

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: April 19, 2018

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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

Board Member Absent: Wendy Moore

Others Present: Matthew Sheldon, Superintendent; Katharine Smith, Principal; Staff Members Doug Ernst, Jessica Wellman, Carly Sclafani, Anthony Hayes; Students Kaleigh Spencer; Community Members Christopher MacLeman, Lynette Bourgois

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Caezza at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 2018 was approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Mary Dugan, and carried 4-0.

Correspondence: Margaret Caezza shared a thank you note from yearbook.

Public Comment: None

Jessica Wellman and Carly Sclafani talked to the Board about their curriculum. Jessica Wellman teaches math and science. Carly Sclafani teaches ELA and social studies. Ms. Wellman said they work in small groups. The groups rotate. They are working on fractions and getting ready for the state tests in May. In June the class goes to NYSEG. Ms. Sclafani said the class went to the Farmers Museum today. In social studies they are working on the Iroquois Indians and the American Revolution. In ELA they are working on the Tower of Books Challenge. The students work in small groups. At the Farmers Museum they made corn husk dolls, they visited the Mohawk spring and fall dwellings and their permanent dwelling. The Mohawk Indians was the first module that the students learned in social studies.

Doug Ernst and Anthony Hayes talked to the Board about their curriculum. Mr. Ernst teaches instrumental music. Mr. Ernst said they have finished the Pre-K through 3 concert and the Musical. The junior high and high school concerts are coming up and the Sherburne Pageant of Bands. This is the busiest time of the year. Everything is going well. Mr. Ernst is the President of NYSSMA. He has to see all the solo sheets for Allstate and then send them the list of students and music. Anthony Hayes teaches vocal music. Mr. Hayes incorporates technology into his curriculum. He has an app that allows students to research composers with a partner, do a one page essay and make a presentation. The presentation is filmed. After filming you can put your iPad up to the picture of the composer and it shows the student doing the presentation. Parents can watch through their phone. Mr. Hayes would like to have it at the Academic Fair.

Superintendent's Reports:

Matthew Sheldon presented the 18-19 Budget to the Board. Mr. Sheldon said that the total is \$10,225,491 up \$418,509 from this year. The total tax levy is \$2,997,471 up \$50,816 from this year.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the Capital Project. Phase one of the project is to start June 1st and they are supposed to be done September 28, 2018 if all goes as expected. The irrigation of the soccer field is an alternate, if done the field cannot be used for a year. The architect left some things out of the specs. An addendum will be sent to all that have requested them. There is some asbestos in the cloth wiring in the auditorium and some tiles in the basement.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the future athletic mergers. There is a lack of coaches and less interest by the students. A lot of schools are struggling to get enough athletes to make a team. More schools are interested in merging their teams with another school's team. It is possible that leagues will merge also.

Principal's Reports:

Katharine Smith gave the Board an assessment update. For the State ELA Assessment we had 18 refusals (11%). Seven students that opted out last year took the test this year. Because we are below 95% participation we will need to do an improvement plan specifying the actions we will take to increase participation. In 2017 there were 22 refusals with one partial refusal (13.2%). 2016 had 22 refusals (13.4%), 2015 had 28 refusals (16%). Ms. Smith will be meeting with Edmeston and Laurens principals to work on scoring schedule for June Regent exams.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the Superintendent's Conference Day Plans. The teachers in K-2 and the aides will be participating in Mindfulness. Other teachers can also attend the training. ONC BOCES is holding numerous workshops on standards review for ELA, math, science, social studies, and the Arts. Our Technology Committee will begin working on the required Technology Plan that is due in October.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the upcoming Student Events. Spring Fling is 4/20; tenth grade students will visit SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica on 4/24; Envirothon is on 4/25; Eleventh grade students will attend a presentation of "Of Mice and Men" in Oneonta on 4/26; Senior Trip is on 4/26 through 4/29; on 5/7 GMU is going to evacuate to our school; seventh and eighth grade students is going on a mountain biking field trip on 5/10; the Safety Patrol trip to Washington DC is on 5/12 through 5/15; the Academic Fair is on 5/15 at 6 to 8 p.m.

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 12 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0:

1. Approval of Warrants #58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64 as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2018, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Reports for the month of March 2018, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget of \$10,225,491 for the 2018-2019 Budget will go to the voters on May 15, 2018, as presented.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Tax Report Card for the 2018-2019 school year, as presented.
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Long Range Financial Plan for 2019-2023, as presented.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the request of \$400 from the Morris Beautification Committee for 2017-2018. The Morris Beautification Committee plants tulips and prepares flowerpots for the school property.
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the transfer of \$2,500 from the Unemployment Reserve to increase Code A-9050-80 to offset unemployment charges.
9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget Transfer Reports, as attached. (See Attachment #1)
10. **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 Catskill BOCES Administrative Budget for the 2018-2019 school year, as presented. The Board also approves Superintendent Matthew Sheldon to cast one vote each for the two candidates running for the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Board of Education. The candidates are Robert Calloway and Antonia Schreiber. The votes are cast retroactive to April 16, 2018.

11. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District accepts the bus bond bid from Delaware National Bank of Delhi at 3.13% interest on \$143,457 for one (1) 65-passenger propane school bus, one (1) school car. Bond signing is on May 11, 2018.
12. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the creation of the Jacelyn O'Connor Memorial Scholarship. The criterion is as follows:

The Jacelyn O'Connor Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a senior who is pursuing a career in social services, law enforcement, or criminal justice.

The following personnel items 1 through 3 were approved as presented on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0:

1. Approval of Rebecca Scofield as a peer tutor for the reception desk after school from 3 to approximately 5 p.m. Ms. Scofield will be paid \$10.40 per hour. The cost will be paid for by CROP through the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
2. Approval of Laura Hazen as a substitute peer tutor for the reception desk after school from 3 to approximately 5 p.m. Ms. Hazen will be paid \$10.40 per hour. The cost will be paid for by CROP through the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
3. Approval of Mackenzie Henry as a substitute teacher (NC) for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

The following Administrative items 1 and 2 were approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0:

1. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the transportation of Autumn and Hannah Pope to the Valley Heights Christian Academy in Norwich for the 2018-2019 school year.
2. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the transportation of Allen, Irma, and Milo Yoder to the Amish Parochial School in Burlington Flats for the 2018-2019 school year, September through May 1st.

Public Comment: Kayleigh Spencer said that at RYLA they had a presentation of Mindfulness. She thought it could really help the students and staff.

The Board went into executive session at 7:31 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 Emily Boss, and carried 4-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:23 p.m. on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0.

On the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0, the IEP's of the specified CPSE students' plans #3044 and 3045. was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 8:25 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Mary Dugan, and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson
District Clerk

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Morris Central School Budget Transfer Report

Submitted for Board of Education Review on:

4/19/2018**Transfers of \$1,001 and greater (Board Approval)**

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount	Explanation
A-2110-490	A-2060-490	\$43,108.19	to eliminate negative balance
A-2110-490	A-1680-490	\$4,900.94	to eliminate negative balance
A-2810-490	A-1680-490	\$29,691.00	to eliminate negative balance
A-2250-490	A-1680-490	\$9,076.02	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-1010-400	\$6,800.00	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-1010-450	\$1,800.00	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-1430-490	\$15,105.13	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-1620-200	\$2,512.54	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-1620-400	\$30,111.29	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-1621-160	\$1,625.28	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-1670-410	\$2,000.00	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-1670-420	\$4,789.86	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-2110-160	\$24,430.99	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-2250-160	\$13,922.17	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-2250-450	\$3,534.07	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-2610-150	\$2,665.00	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-2815-160	\$7,498.04	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-5530-200	\$1,579.99	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-5530-450	\$2,162.60	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-9040-800	\$5,702.00	to eliminate negative balance
A-2110-450	A-2110-450-01	\$7,000.00	to eliminate negative balance
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Approved by the Board of Education at its meeting on April 19, 2018.District Clerk's Signature: Judy P. MatsonDate: 4/20/18

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4/20/18 Shelly Green J.B.H.

Morris Central School Budget Transfer Report

Submitted for Board of Education Review on:

04/19/18

Transfers of \$1,000 and less (Superintendent Approval, Board Review)			
Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount	Explanation
A-9060-800	A-1310-490	649.00	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-1325-160	543.20	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-1325-450	190.89	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-2610-400	525.00	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-2610-450	49.19	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-2810-450	93.95	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-2815-450	4.14	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-2820-490	1.00	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-5510-490	80.00	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-9711-700	1.00	to eliminate negative balance
A-9060-800	A-1240-160	707.73	to eliminate negative balance
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Superintendent's Approval:



Date:

4/13/18