

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: March 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 Alison Dening, Teresa Kane, Michael Wais; Students Jack Knapp, Christian Valentine, Jillian Maerz, Amber Reilly, J. J. Benjamin, Madeline Schiller, Lincoln Waffle

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 2023 were approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Sarah Bradshaw and Jason Schwartz from Bernard P. Donegan. Inc. talked to the Board about the Five-Year Financial Plan.

Teresa Kane talked to the Board about her math curriculum. She told the Board that college credits are available for algebra 2.

Superintendent's Reports:

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the two locations the architects are suggesting for the softball field. The soil boring samples taken came back good. Mrs. Maistros is attending the village meeting next week to discuss the soil sampling. Teresa DeLaurentiis would like to see the trees that are taken down, replaced.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the 2023-2024 Budget. We are at a budget increase of 4.46% and a tax increase of 3.24%. We are looking at ways to reduce both the budget and tax increase. Mrs. Maistros discussed the increase in the cost of special education. We are looking into shared services because of the high cost through BOCES and taking tuition students from other districts.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the transportation plan if there was an accident. We have been advised by the legal department that no one without a CDL should be transporting students. We had discussed coaches driving the team, but without a CDL license we were advised that this should not happen.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the Village Library of Morris requesting an increase of \$7,215 in taxes this year. This brings the total up to \$65,000. The consensus of the Board was to put the increase on the ballot and let the voters decide.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about possible banking changes. Community Bank would like to be our bank of record. Our General Fund goes into NBT and then is moved to Community. There are interest bearing money market account that money can be put into that earns 4.2% interest instead of .02%. The Auditors advise that we should not have all the money in one bank. The consensus of the Board was to make Community Bank our bank of record but to leave the NBT account open.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about transitioning our website to a different provider. It should be more user friendly.

Principal's Reports:

Brian Breck talked to the Board about school events. There was a Pops Concert on March 8, 2023. Students in grades four through twelve sang or played popular music. The concert was about an hour long.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about the student teachers we have at Morris. There are six student teachers. Four are in the elementary grades, one each in first, third, fourth and sixth grades. There is also a student teacher in Mr. Harmer's and Mrs. Grant's rooms.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about field trips. There was an Athletic Conference on March 3rd. The Athletic Club brought five juniors and a coach to Clarks Sports Center for a Student Athlete Leadership Conference. Students in grades eleven and twelve went to see Of Mice and Men at the Sidney Central School auditorium.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about the AI software. Julene Waffle assigned her students to write an original poem. She noticed something wrong with one of the poems. She ran the poem through a Google program looking for plagiarism, but it didn't find any. She was aware of a program that generated poems. She had a discussion with the class about it not being plagiarism but it was not an original. The student admitted using the program. We plan on doing some professional development about these programs with the teachers.

Brian Breck told the Board that during Spirit Week we had Teacher Swap (Students dressed like teachers and teachers dressed like students), Valentine's day, PJ Day, Hawaiian Day and Color Wars Day.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about some upcoming dates. 3/17 is Superintendent's Conference Day, 3/17 and 3/18 Spring Musical Play, 3/24 Corning Glass Field trip, 4/3-4/10 Spring Break.

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 1-10 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of the Claims Auditor's Reports and Warrants #81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, and 87, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of February, Bank Reconciliations for January 2023 and an updated Bank Reconciliation for December 2022, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2023, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the certified vote held on March 8, 2023 for approval of a bus purchase as follows:

Yes: 68 No: 4 Total: 72

5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Election Officials for the Bus Vote held on March 8, 2023 as follows:

Carol Tyson, Marillyn Boggs, Lois Jones, Elaine Frederick, Michael and Barbara Virgil
Chief Election Officers Lisa Galbreth and Virginia Robertson

6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following resolution for bonding our bus purchase approved by the voters on March 8, 2023:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 16, 2023 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF A SCHOOL BUS, AUTHORIZING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, as attached. (See Attachment #1)

7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C. as the External Auditor for the 2022-2023 audit at a cost of \$12,500, retroactive to March 9, 2023.
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the changes in the Tentative Agreement of the Morris Teachers Association Contract for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.
9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Education Services of the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the Administrative Budget document during the school year 2023-2024.
10. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the following:

There are three (3) vacancies, each for a three-year term, commencing July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026. The following three (3) candidates have been nominated for three (3) vacant seats on the BOCES Board of Education. Each component district shall be entitled to one vote for each vacant seat. The District Clerk or other officer authorized to certify that the Board resolution was adopted, shall complete this ballot by placing an (“X”) next to the names of each candidate for whom the vote has been cast, and by completing the certification at the bottom of the ballot.

The three candidates are Joseph Ballard, Kurt Holcherr, and Al Rubin

The following personnel items 1-8 were approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of Bryan Matson as a probationary cleaner retroactive to February 27, 2023. Mr. Matson's salary will be \$29,536, prorated February 27 through June 30, 2023.
2. Approval of Stephani Michalak as a substitute teacher aide for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Approval of an Extra Challenging Stipend for Lisa Marino retroactive to February 17, 2023. The stipend is \$1,235, prorated February 17 through June 23, 2023. If the position no longer calls for an Extra Challenging Stipend, it will be removed.
4. Approval of Maria Deysenroth as a GED Supervisor with a stipend of \$18.00 per hour.
5. Approval of Michael D'Amico as an unpaid assistant coach for track for the 2023 season.
6. Approval of Liana Garry as a substitute teacher (NC) for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
7. Approval of Katarzyna Baker as the modified track coach for the 2023 season. Mrs. Baker's stipend will be \$1,300.
8. Approval of the resignation of Ashley Johnson as a probationary elementary guidance counselor effective June 30, 2023.

The following Administrative item numbers 1 and 2 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 second reading and approval of the revisions to the following policy:

Policy #7512 – Student Physicals

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

Policy #5678 – Computer Resources and Data Management, and the attached procedures

Public Comment: None

The Board went into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues, contraction negotiations, and CSE on the motion Emily Boss, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:04 p.m. on the motion Russell Tilley, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 5-0.

On the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0, the IEP's of the specified CPSE students' plan 3190 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 9:05 p.m. without further discussion on the motion Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson
District Clerk

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ADOPTING BOND RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District, New York, held at the District Offices in Morris, New York, on the 16th day of March, 2023:

PRESENT: Mary Dugan, Russell Tilley, Emily Boss, Wendy Moore,
Teresa DeLaurentiis

ABSENT: None

Russell Tilley presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Emily Boss:

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WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Morris Central School District, New York, at a special meeting of such voters duly held on March 8, 2023, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the specific object or purpose hereinafter described; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Morris Central School District has undertaken or shall undertake certain capital expenditures, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. The Morris Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its General Obligation Serial Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$160,609, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the specific object or purpose described herein.

Section 3. The specific object or purpose to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is the acquisition of one (1) 65-passenger school bus, at an estimated maximum cost of \$160,609.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum aggregate cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$160,609, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor, (b) the Morris Central School District plans to finance the cost of said purpose entirely from funds raised by the issuance of said Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes hereinafter referred to, and (c) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is five (5) years.

Section 6. The Morris Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$160,609, and is hereby authorized to issue renewals thereof, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York in order to finance the purpose in anticipation of the issuance of the above described Bonds.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) there are presently no outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipating of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the Morris Central School District reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Section 9. The faith and credit of the Morris Central School District, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes as the same respectively become due and payable. And annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 10. The power to further authorize the issuance of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law of New York, including without limitation, the consolidation with other

issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, whether to authorize the receipt of bids in an electronic format, and to sell and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. The President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature any Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and are hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes the corporate seal of the School District and to attest the same.

Section 11. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full by the District Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District. The validity of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

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STATE OF NEW YORK }
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COUNTY OF OTSEGO } ss:

I, the undersigned clerk of the Morris Central School District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

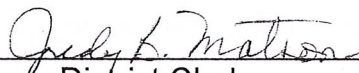
1. A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District, State of New York, was held on March 16, 2023, and Minutes of said meeting have been duly recorded in the Minute Book kept by me in accordance with law for the purpose of recording the minutes of meetings of said Board.

2. I have compared the attached Extract with said Minutes so recorded and said Extract is a true copy of said Minutes and of the whole thereof insofar as said Minutes relate to matters referred to in said Extract.

3. Said Minutes correctly state the time and place when said Meeting was convened and the place where such meeting was held and the members of said Board who attended said Meeting.

4. Public Notice of the time and place of said Meeting was duly posted and duly given to the public and the news media in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, constituting Chapter 511 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York, as modified by the Governor's COVID-19 Executive Orders, if applicable, and that all members of said Board had due notice of said Meetings and that the Meeting was in all respects duly held and a quorum was present and acted throughout.

5. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have hereunto affixed the corporate seal of the Morris Central School District this 21 day of March, 2023.



District Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE PURSUANT TO
LOCAL FINANCE LAW SECTION 81.00

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, was adopted on March 16, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such bond resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Morris Central School District is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Judy B. Matson
District Clerk
Morris Central School District,
New York

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PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH
SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING
OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Object or Purpose: the acquisition of one (1) 65-passenger school bus, at an estimated maximum cost of \$160,609.

Period of Probable Usefulness and
Maximum Permissible Term of Any Borrowing: five (5) years.

Amount of Debt Obligations Authorized: up to \$160,609.

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the School District Clerk of the Morris Central School District, Morris, New York.

Dated: March 16, 2023
Morris, New York