

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: July 15, 2019

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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

Board Member Absent: Mary Dugan

Others Present: Matthew Sheldon, Superintendent; Principal Katharine Smith

The meeting was called to order by President, Wendy Moore at 6:39 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 2019 was approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Superintendent's Reports:

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the District Goals for 2019-2022. Mr. Sheldon said he added a goal to provide an environment that supports physical, mental, and emotional needs of our students. The other three goals are the same as previous years.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the bid information for Smart Bond and Capital Outlay Projects. The bids are going out July 19th. They will be opened August 23rd. We are hoping the work will be finished during the February break.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the Notification of Disproportionate Suspensions. We were dinged by the State for having too many white students with disabilities being suspended. We had 12 two years ago, seven were suspended by BOCES. Many other schools in the BOCES District received the same notification. BOCES is going to look at the situation. Mr. Sheldon said Nick Savin, BOCES Superintendent, is retiring in July of 2020.

Principal's Reports:

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the proposed senior trip for the Class of 2020. They would like to go to Virginia Beach and rent the same house that the Class of 2019 rented. They want to leave on Friday, April 24 at 2:00 p.m. and return on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 around 5:00 p.m. The two deposits that have been paid are refundable. The cost is \$500 per person. They plan on doing the Community Yard Sales, Senior Play, candle sales, etc. to raise the funds. Mrs. Telfer and Mr. Harmer will be the chaperones.

Katharine Smith told the Board that the only position not filled at this time is the music/band position. There are three applicants that will be interviewed soon.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the Regents results. In four of the ten Regents, Mastery was increased. In five of the ten, Proficiency was increased. Algebra had 100% proficiency which is the same as last year. Physics had 100% proficiency and 71% mastery. Transition Global exam had 89% proficiency, two students did not pass. New Framework Global had 94% proficiency, one student did not pass. English Regents proficiency increase from 70% last year to 88% this year and mastery increased from 41% last year to 67% this year. US History and Government proficiency increased to 94% this year. Last year proficiency was 88%. We hope to have the comparison data for the August meeting.

Katharine Smith told the Board that Summer School classes being offered are Science 7/8 with four students (plus one out of district), Math 7/8 with seven students (plus one out of district), Living

Environment with five students, and Algebra/ Algebra 1A/Algebra 1B with six students. CROP is going well. They have an average attendance of 66 students. They went to Interskate 88 last Wednesday.

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 9 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Michael Walling, and carried 4-0:

1. Approval of Warrants #85, 86, 87, and 88 as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2019, as presented.
3. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves increasing school lunches by five cents for the 2019-2020 school year: PK-5 is \$2.15 and 6-12 is \$2.40. Breakfast prices will remain the same as 2018-2019: PK-5 is \$1.50 and 6-12 is \$1.75.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the agreement with the Bassett Medical Center for services of a certified Athletic Trainer for the 2019-2020 school year at a cost of \$450.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the Morris Central School District and the Morris Educational Support Staff Association to allow the district to sub contract with a private entity for the sole purpose of hiring a Mechanic/Bus Driver. The contract with the private entity shall run no longer than 12 months for the 2019-2020 school year, as attached. (See Attachment #1)
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approved the contract with the Morris Educational Support Staff Association effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Frank Walls purchasing his old Dell laptop computer, tag number D789DC2 for \$50.00.
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the agreement with Access therapy Group; PT, OT, SLP, and Psychology Services PLLC to provide Occupational Therapy for the 2019-2020 school year. The cost is \$24,000 for the 2019-2020 school year to be invoiced monthly for a 0.2 FTE Occupational Therapist.
9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget Transfer Reports, retroactive to June 30, 2019, as presented.

The following personnel items 1 through 9 were approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0:

1. Approval of the following summer school teachers for 2019:
 - 7/8 Math and Algebra – Alison Dening with a stipend of \$1,900 per session
 - Science 8 and Living Environment – Carlena Johnson with a stipend of \$1,900 per session
 - Special Education – April Vunk with a stipend of \$1,900 per session
2. Approval of the resignation of Anthony Hayes as a probationary music teacher effective August 31, 2019.
3. Approval of the resignation of Erika Anderson as a teacher aide effective June 26, 2019.

4. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:

- a) Name of Appointee: Abigail Astor
- b) Tenure Area: Special Education
- c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: September 3, 2019
- d) Expiration Date of Appointment*: September 3, 2023
- e) Certification Status: Student w/Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Initial, Exp. 1/31/20
- f) Salary: \$45,000

5. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:

- a) Name of Appointee: Emily Thomsen
- b) Tenure Area: Speech Language Pathologist
- c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: September 3, 2019
- d) Expiration Date of Appointment*: September 3, 2023
- e) Certification Status: Speech & Language Disabilities, Professional
- f) Salary: \$48,000

*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.

6. Approval of Maureen Ahl as a summer LPN for 2019 to ride the bus with a student with disabilities going to Springbrook. Mrs. Ahl will be paid \$16.80 per hour, July 8 through August 16, 2019.

7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Matthew Sheldon, Katharine Smith, and Kimberly Murray as Qualified Lead Evaluators for the teachers' evaluations for the 2019-2020 school year.

8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Matthew Sheldon and Kimberly Murray as Qualified Independent Evaluators for the teachers' evaluations for the 2019-2020 school year.

9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Matthew Sheldon as Qualified Evaluator and Qualified Independent Evaluator for the Principal's evaluations for the 2019-2020 school year.

Public Comment: Katharine Smith said she emailed Jill Foerster, thanking the cafeteria staff for all they have done. On early dismissal days, the cafeteria staff made bag lunches for all the students who wanted one.

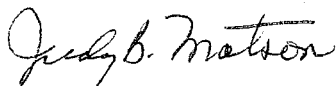
The Board went into executive session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation and CSE on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:18 p.m. on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Michael Walling, and carried 4-0.

On the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0, the IEP's of the specified CSE/CPSE students' plans #3097, 3096, 2400, 2368, 2493, 2313, 2361, 2368, 3095, 2987, 2400, 2886, 2939, 2599, and 2332 were approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 7:19 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Michael Waling, and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy B. Matson".

Judy B. Matson
District Clerk

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between the
Morris Central School District
And the
Morris Educational Support Staff Association**


The Parties hereby agree to the following:

The District shall be allowed to sub contract with a private entity for the sole purpose of hiring a Mechanic/Bus Driver. The contract with the private entity shall run no longer than 12 months (for the 2019-2020 school year).

A complete copy of the fully executed Agreement between the District and the private entity providing the Mechanic/Bus Driver shall be provided to the President of the Morris Educational Employees Association (MESSA).

At the end of nine (9) months, the District agrees to meet with MESSA to determine whether or not the contract will be renewed. If it is not to be renewed, the District will begin the search for a Mechanic/Bus Driver who will be a member of the MESSA.


This Agreement is limited to the unique circumstances surrounding it, shall not be precedent setting and shall not waive any rights currently owned by the Association. This Agreement shall not be used as evidence in any contractual or legal proceeding.



For the District

6/27/19

Date



For the Association

6/27/19

Date