

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: January 17, 2019

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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

Others Present: Matthew Sheldon, Superintendent; Katharine Smith, Principal; Students Alyssia Maerz, Anthony Schoentube, Nate Edwards, Renate Carrabba, Alexi Baran, Elizabeth Thompson, Ben Child, Brandon Richards

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 20, 2018 was approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: Matthew Sheldon congratulated Matthew Murphy for scoring 1,000 points as a varsity player. Matthew reached 1,000 points on January 16, 2019.

Superintendent's Reports:

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the 2019-2020 Budget. According to the governor's speech, Education Aid is supposed to increase 3.6 percent. The state aid run showed we may receive more in some areas but less in other areas. We are waiting to see what the legislative proposal is going to be.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about a possible Capital Outlay Project. The project has to be \$100,000 or less. The project being considered calls for repair to the EIFS system outside the cafeteria, the fire stop in the ceiling in the elementary, some ceramic tiles in the elementary, and lighting upgrades. We have to call in an architect. The project becomes part of the budget and if approved is sent to the state for approval.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the auditorium lighting. We need to add three spotlights on each side. We couldn't do this as part of the project. Part of the cost will be covered by the \$25,000 sent to Morris Central School from Assemblyman Magee.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about NYSERDA Energy benchmarking. The company does a three-year benchmark of our energy costs so see where we could save money. There is no cost to the school.

Principal's Reports:

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the upcoming events. There will be a second lock down before the end of the second quarter. 11 students will have work on display at the Hartwick College High School Art Exhibition titled "Climate: Personal, Political, Environmental!" on January 24th from 4 to 6 p.m. Spirit Week begins January 28th. Attendance Hero Celebration is scheduled January 31st but may have to be rescheduled. Midterms continue tomorrow and next week Tuesday and Wednesday. Regents exams are given next week. Early Dismissal for Pre-K through 12 is January 25th for a teacher contractual day and January 30th for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Snow date for the conferences is February 7th. The Spelling Bee is scheduled for February 6th. 10th grade BOCES visit is on February 5th. The Drama Club Production is February 14th and 15th at 7:00 p.m. Winter Break is February 18th through 22nd. The basketball events are as follows: January 25th is Girls Senior Night, February 11th is Boys Senior Night, February 1st and 2nd are the first days of the Tri Valley Playoffs.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the Class of 2019 requests to change the destination and dates for their senior trip. The class will not be able to earn enough money for the trip to Orlando, Florida. The class would like to go to Virginia Beach and rent the same house that was rented last year. They request the dates be changed to April 27 through April 30, 2019. They are hoping the weather will be better later in the month. The change in the senior trip is on the agenda for approval at this meeting.

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 8 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0:

- 1 Approval of the Warrants #45, 46, 47, 48, 49, and 50, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2018, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Reports for the months of November and December 2018, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves merging the Morris Central School Modified and Varsity Track Teams with the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School Modified and Varsity Track Teams for the 2018-2019 school year.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District does not wish to retain the following equipment or components, as it is obsolete, no longer functional or operational and declares the following equipment as surplus in accordance with Board Policy #5250 and will be disposed of accordingly:

Laptop #000544

6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Matthew Sheldon purchasing laptop #000544, which has been declared surplus, for \$50.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the creation of the Rebecca Douglas Siegfried Scholarship Fund. The criterion is as follows:

The scholarship is offered in the memory of Rebecca Douglas Siegfried whose life was cut tragically short in 2018. Rebecca was a 1998 graduate of Morris Central School and leaves behind a legacy of helping children and putting others' needs before her own. Recognized for her abilities to bring about the best in others, Rebecca's talents to help others will be memorialized through the recipient of this scholarship.
 1. Student must be a senior in high school and a resident of the Morris Central School District.
 2. Student must be planning to attend an accredited post-secondary (college or university) full-time in pursuit of a field involving helping children.
 3. Student must have a 3.0 GPA or higher
 4. Student must demonstrate their writing skills through a 500 word essay on how they intend to help children utilizing their college education.

8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the change of location and dates for the senior trip. The trip will now be to Virginia Beach, Virginia from April 27 through April 30, 2019. The class was not going to be able to finance the trip to Orlando, Florida.

There were no personnel items for the month of January 2019.

Public Comment: None

The Board went into executive session at 6:55 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, negotiations, and CSE on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0.

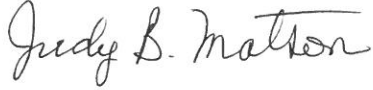
The Board came out of executive session at 7:48 p.m. on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

On the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0; the IEP's of the specified CPSE students' plans #3085 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

On the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0; the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans #2352 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 7:49 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Russell Tilley, 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