

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: November 19, 2020

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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

Others Present: Matthew Sheldon, Superintendent; Dr. Hubar; BOCES; Students Ian Rehrmann, Baylie Boglioli, Sierra Ratcliff, Katie Tilley (daughter of BOE member Russell Tilley)

The meeting was called to order by President, Wendy Moore at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2020 and the special meeting on 10/29/20, was approved as presented on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0..

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Stacia Norman gave the Board a report on the fourth grade curriculum. Mrs. Norman said the ELA and social studies modules are intertwined. The students are learning about the Iroquois. She had books and projects to show the Board. The classroom environment has changes a lot. You cannot do small groups or partnering because the students have to remain 6 feet apart. The projects done this year are independent projects

Matthew Sheldon gave the Board the Tax Collector's Report for 2020. We collected more than last year and have fewer unpaid parcels. The Tax Collector's Report will be attached to the minutes.

Superintendent's Reports:

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the NYS Micro-Cluster Strategies. Mr. Sheldon told the Board that the state has three different zones, Red 5.5% positivity rate, Orange 4.5% positivity rate, and Yellow 3.5% positivity rate. Mr. Sheldon said that if the school goes into the yellow zone, we will have to test 20% of the staff and 20% of the students over a two week period. If our rate is lower than the county's we will not have to test. The county does not have the capacity to do the testing. Kasia Baker is looking into how we can do the testing.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the transportation costs and state aid. The state is not paying aid for the transportation salaries and benefits from March to the end of June 2020. We will lose \$120,000 in aid. The Regents is working with the Governor's office to try to get the aid for March through May reinstated.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about leasing buses vs. purchasing buses. Frank Walls looked into it and didn't see a big benefit. Mallory Jorgensen looked into it recently and feels there is a savings in leasing and we would not need two mechanics. She spoke to two companies and would like them to present at the December Board meeting. Mallory has been going away from the propane buses and going towards gas buses. The rebate for the propane buses is no longer in effect and the resale rate is not going up for the propane buses. Gas buses are cheaper to purchase.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the Maintenance/Boiler Room Floor Truss Report. The cost to repair the one truss is \$3,500.

Matthew Sheldon told the Board that the New York High School Athletic Association has postponed contact sports including basketball until January 4, 2021. Schools in a yellow zone can only practice they cannot have games. Interscholastic teams are not allowed to practice with AAU teams they can only practice with their school team.

Principal's Reports: (Ms. Smith was unable to attend the meeting. Matthew Sheldon gave her reports.)

Matthew Sheldon told the Board that grades K-8 and 12th grade are back in school four days a week. We are still trying to figure out how to get grades 9-11 back in school four days a week.

Matthew Sheldon told the Board that the Regents for January have been cancelled. We haven't heard about the June's Regents yet.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about CROP. CROP is in person. The blue cohort is two days and the white cohort is two days a week. Parents pick up their children, transportation is not provided. Some students are doing CROP virtual. Packets are being delivered to the students by Caitlin Smith and Diane Turner.

Matthew Sheldon told the Board that the fire drills for the fall have been completed. We have not done a lock down drill because of social distancing. The teachers will talk to the students about the lock down procedures. Bus drills have been 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 7 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Mary Dugan, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of the Claims Auditor's Reports and Warrants for #20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of August and September 2020, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2020, 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 2019-2020 school year as prepared by Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Tax Collector's Report for 2020, as presented. (See Attachment #1)
6. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2020, as presented.
7. Approval of the Claims Auditor's Reports and Warrants for #27, 28, 29 and 30, as presented.

The following personnel items 1 through 4 were approved as presented on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of tenure for Teresa Kane, effective January 4, 2021, is hereby made:

a) Name of Appointee:	Teresa Kane
b) Tenure Area:	Secondary Math
c) Date of Commencement of Service of Tenure:	January 3, 2017
d) Certification Status:	Mathematics 7-12, Professional, 5/12/2017
2. Approval of the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Joanne Telfer as Spanish teacher effective June 30, 2021.
3. Approval of Jennifer Mattocks as a CROP activity leader retroactive to October 21, 2020. Ms. Mattocks' stipend will be \$17.50 per hour.
4. Approval of the resignation of Tara Jorgensen as a regular run bus driver effective November 27, 2020.

Revisions to format used on the October 14, 2020 Board minutes as follows:

3. Approval of Kelly Allaire as a probationary vocal music teacher effective January 4, 2021. Ms. Allaire's salary will be \$39,500, prorated January 4 through June 30, 2021.

The correct format is as follows:

3. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Russell Tilley, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:

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| a) Name of Appointee: | Kelly Allaire |
| b) Tenure Area: | Music Education |
| c) Date of Commencement
of Probationary Service: | January 4, 2021 |
| d) Expiration Date of
Appointment*: | January 4, 2025 |
| e) Certification Status: | Music, Emergency COVID-19, pending final approval |
| f) Salary: | \$39,500, prorated January 4 through June 30, 2021 |

*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.

The following Administrative items 1 and 2 second reading and approval and item 3 the first reading of the new policy, was approved as presented on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Mary Dugan, 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 new policies as follows:

#6570 – Remote Working
#3520 – Extraordinary Circumstances

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

#5662 – Information Security Breach and Notification
#5671 – School Safety Plans
#5761 – Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers
#6214 – Probation and Tenure
#6550 – Leaves of Absence
#5677 – Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data
#7240 – Student Records: Access and Challenge
#7511 – Immunization of Students
#7530 – Child Abuse and Maltreatment
#7554 – Dignity For All Students (New Name)
#8241 – Patriotism, Citizenship, and Human Rights Education
#7221 – Participation in Graduation Ceremonies and Activities (New Name)
#7220 – Graduation Requirements/Early Graduation/Accelerated Program
#6121 – Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

3. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the first reading of the new policy as follows:

#3422 – Title IX and Sex Discrimination

Public Comment: None

The Board went into executive session at 7:17 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 Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

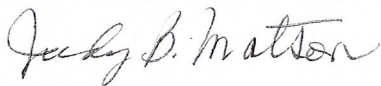
The Board came out of executive session at 7:53 p.m. on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0.

On the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0: the IEP's of the specified CPSE students' plans #3139 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

On the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Michael Walling, and carried 5-0: the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans #2616, 2959, 2933, and 3056 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 7:55 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judy B. Matson
District Clerk

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL

2020-2021 TAX SUMMARY

	2020/2021	2019/2020
TOTAL PARCELS	2009	2004
TOTAL PAID PARCELS	1661	1650
UNPAID PARCELS	348	354
TOTAL BASE	\$2,739,004.77	\$2,678,569.82
LATE CHARGES	\$2,903.30	\$4,212.91
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,444,993.46	\$2,368,448.16
OUTSTANDING BASE	\$296,914.61	\$320,143.65
LATE CHARGES EST.	\$5,938.29	\$5809.08
TOTAL LATE CHARGES	\$8,841.59	\$10,021.99

unpaid parcels	348	354
parcels w/o tax	71	71
actual due	277	283