

## MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Date of Meeting:** April 11, 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 Alison Dening, Brittney Gregg, Teresa Kane; Students John Oliver, Devin Alger, Marissa Romer, Anna Pavelkova

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 21, 2019 was approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** None

Alison Dening, Brittney Gregg, and Teresa Kane talked to the Board about their math curriculum. They will be using a new Algebra program next year that was created by teachers. Oneonta has used the program for several years. The program comes with videos to show the students different math problems and the concepts. It is a one year subscription.

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

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the 2019-2020 Fiscal Budget. We received \$32,000 more in state aid. Money will be added to EBLAR for Frank Walls. The tax increase is 1.76%, which is below our tax cap. Mr. Sheldon said it was a good budget and was not bare bones.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the ESSA Training (Every Student Succeeds Act) he attended. ESSA replaces No Child Left Behind. ESSA measures student achievement on 3-8 State Tests and high school scores for ELA, Math, Science Regents, etc. and holds the schools responsible for student achievement. We are still a District In Good Standing.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about bonding for the capital project that is almost finished. We are going through DASNY for the bonding. Closing will be in June 2019. They will be finishing the last few items that need to be done during the spring break for certification. The sidewalks will be done the end of June.

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

Katharine Smith gave the Board an Assessment Update. We had five refusals in the building for the ELA State Assessment. We had a total participation rate of 95%. In 2018 we had 18 refusals for an 89% participation rate. We usually have more refusals for the Math State Assessment. The ELA was untimed; some students took quite a lot of time for the test on Day 2, which was more reading and writing than Day 1. Both ELA and Math Assessments will be scored through our Regional Information Center this year.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about upcoming student events. On April 24, Heather Grant and Carlena Johnson are taking students to the Envirothon at Gilbert Lake. On April 26, Heather Grant is taking the seventh graders that were interested to the Food Summit in Cooperstown. The Science Club is hosting a Clean Up Day to celebrate Earth Day on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Senior Trip is Saturday April 27 through Tuesday April 30. The fourth grade will be going to NYSEG for the annual The Power of Safety program. Safety Patrol Trip is May 11 through May 14. Kindergarten Screening is May 16 and 17. The 7-12 Spring Concert is May 16 at 7 p.m. The Academic Fair is on May 21 from 6 to 8 p.m.

**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 9 were approved as presented on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0:**

1. Approval of the Warrants # 68, 69, 70, and 71, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2019, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2019, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the revote for the Bus Bond Resolution as follows: (The Bus Bond had to be voted on again because we only had 3 Board members present. Even though that is a quorum, you must have four members voting on bond resolutions.) (3/4 of the Board)

BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 11, 2019 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES, 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)

5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves Superintendent Matthew Sheldon to cast one vote in approval of the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Administrative Budget for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented. The Board also approves Superintendent Matthew Sheldon to cast one vote each for the three candidates running for the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Board of Education. The candidates running for the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Board of Education are Paul Beisler, Antoinette Hall, and Keith Parr. Terms are for 2019-2022, and the two candidates appointed to fill the remaining two years for the 2018-2021 terms, Johnnie Nemec and Jacqueline Parry.
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves BCA Architects and Engineers for the \$100,000 Outlay Project, pending voter approval of the budget.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the request of \$420 from the Morris Beautification Committee for May 2019 through the fall of 2019. The Morris Beautification Committee plants tulips and prepares flowerpots for the school property.
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the IPA with ONC BOCES to purchase a server, whiteboards and projectors at an estimated cost of \$15,775.65 to be financed over five years.
9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the IPA with ONC BOCES to purchase five copiers and management software for each copier at an estimated cost of \$19,005.69 to be financed over three years.

**The following personnel items 1 through 4 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0:**

1. Approval of Morgan Brashear as a one-year long-term substitute for Catherine Wetherbee for the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Brashear's salary will be \$39,000.
2. Approval of the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Frank Walls, Transportation Supervisor, effective August 30, 2019.

3. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Addendum of the 2018-2019 Terms of Employment for Frank Walls. Upon retirement Mr. Walls will receive \$65 instead of \$50 per day for his unused sick and vacation days for a maximum of \$15,000. Mr. Walls will also receive a one-time payment of \$15,000 upon retirement. Mr. Walls is not taking health insurance from Morris Central School after he retires he is getting health insurance from another source. From July 1 through August 30, 2019, Mr. Walls will be paid hourly at a rate of \$24.62 per hour. This is Mr. Walls hourly rate from 2018-2019.
4. Approval of Taryn Ostroff as a substitute teacher (NC), teacher aide, and LTA for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

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

1. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the transportation of Autumn and Hannah Pope to the Valley Heights Christian Academy in Norwich for the 2019-2020 school year.
2. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the transportation of Heyden Blackburn to the Valley Heights Christian Academy in Norwich for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Public Comment:** None

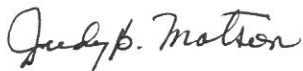
The Board went into executive session at 6:58 p.m. to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, negotiations, and CSE on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Mary Dugan, and carried 4-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:28 p.m. on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0.

On the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 4-0; the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans #3095 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 7:29 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 4-0.

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019:

PRESENT: Margaret Caezza, Wendy Moore, Mary Dugan, Russell Tilley

ABSENT: Emily Boss

Mary Dugan presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Wendy Moore

BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 11, 2019 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES, 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.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Morris Central School District, New York, at a special meeting of such voters duly held on February 14, 2019, 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 objects or purposes 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 \$199,791, 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 65-passenger propane school bus and one 30-passenger wheelchair accessible school bus.

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 \$199,791, 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 \$199,791, 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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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 April 11, 2019, 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, 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 11 day of April, 2019.

  
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District Clerk

To Be Published in Each Official Newspaper After Adoption

LEGAL NOTICE PURSUANT TO  
LOCAL FINANCE LAW SECTION 81.00

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, was adopted on April 11, 2019, 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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Object or Purpose: the acquisition of one 65-passenger propane school bus and one 30-passenger wheelchair accessible school bus, at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$199,791.

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

Amount of Debt Obligations Authorized: up to \$199,791.

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: April 11, 2019  
Morris, New York