

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: November 16, 2017

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Board Members Present: Margaret Caezza, Wendy Moore, Mary Dugan, Russell Tilley

Board Member Absent: Emily Boss

Others Present: Matthew Sheldon, Superintendent; Katharine Smith, Principal; Staff Members April Turnbull, Jody Bolton, Alyssa Plows; Their Children Julia Vunk, Brenna Bolton; Students Rebekah Oliver, Isaac Whitbeck, Selena Rathbone, Adam Rutherford, David Dugan, Robert Child

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Caezza at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 12, 2017 was approved as presented on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Joseph Tyson gave the Board the Tax Collector Report for 2017. For 2017-2018 the tax base was \$2,534,040.32. 1,602 parcels have been paid, with 390 remaining unpaid. The total amount received is \$2,192,872.88 with \$350,699.92 outstanding.

April Vunk, Jody Bolton, and Alyssa Plows gave the Board an elementary special education report. Mrs. Vunk has a self-contained classroom for students in Kindergarten through third grade. Mrs. Bolton has a self-contained classroom for fourth through sixth grade students. Mrs. Plows has a resource room and is a consultant teacher. Mrs. Vunk's classroom is an 8-1-1 classroom. She has 9 students. We had to write a waiver for the extra student. Mrs. Bolton has a 12-1-1 classroom. She has 12 students. Students in self-contained classrooms have music, art, PE, and library with the regular education students. Mrs. Plows pushes into classrooms to help the students and pulls students out of classrooms for resource room. She has 14 students for 30 minutes sessions in her resource room. The sessions are either one-on-one or small groups.

Superintendent's Reports:

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the Smart Bond money. The Smart Bond should have been part of the project but was not included. Smart Bond Plan has to be posted on the website for thirty days, we have to hold a public hearing for the Smart Bond Plan, and then the Board will vote on the plan. The state is taking up to a year to approve Smart Bond plans.

Matthew Sheldon gave the Board a State Aid Update. We sent the state the total costs for 2016-2017 for transportation, supplies, etc. We do not have an updated State Aid Run.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the scoring of the State ELA and Math Assessments for 2017-2018. Last year the tests were scored regionally. We still had to send two or three teachers to score other schools tests. The state Math Assessment was scored on the Superintendent's Conference Day. Mr. Sheldon said he is proposing we use an outside vendor through the RIC to score the ELA and Math Assessments this year. The RIC brings in retired teachers to score the assessments. Training is provided. 7 and 8th ELA must be scored by certified teachers at that grade level. The consensus of the Board was to go ahead with the outside vendor for grading the 3-8 ELA and Math Assessments.

Matthew Sheldon shared with the Board a Debt Service Payments Schedule.

Matthew Sheldon talked with the Board about the Legislative Breakfast to be held at SUNY Oneonta on December 2nd.

Principal's Reports:

Katharine Smith updated the Board on Rtl and AIS. The determination for students receiving AIS has been changed by the SED. It is now a two-step process. AIS is recommended for students performing below scaled score set by SED and students scoring below the 40 percentile on the District's STAR Assessment. Teacher recommendation is also considered as is parental request for AIS services.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the 3-8 Test Administration, and Scoring. We will continue to administer paper exams. We will do computer based field testing again this year. We tried doing the state assessments on iPads and that didn't work very well, computers worked better for the assessments. The paper test will be consistent with the format of last year. It will be a two day and not a three day test. Within a classroom, students will have different forms of the exam.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the upcoming events. Area All State is at SUNY Oneonta on November 17 and 18. Early dismissal for grades PK-6 will be at 11:00 a.m. on November 21 for parent-teacher conferences. Holiday Concerts are as follows: PK-3 December 1 at 1:00, 4-6 Concert is December 14 at 7:00 p.m., 7-12 Concert is on December 19 at 7:00 p.m. The Winter Ball is on December 9th and the Senior Citizen Lunch is on December 21 at 10:00 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 11:00 on December 21.

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 8 were approved as presented on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0: (Item #3 was removed.)

1. Approval of Warrants # 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2017, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the School Tax Collector's Report for 2017 as presented.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the school tax refund of \$37 to Joan Peterson, tax map #187.00-1-48.00 for an adjustment for ENHANCED STAR.
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the school tax refund of \$778.13 to Bret Birnbaum for tax map #157.00-1-20.01. The property was reassessed.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the school tax refund of \$370.35 to Attilio and MaryBeth Comma for tax map #235.00-2-22.02. The property was reassessed.
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the District Reserves Plan as presented.

The following personnel items 1 and 2 and 4 through 9 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0: (Number 3 was removed.)

1. Approval of the resignation of James Beckert as a probationary cleaner retroactive to October 26, 2017.

2. Approval of Riccardo Osuna as a regular-run bus driver, retroactively to November 8, 2017. Mr. Osuna's salary will be \$13,305, prorated November 8, 2017 through June 19, 2018.
4. Approval of the following winter sports coaches for the 2017-2018 school year:
 - Boys Varsity Basketball – Gerard Joy with a stipend of \$3,190
 - Boys JV Basketball – Benjamin Richards with a stipend of \$2,687
 - Boys Modified Basketball – Logan Aikins with a stipend of \$1,767
 - Girls Varsity Basketball – Rhoda Flint with a stipend of \$4,426
 - Girls JV Basketball – Catherine Wetherbee with a stipend of \$2,846
 - Girls Modified Basketball – Sarah Saggese with a stipend of \$1,700
5. Approval of Connie Valentine as a substitute teacher (NC) retroactive to November 6, 2017 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.
6. Approval of Howard Hacker as a substitute teacher (NC) retroactive to November 2, 2017 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.
7. Approval of Karen Miller-Henry as a substitute teacher (NC) retroactive to November 9, 2017 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.
8. Approval of Carol Turnbull as a substitute teacher aide for the 2017-2018 school year.
9. Approval of Katrina Moore as a substitute teacher aide for the 2017-2018 school year.

Public Comment: None

The Board went into executive session at 7:36 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 Wendy Moore, seconded by Mary Dugan, and carried 4-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:07 p.m. on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0.

On the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0, the IEP's of the specified CPSE students' plans #2985 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

On the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0, the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans #3035 and 2857 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 8:10 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson
District Clerk