transfer Report of \$21,479.81, retroactive to June 30, 2024.
13. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following Change Order for the Capital Project:

61223 – Entry Intercom System - \$8,668.50 (Upgrades)
61222 – New NVR - \$12,419.60 (Server)
61145 – Outside A/VS - \$2,999.46 (Wall speaker, strobe for outside)
61076 – Tower Clock Repair - \$4,459.30
61393 – Additional Cameras - \$36,731.80
61735 – Change to Fire Alarm Panel in New Bus Garage - \$24,459.82

The following personnel items 1 through 10 were approved as presented on the motion Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 3-0:

1. Approval of the resignation of Beth Collins as an art teacher effective July 30, 2024.
2. Approval of the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Diane Turner as a teacher aide, effective October 30, 2024. Mrs. Turner does want to continue as co-site coordinator for CROP in the fall if chosen for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:

a) Name of Appointee:	Brianne Thompson
b) Tenure Area:	Vocal Music
c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Service:	September 3, 2024
d) Expiration Date of Appointment*:	September 3, 2027
e) Certification Status:	Music, Initial, Exp. 8/31/29
f) Salary:	\$43,050
4. Approval of Charles Jenison as a .5 FTE cleaner, retroactive to July 25, 2024. Mr. Jenison's salary will be \$17,836, prorated July 25, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:

a) Name of Appointee:	Kalliann Harrison
b) Tenure Area:	Elementary
c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Service:	September 3, 2024
d) Expiration Date of Appointment*:	September 3, 2028
e) Certification Status:	Childhood Edu. (Birth-2 and 1-6), Initial, Exp. 8/31/29
f) Salary:	\$41,500
6. Approval of Gerard Joy as a one-year long-term substitute for our technology classes. Mr. Joy's salary will be \$41,500, effective September 3, 2024.
7. Approval of Alexis Ochi as a long-term substitute art teacher, effective September 3, 2024. Ms. Ochi's salary will be \$41,500. Ms Ochi will be eligible for a probationary appointment pending certification.

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

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| a) Name of Appointee: | Melissa Brown |
| b) Tenure Area: | Elementary |
| c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: | September 3, 2024 |
| d) Expiration Date of Appointment*: | September 2, 2028 |
| e) Certification Status: | Childhood Edu. 1-6, Initial Exp. 8/31/29 |
| f) Salary: | \$41,500 |

*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.

9. Approval of the resignation of Taryn Ostroff as a permanent substitute effective August 10, 2024.

10. Approval of the resignation of Ryan Manchester as a probationary elementary teacher effective August 16, 2024.

The following Administrative items 1 through 5 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 3-0:

1. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Code of Ethics for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the revision of the Code of Conduct for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the revisions to the Building Safety Plan for the 2024-2025 school year. The Plan includes Lock Box Procedures, IT Disaster Recovery Plan and Cyber Security Incident Response Plan. This Plan is a Confidential document.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the revisions to the District Safety Plan, Pandemic Plan, Remote Learning Plan, and the Workplace Violence Prevention Program for the 2024-2025 school year.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the transportation request for Khali and Alannah VanEchaute to be transported to the Otsego Christian Academy in Otego, New York for the 2024-2025 school year.

Public Comment: Mike Turek asked if there was a way for EMT's to get the de-escalation training. Ms. Maistros told him to contact April Vunk. She does the TCI training.

The Board went into executive session at 7:08 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues, and CSE/CPSE on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried. 3-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:50 p.m. on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 3-0.

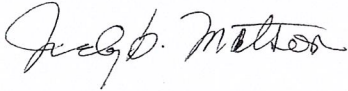
On the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 3-0, the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans #2743, 2857, 2959, 2970, 2993, 2992, 2955, 2574, 3307, 2810, 2759, 2680, 2656, 2810,

3190, 3248, 3102, 3094, 3195, 3172, 3232, 3049, 3012, 3128, 3114, 3113, 2876, 2939, 2988, 2823, 3001, 3000, and 2905 were approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

On the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 3-0, the IEP's of the specified CPSE students' plans #3300, 3311, and 3347 were approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 7:51 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judy B. Matson".

Judy B. Matson
District Clerk

MOTION CONCERNING TAX WARRANT

(Collector Appointed to Serve on a Salary Basis)

Motion made by Emily Boss Seconded by Wendy Moore

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 3, 2024
(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, 2024
Date
3. To collect taxes in the total sum of \$3,287,952 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 \$65,000 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 3

Nays 0

Two Board members were absent.

Motion Carried

Judy B. Matson
Judy B. Matson, District Clerk

8/23/24
Date