

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: October 10, 2019

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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

Others Present: Matthew Sheldon, Superintendent; Principal Katharine Smith; Staff Members Amy Robertson, Roxanne Harrison; Students Keegan Holt, Katelyn Robinson, Anastasia Edwards, Scott Strain, Mollie Dugan (daughter of BOE member Mary Dugan), Hannah Tilley (daughter of BOE member Russell Tilley), Damek Smith, Morgan Barnes, Kylie Bringham, Skyler Payne

The meeting was called to order by President Wendy Moore at 6:33 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2019 was approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Wendy Moore read thank you notes from Landen Atcher and James Fish. Matthew Sheldon said that the ten students from GMU that went on the trip with our students to see To Kill A Mockingbird sent thank you notes to the school.

Public Comment: Amy Robertson said the National Honor Society Induction ceremony was very nice.

Matthew Sheldon said it is National Board of Education Recognition month. The Board received hot/cold cups and fruit from the Administration. Mrs. Bolton, Ms. Wellman, Mrs. Norman, Desktop Publishing/English class, and Ms. Joern's class all made something for the Board.

Amy Robertson and Roxanne Harrison talked to the Board about the kindergarten curriculum. They are working on the new standards for science in Kindergarten. Ms. Harrison brought in 12 Monarch caterpillars for the classroom. The students watched all the cycles the caterpillars go through to become a Monarch butterfly. The butterflies were released on the front lawn of the school.

Superintendent's Reports:

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the External Audit Report. Mr. Sheldon said the auditors had a difficult time getting the information they needed from the Shared Business Office. He hopes that has been corrected. Mr. Cwynar worked over the weekend to finish the Audit Report.

Matthew Sheldon told the Board that the Capital Outlay Project will start on Monday. They will be putting fire proofing in the hallway vents. The work on the EIFS system will start next week. During December break they will be removing the toilets in the bathrooms of some of the elementary classrooms and will start replacing the tiles. If the cafeteria floor is not done in December it will be done during the February break. For the Smart Bond Project, they are going to start working on the lights and cameras. The fiber optics will be done during the December break and they should be finished by the end of the February break.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the Bullet Aid of \$13,000 we received from Assemblyman Cliff Crouch. We think we are going to use the money for Social Emotional Learning or the STEM area.

Principal's Reports:

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the plans for the Superintendent's Conference Day on October 11, 2019. Most of the teachers are working here on a variety of initiatives. Their proposals have to be submitted for approval. Five teachers are going to Oneonta High School for Technology and SEL. The aides are going to Oneonta High School to attend workshops on Mindfulness and Social Emotional Learning.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the upcoming events. October 12 is the Mustang Miles for TUCR. October 14 is Columbus Day, no school. October 16 is PSATs for Juniors. October 21 is college visits for the Juniors and Seniors to SUNY Oneonta and SUNY Cobleskill. October 24 is the Student

Leadership workshop for eighth graders at SUNY Oneonta. October 25 and 26 is the Senior Play. October 29 is the fall concert at 7:00 p.m. October 31 is the Halloween Parade at 2:15 and the Rotary Party and the Haunted Hallway at 6:00 p.m.

Katharine Smith gave the Board an Emergency Drills Update. Ms. Smith said we had an evacuation / early go home drill today. We are required to do an Early Dismissal Drill every year. We have had three fire drills and need to do three more before December 1st. We will be doing a Lockdown drill. The first one is announced and a letter goes home to the parents without the specific date. The other Lockdown drills are unannounced. We use the alert system to notify families that we practiced a lockdown after the drill is completed.

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 Michael Walling, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of Warrants #11, 12, 13, 14, and 17, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2019, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2019, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District accepts the Morris Central School Audit Committee's recommendation to approve the External Audit Report for the 2018-2019 school year that was prepared by Cwynar and Company.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves a school tax refund to Bruce and Susan Smith for Tax Map #174.00-1-25.32 in the amount of \$1,339.85. Their property was reassessed because of a fire. The taxes were paid before the Reassessment Report was received.
6. **Be It Received** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Amendment #3 to increase the BCA Project Representation Fees by \$7,000 to \$12,500 for the Smart Bond Project.

The following personnel items 1 through 3 were approved as presented on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of Lyndsie Harper as a substitute nurse (RN) for the 2019-2020 school year.
2. Approval of the following Advisor for the 2019-2020 school year:
 - Jazz Band – Heather Powell with a stipend of \$1,075 (She received 6 years' experience.)
 - Instrumental Director – Heather Powell with a stipend of \$1,194 (She received 6 years' experience.)
3. Approval of the following basketball coaches for the 2019-2020 school year:
 - Boys' Varsity – Gerry Joy with a stipend of \$3,415
 - Boys' JV – Dylan Jaklitsch with a stipend of \$2,758 (2 years' experience)
 - Boys' Modified – Emily Thomsen with a stipend of \$1,700
 - Girls' Varsity – Rhoda Flint with a stipend of \$4,739
 - Girls' JV – Claire Fraser with a stipend of \$2,600
 - Girls' Modified – Sarah Saggese with a stipend of \$1,820

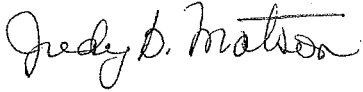
Public Comment: None

The Board went into executive session at 6:59 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 Michael Walling, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:18 p.m. on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 7:20 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Michael Walling, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judy B. Matson
District Clerk