

## MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Date of Meeting:** February 16, 2023

**Kind of Meeting:** Regular

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

**Others Present:** Jamie Maistros, Superintendent; Brian Breck, Principal; Staff Members Heather Grant, JoAnn Fredette; Students Jack Knapp, Christian Valentine, Jillian Maerz, Amber Reilly, J. J. Benjamin, Madeline Schiller, Skyler Feather

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2023 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

**Correspondence:** Mary Dugan shared a Christmas card from Shirley Newell with the Board.

**Public Comment:** Mary Dugan welcomed everyone to the Board meeting.

Heather Grant and JoAnn Fredette talked to the Board about the science curriculum. Mrs. Grant teaches Earth Science, Science 7, and Environmental Studies. Mrs. Fredette teaches Chemistry, College Biology, and Physics. Carlena Johnson, who was unable to attend the Board meeting, teaches Living Environment and Science 8. The teachers discussed some of the lessons they have taught so far this year. Soon the science department will have three STEM Master Teachers. Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Fredette already are and Mrs. Johnson is working on hers.

Mrs. Grant told the Board that the Science Club has 12 students and they will attend the Envirothon and Mrs. Grant described several activities the club has completed this year.

### **Superintendent's Reports:**

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the 2023-2024 Fiscal Budget. The projected state aid increase is 3%. Foundation Aid is fully funded. BOCES costs are up 5%. We are talking with Edmeston and Laurens about sharing special education programs. It is more cost effective to have a program here than to send our students to BOCES. Our Tax Cap is 4.7%. Mrs. Maistros talked to the Board about using some of the reserves to reduce the tax increase for next year.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the Capital Outlay Project and the Capital Project. The Capital Outlay Project bid came in over \$110,000, which is too high. We have removed the grease trap, some paint, and carpet from the safe and Mrs. Maistros' office. The work should be done during the April break. There are people trying to get the Capital Outlay Projects cap raised from \$100,000 to \$200,000. For the Capital Project some of the exterior doors scheduled to be replaced will have the weather stripping and the handles changed. The doors will not be replaced. They are talking about changing the carpeting in the elementary to tile, or half carpet and half tile. The architect wants to move the position of the softball field that was in the plans. They are afraid that foul balls will hit and damage parked cars. They are also concerned with the position of the field and the setting sun. Jason Abrams and Mallory Jorgensen went to see the bus garages in Afton, Oxford, and Central Valley. They would like some changes made to the bus garage design. They would like the garage fifty feet bigger and remove the pull through area. They would rather see the buses pulled in and backed out. The wash bay would be pull through. They would like a larger storage area.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the Marching Band. They will be competing at the Sherburne Pageant of Bands this year. They would rather not wear the wool uniforms. They would like to wear a band t-shirt instead. The Board felt the band should wear the uniform for the Memorial Parade but would



like the public opinion about t-shirts for the Pageant of Bands. Mrs. Maistros said the band would like a consensus from the Board but would probably purchase the t-shirts for the band.

### **Principal's Reports:**

Brian Breck talked to the Board about the State Education Graduation Report. The state follows a cohort starting in ninth grade through graduation. They look to see how many graduate in 4, 5 or 6 years. Our overall graduation rate last year was 96%, compared to the states 94%.

Brian Breck gave the Board the data from the second quarter. There were 133 students, 14 students were failing one or more classes, 19 students were on Honor Roll, 42 students were on High Honor, 44 students were on the Principal's list.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about school events. Mid-terms and January Regents are completed. We had half days on January 20 and 27. Professional Development was given to the aides during the afternoon, including deescalating students, helping students with behavior issues, testing accommodations, and confidentiality. Spirit Week was the week of February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about upcoming dates. 2/17 is the early dismissal drill at 2:35 and the Sweetheart Dance from 7 to 10 p.m. February Break is 2/20 through 2/24. Athletic Leadership Conference is 3/3.

**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 12 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 #71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, and 78, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2023 and the Bank Reconciliations for December and corrections to the Bank Reconciliations for the month of November 2022, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2023, as presented.
4. **Be it Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Budget Transfer Report totaling \$6,014.05, as presented.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Capital Reserve to the Capital Project Budget. It will be for Codes 023-2110-244, Legal Services, 023-2110-245, Architectural Services, and 023-2110-246, Survey and Engineering Services.
6. Approval of the 2023-2024 Morris Central School Calendar.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the merger of the Morris Central School varsity baseball team with the Edmeston Central School varsity baseball team for the 2022-2023 school year.
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the merger of the Morris Central School varsity softball team with the Edmeston Central School varsity softball team for the 2022-2023 school year.
9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the merger of the Morris Central School varsity and modified track team with the Edmeston Central School varsity and modified track team for the 2022-2023 school year.



10. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Capital Outlay Project Bid from Murnane Building Contractors as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education in accordance with Article 5-A of the general Municipal Law, invited bids for the Morris Central School Carpet Replacement Project ("Project"), which included No. 01 General Construction which bids were opened publicly on February 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, bids received by the District on Contract No. 1 (General Construction), which was reviewed by the District and its Architect (BCA) for responsiveness and responsibility.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of the Schools and District Architect, the following contract is awarded to the following lowest responsible bidder:

1. Contract No. 1 for General Construction for base Bid and Bid Item No. 1 (Field Order Allowance) in the total sum of \$114,000.00 is awarded to Murnane Building Contractors (note that Alternates No. GC-01 and GC-02 are rejected and not included in this award); and

The Superintendent of Schools, District Architect, and District Counsel are authorized to take all necessary actions to implement these contract awards, as attached. (See Attachment #1)

11. Approval of Claims Auditor's Reports and Warrants # 79 and 80, as presented.

12. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the agreement between Morris Central School and Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School to share an Occupational Therapist for the 2023-2024 school year. Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School is employing the Occupational Therapist. Morris Central School will utilize this provider at a level of 0.40 FTE and pay Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School 25% of the costs associated with employing this provider. The cost shall include both salary and benefits. Morris Central School will be billed quarterly.

**The following personnel items 1 through 8 were approved as presented on the motion of Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0:**

1. Approval of the resignation of Destiny Tomlins as a probationary teacher aide retroactive to January 25, 2023.
2. Approval of the resignation of Tritny Knapp as a probationary teacher aide retroactive to January 31, 2023.
3. Approval of the resignation of Rachel Wisniewski as a Licensed Teaching Assistant retroactive to January 31, 2023. Ms. Wisniewski's certification ran out January 31, 2023 and she is not renewing her certification.
4. Approval of Rachel Wisniewski as a probationary teacher aide, retroactive to February 1, 2023. Ms. Wisniewski's salary is \$17,784, prorated February 1 through June 23, 2023.
5. Approval of the resignation of Charles Jenison as a cleaner effective June 30, 2023.
6. Approval of the maternity leave for Deidra Forgit on or about May 26, 2023. Mrs. Forgit will use her remaining sick and personal days, when her days are gone, the remainder of her maternity leave will be unpaid.
7. Approval of the spring coaches for the 2023 season as follows:

Varsity Baseball – Patrick Harmer with a stipend of \$3,874



Modified Baseball – Michael Gregg with a stipend of \$2,006  
Varsity Softball – Julene Waffle with a stipend of \$3,439  
Modified Softball – Maria Deysenroth with a stipend of \$2,001  
Varsity Track – McKenzie Rhone with a stipend of \$2,700

8. Approval of Megan Jenison as a probationary teacher aide effective February 27, 2023. Ms. Jenison's salary will be \$17,661, prorated February 27 through June 23, 2023.

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

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

Policy #7512 – Student Physicals

**Public Comment:** Mary Dugan congratulated the varsity boys' basketball team for their successful season.

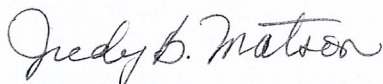
The Board went into executive session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues, contraction negotiations, and CSE on the motion Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:50 p.m. on the motion Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0.

On the motion of Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0, the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans #3128, 2905, 3012, 3113, 2642, 3001, and 3000 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 8:51 p.m. without further discussion on the motion Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson  
District Clerk



February 14, 2023



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**Mrs. Jamie Maistros**  
Superintendent of Schools  
Morris CSD  
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Morris, New York 13808

Re: **Morris Central School District**  
2022 100K Outlay Carpet Replacement Project  
SED Control No.: 47-12-01-04-0-001-014 Morris Central School  
BCA Project No. 2022-090

Dear Mrs. Maistros,

We are pleased to provide a summary of the bid results for the above-mentioned project. As you know, on February 9, 2023, we received a single General Construction bid for this project. The Bid Tab showing the bid result is attached for your information. Upon review and discussion, we offer the apparent low bidder as follows:

<b>Contract No. 1 - General Construction</b>		
Murnane Building Contractors	Base Bid	\$ 111,000.00
15 Wood Road	Bid Item No. 1 Field Directive Allowance	\$ 3,000.00
Whitesboro, NY 13492		
(315) 736-0879	<b>Total Bid</b>	<b>\$ 114,000.00</b>

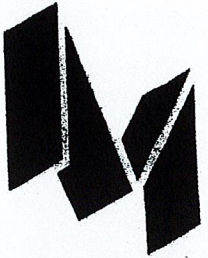
As the cost of the construction exceeds the amount of the project, we have asked Murnane to value engineer the scope of work to reduce costs. The following change orders have been review and accepted which will allow for the project costs to come in under the required amount for the project.

<b>Deduct Change Orders</b>	<b>Change Order Amount</b>
1-01: Floor Paint Removal Credit	(\$ 10,000.00)
1-02: Grease Trap Replacement Credit	(\$ 23,500.00)
<b>Total Deduct Change Orders:</b>	<b>(\$ 33,500.00)</b>

The overall project can be summarized as follows:

**CAPITAL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COST SUMMARY:**

<b>Proposed Contract Award</b>	<b>Total Bid</b>
Contract No. 1 General Construction: Murnane Building Contractors	\$ 114,000.00
Proposed Incidental Cost	\$ 16,625.00
Total Deduct Change orders:	\$ (33,500.00)
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$ 97,125.00</b>



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February 13, 2023

Mr. John Sokol  
BCA Architects & Engineers  
798 Cascadilla Street, Suite C  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Re: Morris CSD 2022 Capital Outlay Project  
Change Request

John,

Murnane offers a credit to eliminate the new grease trap as depicted on Sheet P1-100. No work at this location under this scenario.

Net Credit:

\$ (23,500)

← \$10,500 Material  
\$13,000 Labor

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Andy Kantor  
Vice President  
Murnane Building Contractors, Inc.





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Re: Morris CSD 2022 Capital Outlay Project  
Change Request

John,

Murnane offers a credit to eliminate Note 4 (Removal of Floor Paint) from Sheet A-101. Instead, we propose to go over the existing painted finish with primer and carpet adhesive suitable for that condition.

Net Credit: \$ (10,000)

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Andy Kantor  
Vice President  
Murnane Building Contractors, Inc.

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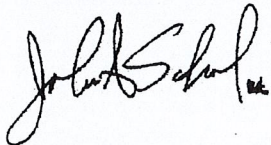
- From discussions, research and professional interactions we believe the low bid company appears to be able to perform the work as planned.
- BCA has discussed the work and the bids with the contractor, and they have indicated that they are comfortable with their bid and the project schedule. Post-bid information has been requested, including their Contractor Qualification Statements and those will be forwarded on to District once received.

In summary, BCA Architects & Engineers, takes no exception to the award of the prime contract, Contract No. 1 General Construction to Murnane Building Contractors, subject to the final review of their Contractor's Qualification Statements by our office and your Attorney; and also contingent upon the submission of the appropriate and acceptable bonds and insurances as required by the Contract Documents.

Upon your direction and on your behalf, we will prepare and forward the Notice of Award and Contract Agreements to the contractor. Once they have submitted all required documents, and they have been reviewed and approved by the District and BCA, a Notice to Proceed will be forwarded to you for Signature. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

**BCA ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS**



John A. Sokol, RA  
Principal

Attachments: Change Order Proposal: Floor Paint Removal Credit  
Change Order Proposal: Grease Trap Replacement Credit  
Bid Tabulation Sheet

Cc: K. Asay (BCA)



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