

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: September 20, 2018

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

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 23, 2018 was approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Matthew Sheldon shared a thank you card from Jennifer Jacobsen and a letter from a parent wanting the golf team reinstated. Golf ended five years ago with only two students on the team.

Public Comment: Katharine Smith said last June the elementary science room needed to be cleared out because of the project and put back together after the work was finished. Stacia Norman did most of the work in the science room. Ms. Smith also told the Board that Julene Waffle was putting together the TUCCR Gilbert Lake trips for September 21 and 28.

Superintendent's Reports:

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the 2017-2018 Goals. For Goal 1 we are still lacking information. Goal 2 and Goal 3 we are doing a good job.

Matthew Sheldon discussed the 2018-2019 Goals with the Board.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the progress of the capital project and possible additional work that may need to be done. We still have leaking roof issues. Service Pro came in and did a thermal check for water inside the walls. They found a couple of places that was wet that will have to be repaired. The fields were seeded yesterday. Soil will be tested in a couple of weeks and they will come back to fertilize the field. Boilers come next week and will be up and running soon. They are still working on the front doors and secure area for the reception desk.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the System of Care Grant. This grant helps pay for more mental health for the students. The money will be used to pay for Mary Velez to come in two afternoons a week to work with students.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about the School Board Institute Meeting to be held on October 18, 2018. Registration forms are due October 5, 2018.

Matthew Sheldon talked to the Board about bringing in substitutes for the LTAs. For the last few years we have not been bringing in substitutes. The LTAs are now providing more instruction and there has been a request to bring in substitutes for the LTAs when they are absent.

Principal's Reports:

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the August Regents. Geometry: One student passed the Regents in June and retook the Regents in August hoping for Mastery (85%) and received it. Algebra 2: One student passed the Regents in June, retook it in August trying to earn Mastery (85%) but did not achieve it. Chemistry: Two students took the Regents. One student did not pass the Regents in June, retook it in August and did not receive a score of 65%. The second student passed the Regents in June and retook it in August to try for Mastery but did not achieve it. Transitional Global: Four students took the Regents and one passed the Regents. Two of the students will need to pass the Regents in order to graduate in June. US History and Government: Four students took the Regents. One did not pass the Regents and needs the exam to graduate in June. One student received a 99% in June and retook the Regents trying to earn 100% but did not achieve it. English: Two of the six students taking the Regents passed. One student received 99% in June and retook the Regents trying to earn 100%, but did not achieve it. The students that did not pass the Regents need it to graduate in June.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about AIS. As mandated by NYSED, there is a two-step measure for determining what students will receive AIS. Step one is the cut score of the state assessments. Step two is the STAR score below 40%. Teachers and parents can also request AIS for a student. AIS is NYSED mandated and no one can opt out of AIS.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about our enrollment numbers. As of today we have 333 students in the building. In 17-18 there were 345 enrolled, in 16-17 there were 360 enrolled and in 15-16 there were 362 enrolled. As of today we have 181 students in grades PK through six and 152 in grades seven through twelve.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about the new Mental Health Standards for grades K through 12, adopted by NYSED. The Standards were introduced and shared with the teachers on our opening conference days. For the new standards we are doing the following: reviewing and assessing our current elementary and secondary level health education curricula for alignment to the new mental health education requirements; sending a small team of teachers to a training on October 5th with the intent for them to return and share the information with the staff; add Mary Velez to provide additional support; continue to support a positive school climate and culture.

Katharine Smith talked to the Board about upcoming events. The TUCCR Program Gilbert Lake trips are September 21 and 28. Mrs. Waffle has put a great deal of time and effort into organizing the trips. Student Council car wash is on Saturday, September 22. Open House and NHS Inductions are on Thursday September 27. There is College for Every Student trips on October 4 with juniors going to University of Albany and October 17 with sophomores going to Utica College.

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 4 were approved as presented on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Mary Dugan, and carried 5-0:

- 1 Approval of the Warrants #14 and 15, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2018, as presented.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2018, as presented.
4. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves adding Dr. Chris Kjolhede to the list of School Physicians approved at the July re-organizational meeting which included Bassett/Healthzone and Dr. Kerri LeBlanc.

The following personnel items 1 through 7 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0:

1. Approval of the following bus aides for the 2018-2019 school year at \$15.00 per run per the MESSA Contract:

Kathy Forgit, Lisa Galbreth, Diane Turner, Samantha Pylinski,
Substitute bus aides Mary Truax and Sarah Lorence
2. Approval of the CROP personnel for the 2018-2019 school year:

Co-coordinators – Caitlin Smith, \$25 per hour
Diane Turner, \$25 per hour

Activity Leaders – Caitlin Smith, Diane Turner, Stephani Mitcham, Samantha Pylinski,
Virginia Robinson, Carly Sclafani, Jody Bolton, Jenna Turner, and
Courtney Mackey at \$16.00 per hour

Substitute Activity Leaders – Erika Anderson, Alyssa Plows, and Rebecca Scofield at \$16.00
per hour

Assistant Activity Leaders (Reception Desk) – Erika Anderson, Rebecca Scofield, and
Christina Posh-Strain, \$10.40 per hour until the minimum rates
increase

3. Approval of the maternity leave for Teresa Kane starting approximately December 19, 2018 through approximately February 13, 2019. Mrs. Kane will be using her remaining sick and personal days.
4. Approval of Justine Triolo as a substitute Registered Nurse, retroactive to September 18, 2018, for the 2018-2019 school year.
5. Approval of Samantha Henness as a unpaid volunteer in Amy Robertson's classroom for the 2018-2019 school year. Volunteers are never allowed to be alone with the students.
6. Approval of Julene Waffle as mentor for Kristine van Ingen. Mrs. Waffle's stipend will be \$250. Mrs. Telfer had been approved as Ms. van Ingen's mentor but will be unable to be Ms. van Ingen's mentor for the 2018-2019 school year.
7. Approval of Theresa Ahearn Rendo as a substitute teacher aide for the 2018-2019 school year.

The following Administrative item number one was approved as presented on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0:

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

Policy # 7133 – Education of Students in Foster Care

Public Comment: None

The Board went into executive session at 7:41 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 on the motion of Wendy Moore, seconded by Mary Dugan, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:50 p.m. on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0.

The Board adjourned at 7:51 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Wendy Moore, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson
District Clerk