

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: December 16, 2021

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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

Board Member Absent: Emily Boss

Others Present: Dr. Shannon Babbie, Superintendent; Katharine Smith, Principal; Staff Amy Gerhartz; Students Aiden Moore, Ruby Jones, Fiona Ventura, Jason Strain, Triana Hawkins, Kendall Gould, Jackson Harp; Community Members Wayne Gerhartz, Victoria Pegg, Anne Goodwin, Kristin Winn, Todd Gould, Samantha VanEchaute, Tom Connelly

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2021 and the revised minutes of August 19, 2021 were approved as presented on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0. (August 19, 2021 minutes did not contain the Administrative items approved at the meeting.)

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Board President, Mary Dugan announced that during Public Comment the only topics that can be discussed are the items on the agenda. Concerns can be emailed to the Board at BOE@morriscsd.org. No one had any public comments about the items on the agenda.

Superintendent's Reports:

Dr. Babbie gave the Board an update about the Capital Project. After several thought exchanges and a meeting with Scott Duell from BCA the cost of the project, if everything was done is \$34,000,000. The project will be looked at and cuts will be made.

Dr. Babbie told the Board that the rules for spectators at Tri-Valley games are the same depending on the size of the gym.

Dr. Babbie talked to the Board about the Rotary Youth Exchange. Interviews for the GMU and MCS students were held. There are 18 slots open and 14 applications this year.

Principal's Reports:

Katharine Smith gave the Board an Assessment Update. For the first quarter, 68% of the students in grades 7-12 are on an achievement list. 98 out of 174 students were either on the Honor Roll, High Honor Roll or the Principal's List. Only 11% are failing one or more classes.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the ELA Pilot Program for grades K-8. The Pilot is still underway, with a few to complete the program. In January there will be a committee to look at the pros and cons of the program. After a review a decision will be made. It is a costly program and we want to make sure we get the right program.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about Upcoming Student Events. 12/21 is the PK-6 Concert at 1:00 p.m. it will be live streamed. The 7-12 concert was moved to 12/21 at 6:30 p.m. It is in the big gym and the audience will be limited. This program cannot be live streamed because of copy right issues. 12/22 is 11:00 dismissal for students and 1:00 dismissal for faculty and staff.

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, 2, 4, 6 and 7 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Michael Walling, and carried 4-0: (Item #3, Central Treasurer Report was removed because the bank statements had not been received in time for the meeting. Item #5 was tabled at Michael Walling's request to be discussed in executive session.)

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports and Warrants # 53, 54, and 55, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report and Bank Statements for the month of November 2021, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approve the creation of the Golf Club starting in the 2021-2022 school year, as attached. (See Attachment #1)
6. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports and Warrants # 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, and 61, as presented.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves BCA Architects and Engineers for doing the architectural drawings for the proposed Capital Project at a maximum cost of \$4,000.

The following personnel items 1 through 6 were approved as presented on the motion Wendy Moore, seconded by Michael Walling, and carried 4-0:

1. Approval of Wendy Johnson as a substitute teacher (NC), teacher aide and LTA for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. Approval of Aidan Mackey as a substitute teacher (NC), teacher aide, and LTA for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Approval of Joel Goodspeed as a substitute bus driver, retroactive to November 24 through December 6, 2021.
4. Approval of Joel Goodspeed as a probationary regular-run bus driver, retroactive to December 7, 2021. Mr. Goodspeed's salary is \$11,789, prorated December 7, 2021 through June 24, 2022.
5. Approval of the following CROP activity leaders for the 2021-2022 school year:

Roxanne Campo and Sarah Thornton with stipends of \$18.00 per hour.
6. Approval of Julene Waffle as the advisor for the Golf Club. Mrs. Waffle's stipend will be \$900.

Public Comment: Mary Dugan again reminded the public that the Board was only taking discussions on agenda items. She told the public that they could email their concerns to the Board. There were several parents that were very unhappy because they could not express their concerns or their opinions.

The Board went into executive session at 6:46 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation; invitation to Michael Iannelli to report on sports merger with Edmeston Central School; discussions regarding the capital project and CSE on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:56 p.m. on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Michael Walling, and carried 4-0.

On the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0: the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans # 2802 and 3128 were approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

BUSINESS:

5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves giving Amy Gerhartz, Director of Pupil Personnel the right to suspend students on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0.

The Board went back into executive at 8:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 9:30 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Judy B. Matson".

Judy B. Matson
District Clerk

Golf Club

The ultimate goal of Morris Central School's Golf Club Program is to instill a love for the life-time sport of golf. In addition, students will learn the fundamentals of golf and will be able to practice the sport throughout the year.

To reach these goals, the students will attend a variety of events that will show students the wide range of golf activities one might engage in on top of playing the traditional 9- or 18-holes. This program will encourage students to enjoy the outdoors, exercise, socialize, and be good sports. Another benefit of the program is that students who are members of The MCS Golf Club will have free greens fees for the year at Colonial Ridge Golf Course, MCS' home course.

The club will meet approximately once a month per year. Students may elect to meet more.

An approximate plan of events for the year are as follows (there are two events in June because we didn't meet in September, and, of course, if students have ideas, those will also be considered):

October

- Play 9-holes of the Impossible Pin Tournament on Sunday afternoon on October 17, 2021
OR
- Play 9-holes Sunday afternoon of October 24, 2021
- both events are free

November

- Play another 9 holes (the other side of the course) (depending on the weather, we might be inside on the simulators)
- free, Date TBA

December

- The Driving Range and practice areas at The Dome at Turning Stone (during the end of holiday break)
- between \$10-20 per person, Date TBA

January

- Indoor challenge, inside the school
- free, Date TBA

February

- Snow golf (and sledding)
- free, Date TBA

March

- indoor simulator golf tournament
- free, date TBA

April

- Driving Range at Oneonta Sports Park
- Price and Date TBA

May

- Glow Golf
- Price and Date TBA

June

- Mini golf (either Foolish Farms or Barn Yard Swing)
- Price and Date TBA
- Play at Colonial Ridge Golf
- free, Date TBA

July

- Summer Golf Program Begins
- details TBA
- Possible Junior Golf Tournament