

## MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Date of Meeting:** September 15, 2022

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

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

**Board Member Arrived:** Russell Tilley arrived at 6:36 p.m.

**Others Present:** Jamie Maistros, Superintendent; Brian Breck, Principal; Staff Members Rhonda Burnside, Amy Gerhartz, Greg Thom; Students Kayla Hoffman, Hannah Swayer, Thomas Pondolfino, Carissa Richards; Community Member Wayne Gerhartz, Maggie Brenner, Rebecca Crumb, Tom Washbon, Jim Tremlett; Representatives from Bernard P. Donegan, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Dugan at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2022 was approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** Maggie Brenner spoke in favor of moving the bus garage to a different location. There is a large volume of traffic and the speed limit is not being followed on West Street. She is worried about the safety of the residents and children and would like to see the bus garage moved to someplace off West Street.

Representatives from Bernard P. Donegan, Inc. gave the Board a financial update regarding the capital project. Their report was about a project without the garage and doing another project in two years for the garage. Without the garage the project would be around \$7,000,000. We will be coming off a big project and the proposed big project including the bus garage or two small projects would have little or no tax increase to the taxpayers. Our building aid is at 84.6%. The Board will have to decide if there is one project including a new bus garage for \$14,000,000 or separating them into two projects with a vote on a project for \$7,000,000 in December and another vote in about two years for the bus garage. The Board will have a decision at the October Board meeting.

Greg Thom gave the Board a report about the I. T. Department. He talked about touch panels that can be hooked up to laptops or screens. Students in PK-12 have Chromebooks or access to Chromebooks. The ESSR Grant helped purchase a lot of Chromebooks during COVID. They have a life span of about three years. The Grant will help renew the Chromebooks at a slower rate. Mr. Thom is looking at a new notebook from Dell that has a four-year life span. We are revamping the Wi-Fi system. The PA system was repaired and updated. It can now do sections of the building or single rooms instead of the entire building. Wendy Moore asked Mr. Thom about the internet safety for the students. He said certain sites are blocked and we are looking at revamping the options to monitor, block and turn off different sites. Mary Dugan asked Mr. Thom if we had enough cameras. He said there a few areas that could use more or better cameras. The cameras are not expensive it is the cost of running new lines that is expensive.

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

Jamie Maistros discussed the different options for the Capital Project with the Board. They discussed two projects versus one large project. If it is one project you will save on the site work cost, architect cost, and will be able to buy in bulk. Theresa DeLaurentiis wanted more information about a shared garage through BOCES. At this point, we do not know if a shared garage in Milford will be built. If there is no shared services will the garage be useable for another four years. There wasn't a consensus of the Board about one or two projects. It was suggested that we have a public forum before the October Board meeting to get feedback from the public. The Board will have to make a decision at the October Board meeting on October 20, 2022. If we are going to do a vote mid-December the legal notice will have to be in the paper by October 27, 2022.



Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the REAP Grant. We benefited close to one million dollars since 2001. We have been selected to be audited for all our grant spending. It is an electronic review. All grant money is time sensitive. They are predicting a financial cliff in five to ten years.

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

Brian Breck talked to the Board about the Opening Days. Mr. Breck said the two Superintendent's Conference Days were a success. He picked up faculty members in the parking lot with the golf cart. The faculty and staff competed in a scavenger hunt. There was a mix of meetings and work time for the faculty and staff. There was TCI training for the aides, it was well received and will continue throughout the year.

Brian Breck gave the Board a First Week Update. It was great to have the students back in the building. We worked through some changes due to the congestion in the cafeteria. Mr. Breck met with the secondary students to go over the Student Handbook. Our 2020 yearbook cover won recognition from Jostens. The sophomore class is selling mums with orders due September 22.

Brian Breck told the Board that the 3-8 Testing Scores are still embargoed so he cannot report on the scores. The Rtl group is analyzing the results of the tests.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about the Homecoming/Spirit Week. Spirit Week is off to a good start with a lot of participation. Tomorrow ends the week with the Blue and White Day and a pep rally tomorrow afternoon. The carnival starts at 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, which includes a dunk tank. The bond fire will begin at 7:00 p.m. Saturday there will be soccer games during the day, including an alumni game and a dance at night from 7-10 p.m.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about Upcoming Dates. September 20 is Picture Day. October 6 is Open House 5:30 to 6:30 with Honor Society Inductions at 6:40 p.m. October 7 is Superintendent's Conference Day. October 11 is Fire Prevention Day for the elementary. October 17 is the Rotary New Teacher Dinner at the Grove.

**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 Russell Tilley, seconded by Theresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0**

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports and Warrants #10, 11, 12, and 13, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2022 and the bank reconciliation for the month of July, as presented. The bank reconciliations for the month August did not arrive in time for the Board meeting.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2022, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approve the Transfer from the 21-22 Unappropriated Fund Balance to increase the 22-23 Budget by \$52,000 for two hot water heaters, instead of using the Repair Reserve, as attached. (See Attachment #1)
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and having had the opportunity to discuss the matter. Moved by Russell Tilley, seconded by Theresa DeLaurentiis  
**RESOLVED**, that the Morris Central School District appoints the Ferrara Fiorenza PC Law Firm, effective October 1, 2022, as its attorneys on the same terms and conditions as it had with its former counsel, Hogan, Sarzynski, Lynch, DeWind, and Gregory, LLP.

6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the use of the \$1,000 donation from NYSIR to pay for the Homecoming vendor, Varano Super Jump, Inc. retroactive to September 12, 2022.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approve the Morris Central School Multi Class Reunion of 2022 Scholarship. The Scholarship will be given one-time for graduation of 2023. There will be awards of \$200. The Criteria is as follows:

These scholarships will be awarded to two (2) senior BOCES students who will be entering the workforce in the trade that they studied at BOCES.
8. Approval of the Claims Auditor's Report and Warrant #17, as presented.

**The following personnel items 1 through 16 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0:**

1. Approval of the resignation of Sarah Smith as a probationary elementary teacher, retroactive to August 31, 2022.
2. Approval of Mollie Gray as a one-year long-term substitute for Spanish, effective August 31, 2022. Her salary is \$52,000. If she receives her New York State Certification to teach Spanish, her position will be changed to a probationary position with Board approval. Ms. Gray is certified in North Carolina.
3. Approval of Carrie D'Amato as a permanent substitute effective August 31, 2022. The stipend is \$120 per diem for one month. On October 1, 2022, Mrs. D'Amato will go to \$125 per diem. She is eligible for individual health insurance with a 20% contribution.
4. Approval of Alexandra Stankowitz as a permanent substitute August 31, 2022. The stipend is \$120 per diem for one month. On October 1, 2022, Mrs. Stankowitz will go to \$125 per diem. She is eligible for individual health insurance with a 20% contribution.
5. Approval of Kim Canfield as a probationary teacher aide effective August 31, 2022. Mrs. Canfield's salary is \$17,167.
6. Approval of Catherine Feather as a regular run bus driver effective August 31, 2022. Mrs. Feather's salary will be \$15,178. Mrs. Feather has ten years' experience driving a school bus.
7. Approval of Heather Bevilacqua as a probationary teacher aide effective August 31, 2022. Ms. Bevilacqua's salary is \$17,167.
8. Approval of Kathleen Weisenbarger as a probationary food service worker effective October 3, 2022. Ms. Wiesenberger's salary will be \$14,526, prorated October 3, 2022 through June 23, 2023.
9. Approval of Marcos Fernandez as a modified boys' and girls' soccer coach for the fall of 2022. Mr. Fernandez' stipend is \$1,600.
10. Approval of Jenna Turner as an assistant coach for the modified boys' and girls' soccer team for the fall of 2022. Ms. Turner's stipend is \$1,000.
11. Approval of Lisa Galbreth and Kathy Forgit as bus aides for the 2022-2023 school year. The stipend is \$17.50 per hour.
12. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Jamie Maistros, Brian Breck, and Amy Gerhartz as Qualified Lead Evaluators for the Teacher Evaluations for the 2022-2023 school year.



13. Approval of the following advisor:

Jazz Band – Deanna Perkosky with a stipend of \$900

Instrumental Director – Deanna Perkosky with a stipend of \$1,000

14. Approval of the following CROP employees for the 2022-2023 school year:

Co-Directors – Caitlin Smith and Diane Turner with a stipend of \$27 per hour.

Activity Leaders – Caitlin Smith, Diane Turner, Courtney Mackey, Lisa Marino, Lisa Rozanski, Virginia Robinson, Rachel Wisniewski, Stephani Mitcham with stipends of \$20 per hour.

15. Approval of an extra challenging stipend of \$1.00 per hour for Pamela Maraglio. Ms. Maraglio's salary will increase by \$1,235, retroactive to August 31, 2022. If Ms. Maraglio's position changes and the extra challenging stipend is no longer required, the extra challenging stipend will be removed from her salary.

16. Approval of Laura Hazen covering the reception desk during CROP Monday through Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. at her hourly rate of \$24.36, effective September 19, 2022.

**Public Comment:** Maggie Brenner said she has been in touch with a few of our teachers and they are very happy this year.

The Board went into executive session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues, contract negotiations, and CPSE on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:18 p.m. on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0.

On the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Theresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0, the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans # 3246 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Theresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson  
District Clerk

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65 MAIN STREET  
MORRIS NEW YORK 13808**

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Friday September 9, 2022

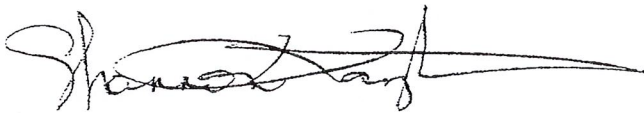
Board of Education  
Morris Central School  
65 Main Street  
Morris NY 13808

RE: Unappropriated Fund Balance Request

Dear BOE Members:

Recently both our water heaters have malfunctioned and have needed to be replaced. The cost for this replacement is \$52,000.00. Please see attached Purchase Order from Stan Leonard Electric Plumbing and Heating. In order to offset this cost to our current year budget, I am requesting that the board approve the use of the 21-22 unappropriated fund balance to increase the 22-23 budget by \$52,000.00.

Sincerely,



Shannon Harrington  
District Treasurer  
Morris Central School District

**Stan Leonard Electrical Plumbing & Heating LLC**  
Post Office Box 6  
Morris, New York 13808-0006

# Proposal

**Proposal Date:** 8/23/2022  
**Proposal #:** 898  
**Project:** Maintenance Buil...

**Bill To:**

Morris Central School District  
Post Office Box 40  
Morris, NY 13808-0040

Description	Est. Hours/Qty.	Rate	Total
THE INSTALLATION OF TWO A.O.SIMTH COP-385A OIL FIRED ASME HOT WATER HEATER. THE TEMPORARY INSTALLATION OF A 50 GALLON OIL-FIRED HOT WATER HEATER..		52,000.00	52,000.00
Total			\$52,000.00

Phone:	Fax:
607-263-5888	

<b>PO Date</b>
8/29/2022

# PURCHASE ORDER

Morris Central School District  
 PO Box 40  
 65 Main St.  
 Morris, NY 13808

<b>Purchase Order No.</b>
23-00154



Purchaser is a governmental sub-division and is tax exempt. Tax exempt no. 15-6002296.

Contact: 607-263-6100 - FAX 607-263-2483

<b>Order To:</b>	<b>Ship To:</b>
STAN LEONARD ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING & HEATING LLC PO BOX 6 MORRIS, NY 13808-0006	Morris Central School District PO Box 40 65 Main St. Morris, NY 13808
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Requestor	Department	Room	Ordered By
MAINTENANCE			

Order Quantity	Item Description	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
1.00 EA	A.O. SMITH COP-385A OIL FIRED ASME WATER HEATER - 2 UNITS. TEMPORARY INSTALATION OF A 50 GALON OIL FIRED WATER HEARTER AS PER PROPOSAL # 898	52,000.0000	52,000.0

**Total** 52,000

1. The purchase order number must appear on all correspondence. Direct inquiries to accounts payable.
2. All shipping charges must be prepaid.
3. The right is reserved to reject and return at the risk and expense of the seller such portion of any shipment which may be defective or fail to comply with specifications.
4. Acceptance of this order includes acceptance of all terms, prices, delivery instruction, specifications, and conditions stated.
5. Payment contingent upon receipt of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) with invoice for all hazardous substances on this order - Section 876(4) New York Labor-Health Law.
6. All materials and prices must conform to our specifications. Notify us promptly if unable to ship complete or of price change.
7. All purchases must be Y2K compliant.

*Jane E. Munt*  
 Purchasing Agent