

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: January 18, 2018

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Board Members Present: Margaret Caezza, Wendy Moore, Mary Dugan, Emily Boss, Russell Tilley

Others Present: Matthew Sheldon, Superintendent; Katharine Smith, Principal; Students Rebekah Oliver, Will Norton, Adam Rutherford, Robert Child, David Dugan

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Caezza at 6:32 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 2017 was approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Margaret Caezza told the Board we received a letter from the New York State School Boards Association thanking us for rejoining and sent her a plaque.

Public Comment: None

David Dugan (son of BOE member Mary Dugan), Robert Child and Adam Rutherford talked to the Board about the Student Council. They showed the Board a slide show and talked about their fundraising during the year. They have a Homecoming dance, car wash, bake sale, and co-host a spring dance with the Honor Society. They hand out cider and donuts to all classes on Halloween. They work on the Senior Citizen's Luncheon. Student Council helps with the Color Run. Student Council wants to do a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament in March. Student Council, Honor Society, and Spanish Club take an end of the year trip.

Superintendent's Reports:

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the Audit Corrective Plan. We will pay attention to keep the fund balance at 4% or less. The Reserve Plan has been edited. The Shared Business Office did not do the transfers that they were supposed to do. Actions have been taken to correct the items cited for the Students Accounts. Mr. Sheldon said we will have to have a Federal Audit this year because of CROP.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the 2018-2019 Budget. CASEBP hasn't decided what the increase will be for insurance. It will not be more than 3%. We have some people with single insurance that will be changing to family next year. With the Governor proposal there is only one school in our BOCES that is receiving less aid than Morris and that is Laurens. We are working on salaries now and are starting to get BOCES costs.

Principal's Reports:

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the PK Self-Assessment and Action Plan. A team consisting of Katharine Smith, Jackie Frederick, Kim Wilson, Debbie Iannelli, and Amy Robertson did a self-assessment of Pre-K. Seven categories were reviewed: classroom environment; teaching staff qualifications; curriculum planning and implementation; child screening and assessment; professional development; family engagement; and transition to Kindergarten. The action plan includes: the need to research and select a new screening tool for PK students; the need to create and make available a list of family engagement opportunities; the need to develop a parent survey that allows parents to evaluate the PK program; the need to research and incorporate a parent questionnaire into the Kindergarten screening process. The plan was submitted on January 10th.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the upcoming events. Midterms and Regents continue tomorrow and next Monday and Tuesday. No students January 25, teacher contractual day. January 26 NYS Police Presentation to grades 7-12 on Internet Awareness and Safety. Parent Teacher conferences on February 2 and 8, early dismissal for grades PK-8. Spelling Bee February 2 at 9:00 a.m. 10th grade visit to BOCES on Monday February 5. Drama Club Production on February 8 and 9 at 7:00 p.m. and February 10 at 2:00. February 13, seventh graders go to Bassett for the UP Close Cardiac Presentation. February 15, Joseph Bruchac and Perry Ground are doing a presentation. The basketball games are as follows:

January 26, Boys Senior Night, January 30, Girls Senior Night, February 2, Boys first round Tri Valley playoffs, February 3, Girls first round Tri Valley playoffs.

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 7 were approved as presented on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of Warrants #36, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2017, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Reports for the month of December 2017, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the use of the *Records Disposition Schedule ED-1*, issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

Further Resolved, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

- (a) Only those records will be disposed of that are described in *Records Retention and Disposition Schedule ED-1* after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein:
 - (b) Only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Audit Corrective Action Plan, as presented, retroactive to November 16, 2017.
 6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the creation of the Science Club, as presented. The advisors will be Heather Grant and Vidya Nagarur. They will be unpaid.
 7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves merging the Morris Central School Track Team with the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School Track Team for the 2017-2018 school year

The following personnel items 1 and 2 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of the maternity leave requested by Jessica Wellman to start on or about April 27, 2018 through the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Wellman will be using her sick and personal days.
2. Approval of allowing Teresa Kane to extend her maternity leave by using FMLA from January 29 through February 2, 2018. Mrs. Kane will be using her sick days. She will return to work on February 5, 2018.

Public Comment: None

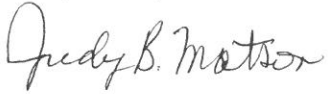
The Board went into executive session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, and CSE on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0.

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

On the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0, the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans #2731 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 Russell Tilley, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy B. Matson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Judy B. Matson
District Clerk