

## MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Date of Meeting:** April 16, 2020

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular Via Google Meet.

**Board Members Present:** Wendy Moore, Mary Dugan, Emily Boss, Russell Tilley, Michael Walling

**Others Present:** Matthew Sheldon, Superintendent; Principal Katharine Smith

The meeting was called to order by President Wendy Moore at 6:30 p.m. via Google Meet. The Board meeting is being recorded and will be put on the Morris Central School website due to COVID-19.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 27, 2020 was approved as presented on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence:** None

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

Matthew Sheldon went over the 2020-2021 Budget with the Board of Education. The total budget is \$9,640,527. The state aid that was in the governor's budget for Morris Central School could become a lot smaller because of the amount of revenue the State lost due to COVID-19.

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

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the Continuity of Instruction Plan. This is one of three plans that schools have been required to develop because of the school closures due to COVID-19. The plan addresses how instruction will proceed, the grading for third and fourth quarter as well as the end of the year, and resources for teachers as well as families. The plan includes developing schedules, district approved technologies used for online learning, delivery of required print and other materials, equity and accessibility for all students, and setting expectations for teachers and students. The plan was a collaboration between the administration and a committee of teachers.

**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 6 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Mary Dugan, and carried 5-0:**

1. Approval of Warrants # 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, and 67 as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2020, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Reports for the month of February 2020 as presented. The report is incomplete because of the lack of a bank statement.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the resolution for paid leaves as follows:

RESOLVED, The Board of Education acting pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Education by New York General Municipal Law §92, grants to any school district employee idled by COVID-19 school closure a paid leave of absence for all and any days the employee is prevented from working by the school closure. The leave of absence granted by this action of the Board of Education has complied with the Executive Order issued by the Governor on March 14, 2020 numbered 202.2.

5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget of \$9,640,527 for the 2020-2021 school year. The 2020-2021 Budget will go to the voters on June 2, 2020, as presented. **The State later set the budget vote to June 9, 2020.**
6. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2020, as presented.

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

1. Approval of Lucy Kunz as a Modified Track Coach for the spring 2020 season. Ms. Kunz's stipend will be \$1,300.
2. Approval of Morton Parker as a substitute teacher (NC) for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
3. Approval of Rebekah Oliver as an unpaid volunteer to work with the varsity softball team. Volunteers are never allowed to be alone with the students.
4. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion Michael Walling, seconded by Russell Tilley, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:
  - a) Name of Appointee: Morgan Park
  - b) Tenure Area: Library Media Specialist
  - c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: September 2, 2020
  - d) Expiration Date of Appointment\*: September 1, 2023
  - e) Certification Status: English 7-12, Initial, Expires 1/31/2024
  - f) Salary: \$40,268 plus credit hours

\*To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law §§2509, 2573, 3212 and 3014, in order to be granted tenure the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision, *classroom teacher* and *building principal* mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of this Part.

5. Approval of the resignation of Bryan Matson as a cleaner effective April 30, 2020.

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

1. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Superintendent, Matthew Sheldon to cast one vote in approval of the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Administrative Budget for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. The Board also approves the Superintendent, Matthew Sheldon to cast one vote each for the four candidates running for the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Board of Education. The candidates are Joseph Ballard, Barbara Ann Heegan, and Kurt Holcherr. The terms are 2020-2023 and Deborah Fox for 2020-2021.

The Board adjourned at 7:02 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Michael Walling, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson  
District Clerk