

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: March 21, 2019

Kind of Meeting: Regular

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

Board Members Absent: Emily Boss

Others Present: Matthew Sheldon, Superintendent; Katharine Smith, Principal; Staff Members Marjorie Bourgeois, Nicole Briguglio, Dana Sheldon, Kristine van Ingen; Students John Oliver, Devin Alger, William Ranc, Nate Edwards, Anthony Schoentube, Jacob Walling, Renate Carraba

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 2019 was approved as presented on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Matthew Sheldon congratulated Jacob Walling, Nick Ventura, Chino Osuna, and Ashley Harrington for being inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at BOCES.

Jacob Walling, Anthony Schoentube, Renate Carrabba, and William Ranc gave the Board a report about Honor Society. They described the four criteria, Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character, for being in Honor Society. Scholarship – you must keep you average at 90% or above, work hard on your classes, and challenge yourself to take the harder courses. Service – you must volunteer for school and community events. Leadership – you must show leadership in class, problem solve at events, have good time management, etc. Character – you must have good character, know right from wrong, and be respectful to others.

Marjorie Bourgeois and Nicole Briguglio talked to the Board about their second grade curriculum. They described The Daily Five. It is used during reading group time. The students not reading with Mrs. Briguglio and Mrs. Bourgeois work independently at one of the five centers. They all contain reading or spelling work for them to do. Ideally they do all five during the reading time, but must complete all five by the end of the week.

Kristine van Ingen gave the Board a report about her art curriculum. Ms. van Ingen presented a slide show for the Board with various student art projects completed this school year. It showed the different mediums and colors used during art class.

Superintendent's Reports:

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the 19-20 Budget. There is a \$366,867 increase in the budget over last year. We are still waiting for state aid information. At this point, the tax increase is 2.96%. Our tax cap is 2.51%. Mr. Sheldon expects the tax increase to go down when we know what our state aid is going to be.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the Reserves. We used some of the EBLAR Reserve for payment to people that retired last year. Mr. Sheldon said we are not planning on using any reserves this year.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the Architectural Services for the Outlay Project of \$100,000 or less, we expect to do next year. We have been working with BCA on our project and would like to continue with them for the Outlay Project. We are hoping to send the project to the state right after the budget vote if its approved by the voters. The Architectural Services is about 12% of the \$100,000 project.

Principal's Reports:

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the upcoming state assessments. The ELA Assessment will be given April 2 and 3, the Math Assessment is May 1 and 2. A letter was sent home last week with the testing dates. A reminder will go home next week. We have received one letter of refusal for two siblings, so far. We have not been notified about any possible field testing for the 3-8 exams for this year. We are field testing Regents exams this year.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the upcoming student events. The High School Musical is March 29 and 30 at 7:00 p.m. The PK-3 Spring Concert is April 10 at 10:00 a.m. April 12 will be added to the spring break if we do not use an emergency day before that day. The other unused snow day will be May 28 if we do not use an emergency day before then.

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 Russell Tilley, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0:

1. Approval of the Warrants #64, 65, 66, and 67, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2019, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Reports for the month of February 2019, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the agreement with Unadilla Valley School District to share a Physical Therapist. The Morris Central School District agrees to pay Unadilla Valley \$15,866 for the services of a .2 FTE Physical Therapist for the 2018-2019 school year, retroactive to September 1, 2018.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the transfer of \$100,000 from the general fund balance to increase capital sub-fund for the current main building project to offset capital fund expenditures.
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the use of EBLAR reserve in the amount of \$34,475 for retirement, sick time buyouts, to increase the following codes:

A-2110-100 - \$7,500
A-2110-120 - \$15,000
A-2110-130 - \$8,175
C-2860-160-01 - \$3,800
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District accepts the \$25,000 donated to the general budget from William Magee.
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the transfer of \$25,000 from the general fund balance (A3289) to the following codes:

A-1620-400 - \$16,147.40
A-2110-400 - \$6,700.00
A-2110-450 - \$2,151.60

The following personnel items 1 and 2 were approved as presented on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0:

1. Approval of an unpaid leave for the 2019-2020 school year for Catherine Wetherbee, a probationary Librarian, for personal reasons.

2. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton coach, Greg DuVall, for the merged Morris and GMU modified and varsity Track and Field teams for the 2018-2019 school year.

The following Administrative item #1 was approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Mary Dugan, and carried 4-0: *gpm*

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 policies:

#5761 – Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers – (Name Change)

#7530 – Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Public Comment: None

The Board went into executive session at 7:14 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 Mary Dugan, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:54 p.m. on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0.

On the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0; the IEP's of the specified CPSE students' plans #3002 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 Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0; the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans #2658 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 7:55 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson
District Clerk