

## MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Date of Meeting:** October 12, 2017

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

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

**Board Member Absent:** Margaret Caezza

**Others Present:** Matthew Sheldon, Superintendent; Katharine Smith, Principal; Staff Members Logan Aikins, Maria Deysenroth, Mike Iannelli, Frank Walls, Courtney Mackey, Marjorie Bourgeois; James Tuttle, Cameron Best, Rebekah Oliver, Cyle Romer

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Wendy Moore at 6:35 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2017 was approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0.

**Correspondence:** Matthew Sheldon shared with the Board information about a Legislative Breakfast to be held on October 23.

**Public Comment:** Katharine Smith said it was Board Appreciation Month for the Board of Education. Ms. Smith and Mr. Sheldon presented the Board with gifts. They also presented the Board with items from students in different grades. Michael Iannelli presented the Board with an apple pie from the Morris Teachers Association.

Frank Walls gave the Board his annual Transportation Report. Mr. Walls told the Board that we plan to purchase one 65-passenger propane school bus at an estimated cost of \$128,000 and one car at an estimated cost of \$21,000. We will be trading-in or selling bus #96, our first propane school bus. Mr. Walls said the information would go before the Board in December for a vote. The bus purchases will go to the public for a vote in February. The parking lot at the bus garage was resealed. Mr. Walls said he got quotes for our own propane filling station. Seven years ago a propane filling stations was \$31,000 now it is about \$14,000. We had to hire a new bus driver to transport Amish children to a school in Burlington Flats.

Maria Deysenroth, Mike Iannelli, and Logan Aikins talked to the Board about their PE and Health curriculum. Mrs. Deysenroth teaches PE for grades third through eighth. The curriculum is more sports orientated. The students learn the concept of the sports, positions, and competition. Mr. Iannelli teaches PE for grades seventh through twelfth. The curriculum is based on sports rules, scoring, positions, etc. CPR, fitness, and lifetime sports are also taught. Mr. Iannelli has heart rate monitors that the students can use and their progress is monitored. Mr. Aikins teaches PE for PK through second grade, and Health for seventh and tenth grades. His PE curriculum is based on balance, kicking, throwing, motor skills, etc. Mr. Aikins is using a new curriculum for Health. The curriculum is the same for both grades, with tenth grade curriculum being more in depth.

Courtney Mackey and Marjorie Bourgeois talked to the Board about their sixth-grade curriculum and Safety Patrol. Mrs. Mackey teaches ELA and social studies. Mrs. Bourgeois teaches science and math. Mrs. Mackey uses the NYS Modules, Scott Foresman, Rebecca Sitton Spelling program and Coach Crosswalk for ELA. In social studies they are studying Ancient Civilizations. She is starting to incorporate the Next Generation Standards and Inquiries in her social studies curriculum. Mrs. Bourgeois uses the NYS Modules for math. Mrs. Bourgeois said she likes the Modules for math. She teaches Earth Science and is incorporating the Next Generation Standards in her lessons. Mrs. Mackey told Board that last year 29 students went on the Safety Patrol trip. The cost was \$400 per student and transportation was through Hale Transportation. Fundraising for the trip was Cherrydale Fundraiser, Box Top collection, Book Fairs, donation campaign, and candy bar sales. Fundraising has started for the 2018 trip.

## **Superintendent's Reports:**

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the revised Reserve Plan. The State requires schools to put more information into the reserve plan. They want a description of each reserve, how much the reserve started with, when the reserve was started and how much is in each reserve now. The updated Reserve Plan will be on the November Board agenda for approval.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about a meeting with some property owners who has property adjoining the school ditch. They wanted to see the plans to fix the ditch. A couple with property near the end of the ditch have not had any problems and did not want anything done with the ditch. They discussed the possibility of turning the ditch over to the landowners that have property adjoining the ditch. They also discussed cleaning out the shrubs and trees around the ditch. Engineers are coming to look at the ditch.

## **Principal's Reports:**

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the new SED standards and assessments. The new social studies standards are divided into two frameworks, K-8 and 9-12. Literacy standards are incorporated into the new social studies standards. The Global Studies regents will be a one-year test instead of testing the student on materials they learned over two years. The new science is broken down for grades PK-5, 6-8, and 9-12. The state science exam will be changed from fourth and eighth grade to fifth and eighth grade. SED is changing from Common Core Standards to the Next Generation Learning Standards. The change will complete in 2021. The new Art Learning Standards in Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual and Media Art was approved in August. They will be implemented in the 2018-2019 school year.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the Professional Development focus for 2017-2018. Based on the changes in the standards the focus will be on professional development related to the new standards and assessments.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the emergency drills. All of the fall fire drills are completed. We had the first of four lock down drills. We have an evacuation drill to the churches scheduled and parents have been notified.

Katharine Smith gave the Board a report about the upcoming events. October 20 is the Superintendent's Conference. October 24 is the 7-12 Concert at 7:00 p.m. October 27 is the Senior Play at 7:00 p.m. October 31 there will be the Halloween Parade at 2:15, at 6:30 p.m. will be the Rotary Halloween Party and the Haunted Hallway.

**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 7 were approved as presented on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0: (Item #3, Central Treasurer's Report was removed. The bank statements had not been received in time for the meeting.)**

1. Approval of Warrants # 16, 17, and 18, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2017, 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 Independent Audit for the 2016-2017 school year done by Cwynar and Company.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the changes to the Grade Weighting/Class Ranking Procedures as presented.
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves increasing Code A-2110-450-05 in the amount of \$200.00 for iPad Insurance payments from parents.

7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves increasing Code A-2110-450-04 in the amount of \$3,000 for a Dollar General Literacy Grant received by Diane Walling.

**The following personnel items 1 through 10 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0:**

1. Approval of Katlyn Jennings as a substitute teacher (NC), retroactive to September 26, 2017, for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.
2. Approval of Pamela Hoffman as a substitute food service worker and substitute teacher aide, retroactive to September 29, 2017, for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.
3. Approval of Stacey Barnes as a substitute teacher aide and substitute food service worker, retroactive to October 2, 2017, for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.
4. Approval of Cheryl Ernst as a substitute teacher (C) for the 2017-2018 school year.
5. Approval of Samantha Henness as an unpaid volunteer in the pre-kindergarten classroom. Volunteers are never allowed to be alone with the students.
6. Approval of Leona Shaver as the advisor for the Class of 2019. Mrs. Shaver's stipend will be \$500.
7. Approval of Anthony Lee as a substitute bus driver for the 2017-2018 school year.
8. Approval of Valerie Joern as a substitute teacher (NC) for the 2017-2018 school year.
9. Approval of Alexandria Sloan as a substitute teacher (NC) for the 2017-2018 school year.
10. Approval of Samantha Henness as a substitute teacher (NC) for the 2017-2018 school year.

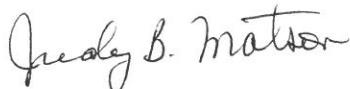
**Public Comment:** None

The Board went into executive session at 7:29 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 Mary Dugan, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:00 p.m. on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 8:01 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson  
District Clerk