

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: September 19, 2024

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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

Others Present: Jamie Maistros, Superintendent; April Vunk, Principal; Staff Members Fred Schwarzhans, Julene Waffle; Students Leah Gregory, Levi Waffle; College Students Margaret Sampson, Isabella Ioviero

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 22, 2024 were approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Mary Dugan shared thank you notes from Everett Pondolfino with the Board.

Public Comment: None

Dr. Fredette from Bassett talked to the Board about Healthzone. He showed the Board a video of the different services offered through Healthzone. Dr. Fredette thanked us for the use of the school but voiced concern because the area they have is so small; it doesn't meet the current standards.

Superintendent's Reports:

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the Capital Project. Phase I is well underway. We are still waiting for lights, bathroom stall partitions, planter for out in front of the school, and door packages. We are moving forward with Phase 2 without the garage. There will be repairs to the maintenance building, oil tank replacement, resurfacing of the playground, replace sidewalks, wiring, etc. Our second water heater is failing, it will be replaced and added to the capital project. Mrs. Maistros said she checked into the Ga Ga Pit and the cost was around \$12,000. We will look at that later. The bus lift failed and will have to be replaced through the budget. We may have to take the buses to Laurens to work on them until the lift is replaced.

Jamie Maistros told the Board that by July 2025, we have to have a non-voting student member on the Board. The student will have to be transported. We are looking at how the student will be chosen.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the Regionalization Mandates. There is a Regionalization Panel discussion at SUNY Oneonta on October 28th. The strengths and needs assessment is due on November 1st. Regionalization is a collaborative model for addressing student needs as well as other needs. It looks at partnering with other districts to share staff, student support services, advanced course work, etc. Each district has to submit a regionalization plan that creates educational opportunities for all students. A final plan will be implemented by October 1, 2025.

Principal's Reports:

April Vunk talked to the Board about MCS Enrollment for 2024-2025. There are currently 335 students registered at Morris. This is up slightly over the last few years.

April Vunk gave the Board a scheduling and hiring update. Scheduling has been successful overall. The rollover from Power School to School Tool has been a learning curve. The students had their schedules when school started. Staff scheduling is mostly complete. There have been some glitches with the aides' schedules but should be finalized by next week. We just hired a new aide that will be replacing an aide that is retiring at the end of October. We were able to hire a science teacher to replace Carlena Johnson, who is leaving at the end of September. Our new science teacher will start as a student teacher on September 30. Heather Grant will be the cooperating teacher as she finishes up her student teaching

and finalizes her certification. When she is certified, she will be on the agenda as a probationary appointment for Biology and General Science.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the conference days. There were many opportunities for team building and learning with the staff. Because of the capital project, they were given time to unpack, set up their rooms, and prepare for the first day with students. The cafeteria staff prepared breakfast for both conference days.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the first two weeks of the school year. The start of the year has gone well. The students seem to be happy to be back in school and feel positive about the upcoming year. There were some tears from the youngest, but they seem to be settling in to their daily routines.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the conference day on October 11th. We will be partnering with four other districts in the area to bring in Dr. Bird to speak. Dr. Bird is an author and speaker who uses humor, research and personal reflection to examine our most common reactions to change, tension, and stress in today's high-pressured world. Later the faculty and staff will break into focus groups to talk about best practices and current trends in their field of expertise.

April Vunk talked to the Board about Homecoming and Spirit Week. Students are encouraged to show their Mustang spirit by dressing in the theme of the day. At the end of the week, there will be homecoming activities including a pep rally, dance, fun activities and soccer games.

April Vunk talked to the Board about upcoming events. Sept. 23 through 28 is ^{gon}Spirit Week and Homecoming. Sept. 25 is Very Important Person's Day Lunch. Oct. 3 is Open House and National Honor Society Inductions. Oct. 10 is an emergency go home drill at 2:35 p.m. Oct. 11 there is no school, it is Superintendent's Conference Day.

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 4 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants # 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30, as presented
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2024, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2024, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the agreement between Morris Central School and Laurens Central School. Laurens' Director of Instructional Support Services will be coming to Morris Central School two days a week (.4 FTE) to help with the Special Education Department. Morris Central School will be billed on a bi-annual basis for 40% of Mrs. Gifford's total salary and benefits, approximately \$50,000.

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

1. Approval of the resignation of Carlena Johnson as a science teacher effective August 30, 2024. Mrs. Johnson is being held to the thirty days allowed by the state. Her last day will be September 27, 2024.
2. Approval of the following bus monitors for the 2024-2025 school year:

Lisa Galbreth for the Pathfinder bus run a.m. and p.m. at \$17.50 per run.
Stephani Mitcham for an in District morning bus run at \$17.50 per run.
Valerie Gould for an in District afternoon bus run at \$17.50 per run.

3. Approval of the following mentors for the 2024-2025 school year:

Gerard Joy mentored by Greg Thom with a stipend of \$200
Alexis Ochi mentored by Teresa Kane with a stipend of \$150
Melissa Brown mentored by Carly Norton with a stipend of \$175
Kalliann Harrison mentored by Claire Fraser with a stipend of \$150
Stephanie Masciola mentored by Pat Harmer with a stipend of \$250
Brianna Thompson mentored by Courtney Mackey with a stipend of \$250

4. Approval of Mallory Frazier as a permanent substitute until she starts grad school. Ms. Frazier's stipend is \$135 per diem and is eligible for individual health insurance with a 20% contribution.

5. Approval of the following CROP staff for the 2024-2025 school year:

Co-Site Coordinators – Diane Turner, Caitlin Smith, and Courtney Mackey with a stipend of \$28.00 per hour.

Activity Leaders – Diane Turner, Caitlin Smith, Courtney Mackey, Rachel Jaquish, Stephani Mitcham, Lisa Rozanski, Virginia Robinson, Alexandra Stankowitz, Heather Bevilacqua, Peyton Mackey, and Carla LaMariana with a stipend of \$21.00 per hour.

6. Approval of Katharine Smith as an Instructional Coach for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$500 per diem.

7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Katharine Smith as a Qualified Lead Evaluator for the teachers' evaluations for the 2024-2025 school year.

8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves April Vunk as a Qualified Lead Evaluator for the teachers' evaluations for the 2024-2025 school year.

9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Jamie Maistros as a Qualified Lead Evaluator for the teachers' evaluations for the 2024-2025 school year.

10. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Lindsey Gifford as a Qualified Lead Evaluator for the teachers' evaluations for the 2024-2025 school year.

11. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Jamie Maistros as a Qualified Lead Evaluator for the building principal's evaluations for the 2024-2025 school year.

12. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves giving Pamela Maraglio the \$1.00 per hour extra challenging stipend retroactive to September 3, 2024. The amount is \$1,235.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.

13. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves giving Rachel Jaquish the \$1.00 per hour extra challenging stipend retroactive to September 3, 2024. The amount is \$1,235.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.

14. Approval of Nicole Scanlon as a probationary teacher aide effective September 23, 2024. Mrs. Scanlon's salary is \$19,760, prorated September 23, 2024 through June 27, 2025.

15. Approval of Courtney Mackey and Diane Sneddon as co-advisors for the Safety Patrol 2024-2025. Mrs. Mackey's stipend is \$547 and Mrs. Sneddon's stipend is \$450.

16. Approval of Brianne Thompson as co-advisor for Honor Society along with JoAnn Fredette approved in June 2024. Mrs. Thompson's stipend is \$600.
17. Approval of Heather Grant as Science Club advisor. Mrs. Grant was approved in June as a co-advisor, but that has changed. Mrs. Grant's stipend is \$1,055 instead of \$528.
18. Approval of Shannon Deignan as a long-term substitute science teacher effective September 30, 2024 (Date change, started earlier that she thought she could.). This will change to a probationary position upon certification. Her salary will be \$41,500, prorated September 30, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Public Comment: Fred Schwarzhans thanked the Board for all they do for the school. Julene Waffle also thanked the Board.

The Board went into executive session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues, and CSE/CPSE on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

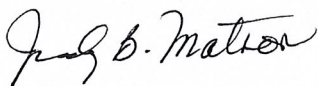
The Board came out of executive session at 8:15 p.m. on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0.

On the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0, the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans # 2802 was 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 CPSE students' plans #3301 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 8:16 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson
District Clerk