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

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2025 were approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Jamie Maistros said she had a letter that she would discuss with the Board during her reports.

Public Comment: None

Julia Bjorvand and Kalliann Harrison talked to the Board about their fifth grade curriculum. They had their students write a paragraph for the Newsletter. Mrs. Bjorvand teaches ELA and social studies. Ms. Harrison teaches math and science. Sharon Foster, a retired teacher comes in and helps with the science experiments.

Dr. Catherine Huber, ONC BOCES District Superintendent talked to the Board about the regionalization meetings that have been held. Dr. Huber said Jaime Maistros was a valuable member of the committee. ONC BOCES is comprised of 19 school districts spread over 1,600 square miles with barely 7,000 students. The committee is discussing ways to bring more advantages to the students in the districts. Discussed were aligning the bell schedules between all schools, more support services for the special education students, etc.

Sarah Bradshaw from Bernie Donegan, Inc. talked to the Board about the school finances, capital projects, bus purchases, and the tax cap.

Superintendent's Reports:

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the Outlay and Capital Projects. The Outlay bid came in at \$119,000, which is too high. The project cannot go over \$100,000; about \$20,000 goes to the architects. The bid needs to come in at \$80,000 or lower. Ms. Maistros said the roof is on the new garage. They discussed replacing the doors that have been put in as part of the project. The wrong doors were sent and installed. The Phase 2 bids will be opened on March 24th.

Jamie Maistros discussed a letter from Edmeston Central School District requesting we renew our sports mergers for three years. The Board discussed going to a 4 or 5 year extension, coaching status, possibly a head coach and an assistant coach, having a coach on the bus, adding new sports, etc. These are some of the items that need to be worked out with renewing the merger between Edmeston and Morris Central Schools.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the 2025-2026 budget. We are still looking at ways to make cuts. We are looking at sharing a business official between two schools; we may need to split the kindergarten class into two classes and hire a new elementary teacher. The tax increase may be set at 2.5%.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board Outlay Project for the 2025-2026 school year. We are looking at new classroom doors with less window and that will close automatically if the fire alarm goes off, and updating the clock system.

Jamie Maistros sad the budget vote will be held on May 20, 2025. Mary Dugan and Teresa DeLaurentiis are running for the Board again.

Principal's Reports:

April Vunk talked to the Board about the Superintendent's Conference Day held on March 14, 2025. The staff had various professional development opportunities including Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI) and Enhancing Questioning Techniques. Some of the staff went to a science workshop, a counselor's workshop or a conference about mental health in children.

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MEMBERS PRESENT _____

MEMBERS ABSENT _____

OTHERS PRESENT _____

2025-2026 SCHEDULE

April Vunk talked to the Board about scheduling for the 2025-2026 school year. There were scheduling meetings during the Superintendent's Conference going over what is working and what needs to be changed. An elementary scheduling committee will be established soon to begin their scheduling process for 2025-2026.

CLASS ASSIGN 25-26

April Vunk talked to the Board about the elementary classroom assignments for the 2025-2026 school year. The teachers were surveyed to gather information to help determine what would be best for the students in the 2025-2026 school year.

PARP MORNING PROGRAM

April Vunk talked to the Board about the Morning Program and PARP. In March elementary students participated in PARP – “Pick a Reading Partner”. Students, faculty, and staff participated in reading activities like dressing as our favorite character, DEAR (Drop Everything and Read), Dr. Seuss’ activities, a reading-themed spirit week, and hearing stories from masked readers, who will be revealed at the morning program tomorrow. Morning program continues to grow and be a huge success. Many families and community members come and celebrate with the students. We have seen so much growth with public speaking and the positive character traits we have been celebrating.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April Vunk talked to the Board about upcoming dates. March 27 is Student Council Game Night for grades 7-12. April 7 Modified sports begin. April 9 is the 7-12 spring music concert at 7:00 p.m. April 11 is the Morning Program at 8:30 a.m. and third quarter ends. April 12 is the NHS Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. April 14 through April 18 is Spring Break, no school.

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 10 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0:

CLAIM AUDITOR REPORTS WARRANTS

1. Approval of the Claim Auditor’s Reports for Warrants \$59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, and 76, as presented.

TREASURER REPORT

2. Approval of the Treasurer’s Report for the month of February 2025, and Bank Reconciliations for the months of September, October, and November 2024, as presented.

CENTRAL TREASURER REPORT

3. Approval of the Central Treasurer’s Report for the month of February 2025, as presented.

ELECTION OFFICIALS BUS VOTE

4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Election Officials for the bus vote held on March 12, 2025, as follows:

Carol Tyson, Marilyn Boggs, Michael and Barbara Virgil, Elaine Frederick, Lucy Holcombe, Chief Election Officials Norma Boyd, and Cindy Sines

BUS VOTE RESULTS

5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Certified Bus Vote held on March 12, 2025, as follows:

Yes: 34 No: 2 Total: 36

6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves extending Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C. services as external auditor until 2029. Their bid was the lowest from the RFP put out by BOCES. The results are as follows:

Raymond G. Preusser	2025-2026 - \$13,750
Nawrocki Smith	2025 - \$39,500; 2026 - \$40,000; 2027 - \$41,000;
CLAconnect.com CPAs	2028 - \$41,500; 2029 - \$42,000
	2026 - \$26,000; 2026 - \$26,665; 2027 - \$27,827
	2028 - \$28,515; 2029 - \$29,722

KIND OF MEETING _____
WHERE HELD _____
PRESIDING OFFICER _____
MEMBERS PRESENT _____
MEMBERS ABSENT _____

OTHERS PRESENT _____

7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the request of \$508,200 from the Morris Beautification Committee for May 2025 through the fall of 2025. The Morris Beautification Committee will prepare the plans for four large containers on the school property.

MORRIS
BEAUT
COMMITTEE

8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Bus Bond Resolution as follows:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 20, 2025 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES, AUTHORIZING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, as attached. (See Attachment #1)

BUS
BOND

9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Educational Services of the Otsego Northern Catskills BOES be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the Administration Budget document during the school year of 2025-2026.

BOCES
BUDGET
VOTE FOR
25-26

10. **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 four (4) 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.

BOCES
BOARD
MEMBER
VOTE
25-26

The District Clerk, or other officer authorized to certify that a Board resolution has been adopted, shall complete this ballot by placing 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:

- Jacquelyn McGuire, Home District: Gilboa-Conesville Central School District
- Collin Miller, Home District: South Kortright Central School District
- Timothy Powell, Home District: Stamford Central School District
- Bobbi Schmitt, Home District: Hunter-Tannersville Central School District

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

1. Approval of the resignation of Elizabeth Bubadias as a probationary Head Bus Driver, effective March 21, 2025.
2. Approval of the resignation of William Whitaker as a bus driver effective February 13, 2025.
3. Approval of the resignation of Deanna Perkosky as a probationary music teacher (Instrumental) effective June 30, 2025.
4. Approval of the resignation of Jenna Turner as an English teacher and Dean of Students effective June 30, 2025.

RESIGN
BUBADIAS

RESIGN
WHITAKER

RESIGN
PERKOSKY

RESIGN
TURNER

WHERE HELD _____

KIND OF MEETING _____

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

MEMBERS PRESENT _____

MEMBERS ABSENT _____

OTHERS PRESENT

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5. Approval of Ethan McCarthy as a substitute teacher (NC). Mr. McCarthy is a student teacher in Patrick Harmer's classroom. After he finishes his student teaching, he will be able to substitute for other teachers.

The following Administrative Item #1 was approved on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0:

1. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the second reading and approval of the following new policy:

Policy #3414 – Law Enforcement Weapons on School Property

Public Comment: Several people from BOCES complemented Jamie Maistros on her leadership and hard work during their regionalization meetings.

Mary Dugan congratulated the Drama Club and Spring Musical for their hard work with the Wizard of Oz presentation. She said the cast was wonderful. She also congratulated the varsity boys' basketball team for winning the Section IV Championship.

The Board went into executive session at 8:21 p.m. to discuss personnel issues on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:11 p.m. on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:11 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson
District Clerk

POLICY 3414

PUBLIC COMMENT

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EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ADOPTING BOND RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District, New York, held at the District Offices in Morris, New York, on the 20th day of March, 2025:

PRESENT: Mary Dugan, Russell Tilley, Emily Boss, Wendy Moore,
Teresa DeLaurentiis

ABSENT: None

Russell Tilley presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Wendy Moore :

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 20, 2025 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES, AUTHORIZING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Morris Central School District, New York, at a special meeting of such voters duly held on March 12, 2025, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the class of objects or purposes hereinafter described; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Morris Central School District has undertaken or shall undertake certain capital expenditures, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. The Morris Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its General Obligation Serial Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$299,552, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class

of objects or purposes described herein, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is the acquisition of school buses, to include one (1) 65-passenger diesel school bus, and one (1) 35-passenger gas school bus, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$299,552.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum aggregate cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$299,552, (b) the Morris Central School District plans to finance the cost of said purpose entirely from funds raised by the issuance of said Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes hereinafter referred to, and (c) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is five (5) years.

Section 6. The Morris Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$299,552, and is hereby authorized to issue renewals thereof, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York in order to finance the purpose in anticipation of the issuance of the above described Bonds.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) there are presently no outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the Morris Central School District reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Section 9. The faith and credit of the Morris Central School District, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes as the same respectively become due and payable. And annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to

pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 10. The power to further authorize the issuance of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law of New York, including without limitation, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, whether to authorize the receipt of bids in an electronic format, and to sell and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. The President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature any Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and are hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes the corporate seal of the School District and to attest the same.

Section 11. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full by the District Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District. The validity of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

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STATE OF NEW YORK }
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COUNTY OF OTSEGO }

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I, the undersigned clerk of the Morris Central School District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

1. A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District, State of New York, was held on March 20, 2025, and Minutes of said meeting have been duly recorded in the Minute Book kept by me in accordance with law for the purpose of recording the minutes of meetings of said Board.

2. I have compared the attached Extract with said Minutes so recorded and said Extract is a true copy of said Minutes and of the whole thereof insofar as said Minutes relate to matters referred to in said Extract.

3. Said Minutes correctly state the time and place when said Meeting was convened and the place where such meeting was held and the members of said Board who attended said Meeting.

4. Public Notice of the time and place of said Meeting was duly posted and duly given to the public and the news media in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, constituting Chapter 511 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York, and that all members of said Board had due notice of said Meeting and that the Meeting was in all respects duly held and a quorum was present and acted throughout.

5. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have hereunto affixed the corporate seal of the Morris Central School District this 21 day of March, 2025.

{SEAL}


District Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE PURSUANT TO
LOCAL FINANCE LAW SECTION 81.00

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, was adopted on March 20, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such bond resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Morris Central School District is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Judy B. Matson
District Clerk
Morris Central School District,
New York

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 20, 2025 OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MORRIS CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION
OF SCHOOL BUSES, AUTHORIZING BOND
ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF,
THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN
PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH
SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING
OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Object or Purpose: the acquisition of one (1) 65-passenger diesel school bus, and one
(1) 35-passenger gas school bus, all at an estimated maximum
aggregate cost of \$299,552.

Period of Probable Usefulness and
Maximum Permissible Term of Any Borrowing: five (5) years.

Amount of Debt Obligations Authorized: up to \$299,552.

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the School District Clerk of the Morris Central School District, Morris, New York.

Dated: March 20, 2025
Morris, New York

MORRIS CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION ATTENDANCE FORM

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DATE: Reg. Meeting 3/20/25