

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: May 15, 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
Kaleigh Spencer, Brian Page, Matt Myers

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 2018 was approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Margaret Caezza shared a thank you card from the MCS bus drivers.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent's Reports:

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the Capital Project. We had to go back out to bid for the project. The previous bids came in too high. The re-bids will be opened on May 16, 2018. John Tol noticed that the architect did not put the controls for the boilers in the specs. Mr. Tol had a bid from Siemens and has contacted another company requesting a bid for the controls. We are taking the offsite ditch out of the project. The cost is too high. The architect left some of the alternates in the specs that may need to be removed. The boilers should be done on time.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the Smart Bond. Our plan was submitted to the state but there may be a long wait.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the Scrubs Club. The Scrubs Club is designed to get eleventh grade students interested in the health field.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about a letter that CASEBP would like the Board to sign and send to the legislature. The Federal Government says that employers with less than 100 employees cannot be in a separate health insurance consortium. They must go out to other health insurance providers and get their rates. It would cost us more for lower quality health insurance. Jenna Bolton Carls, Chairperson for CASEBP is asking the 19 school boards in the ONC BOCES district to sign a letter to Assemblyman Crouch asking the legislature to rule that employers with 50 to 100 employees do not have to get different health insurance.

Principal's Reports:

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about summer school. Ms. Smith and Mrs. Catella will meet next week to plan for summer school. They look at seventh and eighth grades first and then look at high school. At this point, it looks like math and possibly science will be offered for seventh and eighth grade students.

Katharine Smith gave the Board an update on student events. May 16th Honor Society, Student Council, and the Spanish Club are going to New York City. May 17th and 18th is Kindergarten Screening. May 19th is the prom at the Carriage House in Oneonta. May 22nd is 8th Grade Parents' Night for students going into ninth grade. May 23rd is the fourth and eighth grade science performance test. May 24th the Spanish Honor Society has a luncheon in Oneonta, the Athletic Club field trip is going to Binghamton for a baseball game, and it is Kindergarten Visitation for next year's students. May 30th is 6th Grade Parent Night for students going into seventh grade. June 1st and 2nd is the Sherburne Pageant of Bands. June 1st the fifth grade is going to the Biological Field Station in Cooperstown. June 4th is the fourth and eighth grade written science tests. June 5th is the Global Transition Regents and the Athletic Awards night. June 7th is the fourth through sixth grade concert at 7:00 p.m. June 8th is the Dessert Theater at 7:00 p.m. June 11th is the "Senior March" at 2:15 and it is the last day of classes for grades 7 through 12. Regents Exams begin on June 12th. June 13th is Pre-K through sixth grade field trip day. Pre-k and kindergarten are going to the Discover Center in Binghamton, 1st and 4th are going to the Binghamton Zoo, 2nd and 3rd grades are

going to Cooperstown on the Charlotte Valley Railroad, and 5th and 6th are going to Howe Caverns. June 15th is Gilbert Lake Day. There will be field day activities here in the morning and then the students go to Gilbert Lake for lunch and swimming.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the future hiring. Interviews for art will be on May 30th. There are three potential candidates. The elementary interviews will be on May 31st. There are seven to nine potential candidates. Ms. Smith will be meeting with Mr. Ernst to review the applicants for the music position. There were seven applicants and three look like potential interviews. Mr. Harmer asked that we wait until after his regents on June 5th to do the interviews. There were 22 applicants and five potential candidates for interviews.

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 and 2 and 4 through 9 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, second Mary Dugan, and carried 5-0: (Item #3 was removed from the agenda.)

1. Approval of Warrants #65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, and 74, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report 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 following Election Officials for the 2018-2019 Budget Vote held on May 15, 2018:

Joan Miller, Doris Bourgeois, Maureen Joy, Kathy Hungerford, Lucy Holcombe, Elaine Frederick, Chief Election Officials Norma Boyd, Lois Jones
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the MOA for Courtney Mackey, allowing her to count the nine years of her first employment at MCS, (1998 to 2007) with her years for her second employment (2010 to 2018). Mrs. Mackey will be allowed to receive her longevity when she is employed at MCS for a total of 20 years.
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Request For Proposal for Independent Evaluation Services for CROP for fiscal years ending June 30, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves increasing Code A-2110-450-09 in the amount of \$1,500 for College For Every Student. It allows Guidance to get money for college field trips.
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves increasing Code A-5510-160 in the amount of \$14,654 to increase the money for bus drivers from The Community Foundation, a grant for the summer program.
9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves increasing Jennifer Jacobsen's Standard Work Day Hours from 5.5 to 6.5 retroactive to July 1, 2008.

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

1. Approval of Danielle Tyler extending her maternity for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Tyler plans to return to work on August 29, 2018.
2. Approval of Erika Anderson as a substitute peer tutor for the front desk after school from 3:00 to approximately 5:00 p.m., retroactive to May 2, 2018, for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Anderson will be paid \$10.40 per hour.

The following Administrative item #1 was approved as presented on the motion of Mary Dugan, 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 of Heyden Blackburn to the Lighthouse Christian Academy at 12 Grove Street, Oneonta, New York 13820, for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

Public Comment: None

The Board went into executive session at 7:37 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 on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:28 p.m. on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

The following Business items 10 and 11 were approved at presented on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0:

10. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District accepts the results of the Certified District Vote for the 2018-2019 Budget of \$10,225,491 held on May 15, 2018. The amount of the taxes to be collected is \$2,997,471, which is a tax increase of approximately 1.72% as follows:

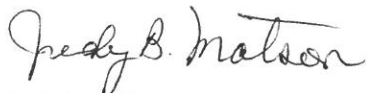
Yes: 118 No: 23 Total: 141

11. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District accepts the results of the Certified District Vote for the Board of Education Member held on May 15, 2018, as follows:

Wendy Moore: 130 Blank: 9 Write In: 2 Total: 141

The Board adjourned at 8:30 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