

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: November 17, 2022

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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

Others Present: Jamie Maistros, Superintendent; Brian Breck, Principal; Staff Members Mallory Jorgensen, Mike Iannelli, Destinie Smith, Deanna Perkosky; Students Thomas Pondolfino, Colby Smith, Carissa Richards, Hannah Swayer, Cirran Gorman, Bethanee Barringer, Kayla Hoffman, Justine Norton, Jason Strain, Lincoln Waffle

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Dugan at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 20, 2022, the special meeting of October 25, 2022, and the emergency meeting of November 4, 2022 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Jamie Maistros shared some very old graduation items that was given to her by Michael Virgil.

Public Comment: None

Deanna Perkosky and Destinie Smith talked to the Board about taking the senior band and chorus to Music in the Parks at Six Flags, Agawam, Massachusetts. The students would perform, be scored and ranked in the small school category. After the students perform, they will go to the Six Flags Theme Park and spend the remainder of the day. 32 senior high band and chorus students along with the two directors and other chaperones, would go on the trip to Agawam, Massachusetts on May 6, 2023. The cost is a total of \$2,600. The money will be raised by the music department through fundraisers.

Mallory Jorgensen gave the Board an update on the Transportation Department. There are 11 buses. eight 65-passenger buses, two 35-passenger buses and one 24-passenger school bus with five wheelchair accessibility. There are nine drivers, seven are part-time. There are 19 routes and two after school routes. 530 miles are driven per day, which does not include any field trips or sports trips. We are still down a full-time driver and a regular-run driver. We are slowly replacing the propane buses with gas buses. Ms. Jorgensen discussed the problems with the garage and parking area. She hopes the building project passes.

Michael Iannelli talked to the Board about the Athletic Club and sports. Each year the members of the Athletic Club go on an incentive trip. Last year they went to a Lacrosse game in Albany. This year the students would like to go to an NCAA game or pro-baseball game. Most of the fundraising is through the Brick Program. There are 132 students in grades 7 through 12. For the fall sports 65 signed up and 57 participated. For the winter sports 60 signed up and 55 are now participating. Mr. Iannelli said it will probably drop to 52. We will have to cut the girls JV basketball team because we do not have enough athletes. There are only 19 girls participating. 12 are varsity and the rest are modified. Mr. Iannelli said he thinks with the low numbers of students doing sports, there will be more sports mergers.

Superintendent's Reports:

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the Capital Project. Mrs. Maistros said she is trying to get the information out to the public through a Coffee Meet and Greet, the Methodist supper, the meeting at the bus garage tonight and another public meeting on December 8th. The feedback is the people do not believe that there will not be a tax increase. They want to know why we would build on the softball field, what will happen to the present garage, and why we need a project with the low enrollment. Mrs. Maistros said she has talked to them about the 85% aid we get back for the project, the shape of the present garage, and the other items that are part of the project.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the two Response to Audits that are on the agenda for approval. There were no significant findings or material weaknesses that were found in the audits.

Jamie Maistros told the Board that at the last Safety Team Meeting, the Sandy Hook, Say Something was discussed. It is an anonymous reporting system where tips can be reported. The tips are sent to the school to try to stop a crisis. They would like all schools to start a Sandy Hook Club with an advisor.

Jamie Maistros thanked the Board for sending her to the Superintendent's Conference for new superintendents. She discussed a workshop that discussed Superintendent's Evaluation, Public Comment, and Social Media and what Board members can say.

Principal's Reports:

Brian Breck talked to the Board about some school events. The Halloween parade was a success. The marching band did a great job. The students and most of the teachers dressed up. Mr. Breck thanked the cafeteria for providing the donuts and cider. Mr. Breck thanked the Weavers and Mary Dugan for the gourds. Beth Collins is having her classes do still life drawings on the gourds. The rest were given to the primary classes. They painted messages of kindness and positivity. They will be placed around the village. Heather Grant offered to collect them once they started to rot to harvest the seeds and then dispose of them. Veterans' Day breakfast was nice. The elementary choir sang for the veterans. Mr. Breck thanked Kelly Catella and the Honor Society students for organizing the breakfast.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about upcoming dates. Parent-teacher conferences are taking place today until 7:00 p.m. November 22 is a half day for students. Spelling Bee for third and fourth grade is on November 22, and on November 28 for grades five through eight. The Regionals are on January 14 at SUNY Oneonta. There are concerts on December 7 for grades 4-6, December 14 for grades 7 through 12 and on December 20 for grades UPK-3.

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 Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports and Warrants #32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2022 We have not received September and October Bank Reconciliations for 2022 from BOCES.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2022, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Board Goals for 2023-2026 as presented.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Tax Collector's Report for 2022-2023 as presented.
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Response to the External Audit for the 2021-2022 Audit.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Response to the Extraclassroom Activity Fund Audit for the 2021-2022 Audit.
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Claim Auditor's Reports and Warrants #43, 44, 45, and 46, as presented

9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the creation of the Origami Club for the 2022-2023 school year.

The following personnel items 1 through 12 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of Lisa Coyle as a substitute cleaner, retroactive to October 26, 2022, for the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Approval of Emily Grover as a substitute teacher (NC), teacher aide, and LTA for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Approval of the following coaches for the winter season of 2022-2023:
 - Boys' Varsity Basketball – Gerry Joy with a stipend of \$3,641
 - Boys' JV Basketball – Shawn Aikins with a stipend of \$2,685
 - Boys' Modified Basketball – Brian Roser with a stipend of \$1,755
 - Girls' Varsity Basketball – Rhoda Flint with a stipend of \$5,052
 - Girls' JV Basketball – Claire Fraser with a stipend of \$2,772
 - Girls' Modified Basketball – Maria Deysenroth with a stipend of \$1,995 (6 Years' Experience Max per MTA Contract.)
4. Approval of Gregory Hext as a probationary cleaner, retroactive to October 31, 2022. Mr. Hext's salary is \$28,912, prorated 10/31/22-6/30/23.
5. Approval of Linda Callea as a volunteer to work in the first grade classrooms. As a volunteer, Mrs. Callea cannot be alone with the students.
6. Approval of Matthew Sheldon as a substitute teacher aide to work in the testing room on an as needed basis. He will receive \$90.35 per diem.
7. Approval of Bryan Matson as a substitute cleaner for the 2022-2023 school year.
8. Approval of Margaret Ossit as a substitute teacher (NC) for the 2022-2023 school year.
9. Approval of Lisa Parisian as a substitute teacher (NC) for the 2022-2023 school year.
10. Approval of Molly Gray as an unpaid advisor for the Origami Club for the 2022-2023 school year.
11. Approval of April Vunk as a CSE Chairperson. She will receive a \$5,000 stipend.
12. Approval of Caitlin Smith as a CSE Chairperson. She will receive a \$5,000 stipend.

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

1. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the second reading and approval of the revisions of the following Policy:

#1510 – Regular Board Meetings and Rules (Quorum and Parliamentary Procedure)

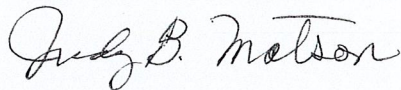
Public Comment: Mary Dugan said the village is decorated for the holidays with greens. The decorations in the windows of the Gatehouse was a collaboration. Some of the decorations were made by Mike Packard's class from natural materials.

The Board went into executive session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues and contract negotiations, on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:43 p.m. on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 8:44 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judy B. Matson
District Clerk