

## MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Date of Meeting:** April 18, 2024

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

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

**Others Present:** Jamie Maistros, Superintendent; April Vunk, Principal; Staff Members Ryan Manchester, Diane Sneddon, Jenna Turner; Students Kaylee Kolka, Reed Wolfe, Ethan Herring, Rachel Hill

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 21, 2024 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** None

Ryan Manchester and Diane Sneddon gave the Board a report about their sixth grade curriculum. Diane Sneddon teaches social studies and ELA. Mr. Manchester teaches math and science.

Ryan Manchester talked to the Board about the Safety Patrol trip, May 1, 2, and 3. Chaperones are Courtney Mackey, Kyle Szokoli, Patty Armstrong, Ryan Manchester, and Diane Sneddon. Morris is going to DC with the Unadilla Valley students to help cut costs. This is the first trip to DC since the start of the pandemic. Mr. Manchester was asked what fundraisers were done. They did Cherrydale, Gertrude Hawk Chocolate, and Heidelberg Bread. They will be going to the Zoo, Cathedral, Capital, monuments, and several museums. Wendy Moore asked about payments being more equal for all students. Some families had to pay \$300. Mr. Manchester said that all students received a flat \$200 and the rest was dependent on sales.

### Superintendent's Reports:

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the Capital Project. The roof is leaking in the gym and the company is coming to fix it. Mrs. Maistros was asked why we didn't wait until school was over to have the roof done. If we waited until July, the roof would not be done by the time school started. We do not receive any aid until the project is done. The new bus garage will be done in December of 2025. They will be pouring the concrete for the area of the office soon. Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about Phase 2 of the Capital Project. There is \$600,000 for phase 2. We need to decide what will be done to the existing bus garage. If we repair the roof over the office area for storage it is \$200,000. We need to decide what are we using the garage for? If we are putting students in the garage, the building will have to be brought up to code. Other options are replacing the giant fuel tank that is coming to the end of the life expectancy. That would cost \$500,000. Other options are resurfacing the playground, fixing the curbing, and sidewalk, a new head for more camera storage, add more cameras, have more access to open the front door or horns for the alarms. The two plaques on the trees by the greenhouses have been removed and saved. Trees have to come down because they are in the way. We will be bonding the project July 1.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the Capital Outlay Project for 2024-2025. Possibilities are the curtains on the windows in the auditorium, work on the playground, repair water damages. The curtains in the auditorium are dry rotted and need to be replaced.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget. We are still waiting to hear about transition aid. The amount of reserves used could be less depending on the aid. Some changes were made and the tax levy is now down to 1.70%. The Board discussed a contingent budget.

## **Principal's Reports:**

April Vunk talked to the Board about Kindergarten Screening to be held on May 16 and 17. The screening team is a kindergarten teacher, the nurse, and our Speech Pathologist. Elaine Parker will be sending out the correspondence and coordinate the appointments with the families. We currently have 15 pre-kindergarten students.

April Vunk gave the Board an update on the New York State Assessments. Third, fourth, sixth and seventh grades have finished the paper-based ELA exams. Fifth graders have completed the first round of computer-based assessments. Everything went smoothly, the only glitch was a few uncharged Chromebooks, due to faulty charging. Mr. Thom had extra charged Chromebooks ready to go.

April Vunk talked to the Board about the Academic Fair. The Academic Fair is on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m. in the big gym. The theme is "make a difference with your actions". The teachers are encouraged to incorporate the community reading program's topic of "Being an Unsung Hero" as well. There will be an ice cream social hosted by our student council while the academic fair is going on.

April Vunk talked to the Board about Upcoming Events. April 19 is Morning Program. April 20 at 9 a.m. is Community Clean-up, it is also the sophomore class can drive. April 26 is the PK-3 Spring Concert. April 29 is no school. We are using one of our unused snow days. May 10 and 11 is NYSSMA. The prom is on May 11. May 15 is Senior Switch Day. May 18 is a Zumbathon Music Department fundraiser.

**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 15 were approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0:**

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants # 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, and 114, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2024 and the Bank Reconciliations for the months of January and February 2024, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2024, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget of \$10,981,679 for the 2024-2025 school year. The 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget goes to the voters on May 21, 2024. The amount of taxes to be collected is \$3,287,952, which is an overall tax levy increase of an estimated 1.70%. The Board also approves the Capital Outlay Project for 2024-2025 of \$100,000. The project is part of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Tax Report Card for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget Transfer Reports in the amount of \$1,337.60, retroactive to March 29, 2024 and \$32,000 as presented.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following agreements with DCMO BOCES: The Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, Generic Agreement, and the Food and Cafeteria Supplies Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year, as attached. (See Attachment #1)
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves adding NYLAF as an official bank depository for the Morris Central School District retroactive to July 1, 2023.

9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the request of \$169.40 from the Morris Beautification Committee for May 2024 through the fall of 2024. The Morris Beautification Committee will prepare the plants for four containers for the school property.
10. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following resolution:
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the Administrative Budget document during the school year of 2024-2025.
11. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following resolution approving BOCES Board of Education elections:
- There are four (4) vacancies for the position of BOCES Board of Education member.
- The following three (3) candidates have been nominated for four (4) vacant seats on the BOCES Board of Education. Each component district shall be entitled to one vote for each vacant seat.
- The District Clerk, or other officer authorized to certify that a Board resolution has been adopted, shall complete this ballot by place an (X) next to the names of each candidate for whom a vote has been cast, and by completing the certification at the bottom of the ballot.
- The candidates are:
- Dr. Deborah Fox, Home District: Roxbury  
Marion Mossman, Home District: Milford  
Jaqueline Perry, Home District: Laurens
12. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Corrective Action Plan for the External Audit of 2022-2023, as presented.
13. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District does not wish to retain the following equipment or components, as they are obsolete, no longer functional or operational, and declares the following equipment and components as surplus in accordance with Board Policy #5250 and will be disposed of accordingly:
- WPPS i-iii, Psychological testing materials
14. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves using \$7,500 from the Unemployment Reserve to pay an invoice for an unemployment claim that is overdue. The District is disputing the unemployment claim, but we have not received a hearing date yet.
15. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves increasing line 9050-800 in the Budget by \$7,500 to cover the unemployment claim.

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

1. Approval of John Banks, Jr. as a probationary cleaner, retroactive to April 1, 2024. Mr. Banks' salary is \$31,200, prorated April 1 through June 30, 2024.
2. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves an Extra Challenging Stipend for Pamela Maraglio, retroactive to March 21, 2024. The prorated amount until the end of the 2023-2024 school year is \$390.

3. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves an Extra Challenging Stipend for Rachel Jaquish, retroactive to March 21, 2024. The prorated amount until the end of the 2023-2024 school year is \$390.
4. Approval of Emily Kliment as an unpaid volunteer for the modified softball team for the 2024 season. Volunteers are not allowed to be alone with the athletes.
5. Approval of Jane Ryther as a long-term substitute for Michael Packard, retroactive to April 15, 2024. Mrs. Ryther's rate will be \$205 per diem with no benefits.

**The following Administrative item #1 was approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0:**

1. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the transportation request for Kaedin and Levi VanEchaute to be transported to the Otsego Christian Academy in Otego for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Public Comment:** Reed Wolfe is on the fire department. He said that when the fire alarm went off in the bus garage it did not go off in school.

Mary Dugan thanked the administration, staff and students for the way they came together after the loss of Mike Packard.

Teresa DeLaurentiis said that she would like to see MCS students attend the New York State History Day in the future. April Vunk will look into it.

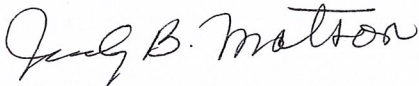
The Board went into executive session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues and CSE on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:59 p.m. on the motion of Russell Tilley, 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' plan #3320 were approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 8:00 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson  
District Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**COOPERATIVE PURCHASING**  
**SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025**

**WHEREAS,**

The Cooperative Purchasing Service is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Central School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Central School named below wishes to appoint the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to advertise for bid, accept, tabulate bids and award bids on their behalf; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below authorizes the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts; (3) abide by the Award of the BOCES Board; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

**CERTIFICATION OF DISTRICT CLERK**

I, Judy B. Matson, District Clerk of the

Monie Central School Board of Education, hereby certifies that the above resolution was adopted by the required majority vote of the Board of Education at its meeting held on 4/18/24.

Judy B. Matson  
Signature of District Clerk

4/19/24  
Date

Enacted to Demo 4/19/24  
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**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS,**

It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Central School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Central School named below wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and providing the information to their Board of Education who will make the awards; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned items, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below agrees to (1) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that it will award contracts based on information provided from the bid; (3) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

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Judy B. Matson  
Signature of District Clerk

4/19/24  
Date

Emailed to DCMO 4/19/24

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**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS,**

It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly Cafeteria supplies including but not limited to food and paper items, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Central School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

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