

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: August 23, 2018

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Board Members Present: Margaret Caezza, Emily Boss, Russell Tilley

Board Members Absent: Wendy Moore, Mary Dugan

Others Present: Matthew Sheldon, Superintendent; Katharine Smith, Principal; Staff Member Kim Murray, Caitlin Smith; Students Anthony Schoentube, Nate Edwards, Austin Ward, William Ranc, Zoe Rude, Jacob Walling; Community Member Daphne Thompson

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

The minutes of the re-organizational meeting of July 12, 2018 was approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 3-0.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 12, 2018 was approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 3-0.

Correspondence: Margaret Caezza read thank you notes from Jacob Walling, Kim Wilson, and Jessica Walling.

Public Comment: None

Members of the Class of 2019 talked to the Board about their senior trip. They raised \$1,000 this summer doing a bottle drive, yard sale and car wash. The cost of the trip is \$613 per person and there are 25 students signed up to go to Orlando, Florida on April 4 through April 7, 2019. The class has other fundraising planned. The trip is on the agenda for Board approval tonight.

Kimberly Murray gave the Board the annual Special Education Report. In 2016-2017 we had 372 students, 88 were students with disabilities. For 2018-2019 we have a projected 87 students with disabilities which is 23% of the student population. We have six special education teachers. We have two students from Laurens and two students from Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton coming to our special education classes. We try to have the students in the least restrictive program possible.

Kimberly Murray also talked to the Board about Response to Intervention (RtI). At the summer meeting they felt that attendance was a real issue for the success of the students. We are starting a Hero Attendance Program to improve student attendance. There will be monthly incentives.

Kimberly Murray talked to the Board about some Federal Grants. Title I we receive funds to improve academic instruction for low income, disadvantage students. Title II is for preparing, recruiting, and training teachers. The grant can be used for class size reduction. Title IV is for safe, drug free schools. It covers part of the counseling for suicide, drug, and violence prevention, etc.

Caitlin Smith talked to the Board about CROP. The summer CROP was four weeks from 8:00 a.m. noon except for Wednesday, which was all day. Each week was a different theme. For 2018-2019, Ms. Smith said all partners are returning. They want to do another cooking night this year and maybe a gardening night for the students and parents. Ms. Smith showed the Board a slide show from summer CROP. Katharine Smith said the summer CROP was well organized and Ms. Smith and Mrs. Turner did a great job.

Daphne Thompson talked to the Board about the Morris Alumni Association's wish to collaborate with the Class of 2019. They want to encourage the Class of 2019 to make a contribution to the school and they will be provided an alumni cord to wear at graduation. They want each class member to make a contribution to the class of \$20.19. The alumni will make a matching contribution up to \$500 if each student joins the effort. The funds can be used to make an improvement or addition to the school with the approval of the Board.

Superintendent's Reports:

Matthew Sheldon gave the Board an update on the capital project. Mr. Sheldon told the Board the project is moving slowly and there have been some issues. There was a meeting with the architect and National Building can be fined \$1,000 a day for every day past the day they said they would be finished. Gym floor is finished. The uninvents will not be here until mid-October. As of September 15th we must maintain the building at 65 degrees. The electricians are finished and waiting for some fans to put in rooms for venting. We are waiting for doors and bullet proof glass for the secure area for the reception desk. Hubner is waiting for the doors in order to fix the swipe system. The fields are delayed until after homecoming. The roof has been started.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the Name Clearing Hearing. The hearing was canceled and a signed agreement has been taken care of.

Matthew Sheldon talked the Board about the 2017-2018 Fiscal Close Out Status. Mr. Sheldon said the Unappropriated Fund Balance cannot be over 4%. We are moving \$200,000 to the Capital Reserve and \$30,000 to the Capital Reserve for the purpose of vehicle purchases. We are looking at projects that cost less than \$100,000 for next year. The efface system needs to be cleaned, the carpeting in the offices was taken out of the project, the parking lot is getting in rough shape. These are possibilities.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the fall sports. We have 20 for modified girls' soccer, 24 for modified boys' soccer, 22 for varsity girls' soccer and 19 for varsity boys' soccer signed up. Mr. Iannelli is looking for teams for the Homecoming games. Some schools do not have enough athletes for a team.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about increasing the amount of counseling support for the students. Mary Velez, certified counselor, will be working with students a couple of afternoons a week as soon as we find out how many students need the service.

Principal's Reports:

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the 3 through 8 testing. The State has embargoed the test results and they will not be released until late September. The scores cannot be discussed until the release. All teachers K through 12 will receive one grade. Teachers in grades 4 through 8 and the principal will receive a second grade.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the June Regents. The August Regents has not been scored yet.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about opening conference days. We are giving the teachers more time in their classroom. Because of the construction they were not able to get in their rooms over the summer. There will be two staff meetings on both days.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about BOCES Staff Development. Jackie Frederick is leaving BOCES to become the Dean of Students at Andes. Some staff development will be done during the faculty meetings.

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 10 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 3-0:

1. Approval of Warrants June 29, 2018 #90, 91, 92 93, and 2018-2019 #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2018, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Reports for the month of July 2018, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Class of 2019 Senior Trip to the Universal Studios Grant-Bash in Orland, Florida, April 4 through April 7, 2019. The estimated cost is \$650 per person.

5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Tax Warrant for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$2,997,471, amount of the Library Tax is \$57,785, as attached. (See Attachment #1)
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District accepts the \$2,195,000 Bond Anticipation Notes bids for the Capital Project. The bid was awarded to NBT Bank with a 2.02% interest rate, retroactive to August 15, 2018. The other bids were as follows: Oppenheimer & Co. 2.06797%; Jefferies LLC 2.16449%; and Greene County Commercial Bank 2.34%.
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Final AS-7 Contract for 2017-2018 BOCES Services at a cost of \$1,650,858.96, retroactive to July 31, 2018, as presented.
8. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves transferring \$30,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the Capital Reserve for the purpose of purchasing school vehicles.
9. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves transferring \$200,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the Capital Reserve.
10. Approval of Kelly Catella as the Foster Care Liaison for the 2018-2019 school year.

The following personnel items 1 through 16 were approved as presented on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 3-0:

1. Approval of the resignation of Logan Aikins, as a probationary PE/Health teacher, effective August 31, 2018.
2. Approval of the resignation of Danielle Tyler, as a probationary teacher aide, retroactive to August 8, 2018.
3. Approval of the probationary appointment of Jill Foerster as cafeteria manager effective August 29, 2018. Ms. Foerster's salary will be \$32,000.
4. Approval of Michael Gregg as a summer school social studies teacher, retroactive to July 7, 2018, for one session. Mr. Gregg's stipend will be \$1,900.
5. Approval of Joanne Telfer as the advisor for Spanish Honor Society for the 2018-2019 school year. This position is unpaid.
6. Approval of the salary increase for Kristine van Ingen from \$56,000 to \$57,000. Ms. van Ingen was appointed in July as a probationary art teacher effective August 29, 2018.
7. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded Russell Tilley, and carried 3-0, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:

a) Name of Appointee:	Roxanne Harrison
b) Tenure Area:	Elementary Education
c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Service:	August 29, 2018
d) Expiration Date of Appointment*:	August 29, 2022
e) Certification Status:	Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), Conditional Initial (1-year), Exp. 8/31/19
f) Salary:	\$38,500
8. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded Russell Tilley, and carried 3-0, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:

a) Name of Appointee:	JeanMarie Coloney
b) Tenure Area:	Special Education

- c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: August 29, 2018
- d) Expiration Date of Appointment*: August 29, 2022
- e) Certification Status: Students w/Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Professional Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional
- f) Salary: \$45,000

9. Approval of Theodore Diorio as a long-term substitute math teacher to cover the maternity leave of Brittney Gregg starting on August 29, 2018 to approximately October 16, 2018. Mr. Diorio will also be covering another maternity leave expected to start the beginning of December and go to approximately the beginning of February 2019. Mr. Diorio's stipend will be \$192.50 per diem with no benefits.
10. Approval of the resignation of Jill Foerster as a food service worker effective August 28, 2018 to start her position as cafeteria manager on August 29, 2018.
11. Approval of Connie Valentine as a probationary food service worker effective August 29, 2018. Mrs. Valentine's salary will be \$11,600.
12. Approval of Jessica Allen as a probationary teacher aide, pending fingerprint clearance, effective August 29, 2018. (Fingerprint clearance was received on August 28, 2018.) Ms. Allen's salary will be \$13,709.
13. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded Russell Tilley, and carried 3-0, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:

- a) Name of Appointee: Dylan Jaklitsch
- b) Tenure Area: Physical Education
- c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Service: August 29, 2018
- d) Expiration Date of Appointment*: August 29, 2022
- e) Certification Status: Physical Education, Initial, Exp. 8/31/21
- f) Salary: \$38,500

*To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law §§2509, 2573, 3212, and 3014, in order to be granted tenure the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision *classroom teacher* and *building principal* mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of this Part.

14. Approval of Stephen Murn as a permanent substitute effective August 29, 2018. Mr. Murn's salary will be \$110 per diem. Mr. Murn is eligible for single health insurance with a 20% contribution.
15. Approval of Dana Sheldon as a permanent substitute effective August 29, 2018. Mrs. Sheldon salary will be \$122.78 per diem. Mrs. Sheldon is eligible for single insurance with a 20% contribution.
16. Approval of the following mentors for the 2018-2019 school year:
 - Heather Grant for Carlana Johnson. Mrs. Grant's stipend is \$150
 - Michele Pepe for Deidra Forgit. Mrs. Pepe's stipend is \$150
 - Joanne Telfer for Kristine van Ingen. Mrs. Telfer's stipend is \$175
 - Patrick Harmer for Brian Roser. Mr. Harmer's stipend is \$225
 - April Vunk for Roxanne Harrison. Mrs. Vunk's stipend is \$225
 - Monica Kilts for JeanMarie Coloney. Mrs. Kilts' stipend is \$150
 - Michael Iannelli for Dylan Jaklitsch. Mr. Iannelli's stipend is \$175

The following Administrative item 1 through 4 was approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 3-0:

1. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the transportation request for Heyden Blackburn to Valley Heights Christian Academy in Norwich for the 2018-2019 school year.
2. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Code of Conduct for the 2018-2019 school year. There are no changes.
3. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the District Safety Plan for the 2018-2019 school year, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Building Safety Plan for the 2018-2019 school year, as presented.

Public Comment: Matthew Sheldon commended the maintenance staff for all the work they did during the summer. They had to clean the same rooms several times with the project going on. Mr. Sheldon said that John Tol was really involved with the project. Tomorrow the administration is taking the maintenance workers, office staff, and garage staff to Lovettes for lunch.

The Board went into executive session at 7:50 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 and CSE on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 3-0.

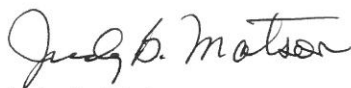
The Board came out of executive session at 8:00 p.m. on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 3-0.

On the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 3-0; the IEP's of the specified CPSE students' plans #2998, 3023, 3041, 2985, 3044, 3056 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

On the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 3-0; the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans #2802, 2857, 2368, 2890, 2927, 2926, 2928, 2992, 2993, 2990, 2933, 2744, 2361, 2599, 2248, 2400, 2574, 2749, 2747, 2482, 2603, 2955, 2953, 2886, 2897, 2978, 2942, 2939, 2756, 2892, 2719, 2635, 2676, 2518, 2303, 2642, 2160, 2274, 3035, 2611, 2313, 2352, 2532, 2566, 2439, 2569, 2453, 2538, 2509, 2493, 2578, 2442, 2443, 2656, 2541, 2540, 2616, 2371, 2261, 2481, 2586, 2407, 2255, 2406, 2404, 2690, 2979, 2999, 2905, 2743, 2995, 3058, 2719, 2371, 2987, 3001, 2346, and 2225 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 8:02 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson
District Clerk

9. To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and if any taxes on the attached tax rolls shall be unpaid at the time, deliver an accounting thereof on forms showing by town the total assessed valuation, tax rate, the total tax levy, the total amounts collected and the total amounts remaining uncollected as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 940, 912, and 914 of the Real Property Tax Law and is delivered in accordance with Sections 1306 and 1318 of this law. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by a majority of the members of the board of education. The warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal or extension has been endorsed on the face of this warrant in writing in accordance with Section 318, subdivision 2 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Ayes 3

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Judy B. Matson 8/24/18
Judy B. Matson, District Clerk Date