

## MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Date of Meeting:** October 29, 2020, Special Meeting

**Kind of Meeting:** Special

**Board Members Present:** Wendy Moore, Mary Dugan, Emily Boss, Russell Tilley, Michael Walling

**Others Present:** Matthew Sheldon, Superintendent; Student Baylie Boglioli

The meeting was called to order by President, Wendy Moore at 6:30 p.m.

The Board went into executive session at 6:31 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 CPSE on the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Mary Dugan, and carried 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:50 p.m. on the motion of Emily Boss, seconded by Mary Dugan and carried 5-0.

**Public Comment:** Matthew Sheldon said that parents have questioned where we stand with bringing the students back to school. There were two re-opening meetings. Pre-K will stay two days a week. There are too many students to be able to bring them all back and maintain social distancing. We expect to bring back grades Kindergarten through eighth and the seniors four days a week starting on November 16, 2020. There are too many students in sixth grade to stay in the classroom and be able to keep them six feet apart. Sixth grade will be moved to the high school library. One arm desks have been placed in the library and there is enough room for the students to maintain social distancing. Dividers have been ordered to be placed on the tables in the elementary rooms and other classrooms to keep the students protected. For students in grades 9 through 11 they will be in school two days a week and log into the classes for synchronous learning the other two days. We are continuing to look for ways to bring them back to school four days a week.

The tables have been taken out of the cafeteria and one arm desk has been put in their place. Forty students can fit in the cafeteria safely now. There may be classes in the cafeteria second and third periods. The U.S. History and Government and the ninth grade English class are large classes. We looked into making the auditorium into a classroom, but the cloth seats cannot be used because the virus stays active longer on the cloth seats. We looked at taking some of the seats out of the auditorium and putting in the one arm desks, but the bolts holding the seats are in the cement are sticking straight up. Safety Risk didn't think we would be able to do it. It is possible to get vinyl covers for the seats but not sure of the expense for the length of time they would be used.

At the present time, we have 56 remote learners. They are supposed to let the school know by November 4<sup>th</sup> if the students are returning to school or staying remote. So far we have heard from about 12 students and only one student is returning to school the remainder are going to continue as remote learners. We expect that a few parents may get nervous with the increase time and number of students that will be in the school and may move their children to remote learning.

Mary Dugan asked if we had heard anything about sports. Mr. Sheldon said he hadn't heard anything new. The last he knew, basketball would start in December with practice starting at the end of November.

Russell Tilley asked if we had a positive case would be go back to two days a week. Mr. Sheldon said that we would probably have to go remote for a few days to allow the Health Department to do the contact tracing.

Mr. Sheldon said the fifth grade students taking the STAR test were all on target except for two students.

The State just changed the letter to parents directing them to go to Well Now for the rapid COVID test. The molecular test is 95% accurate. If the test is negative and they are having any symptoms they will have to have the test that takes 3 to 5 days to get the results.

There have been two students sent to the isolation room. One student was taken to the doctors but they did not do the COVID test. The student was having an asthma attack. The doctor sent back a letter and the student was allowed to come back to school the next day. One student was given a strep test and a COVID test. The student was sent home to wait for results and the staff member that is related to the student was sent home to quarantine until the tests results come back. This is not required by the Health Department. The sibling of a student that has been tested is not required to go home unless the student is showing clear signs of COVID and then they are all required to leave.

**Be It Resolved** upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approve the following:

**The following personnel items number one was approved as presented on the motion of Mary Dugan, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0:**

1. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approved the resignation of David Hand effective October 29, 2020.

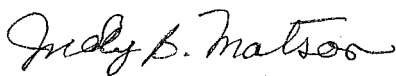
**The following Administrative item number one was approved as presented:**

1. On the motion of Michael Walling, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 5-0: the IEP's of the specified CPSE students' plans #3137 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

**Public Comment:** Baylie Boglioli asked about the length of time a student has to stay home if they are showing symptoms. Mr. Sheldon told her that if the student had a negative test result they have to stay out for ten days from the first day of symptoms. If they are feeling better they can then return to school. If the parent believes it is just allergies the student should see a doctor and get a statement saying that it is allergies and the student can return to school.

The Board adjourned at 7:20 p.m. without further discussion on the motion Russell Tilley, seconded by Emily Boss, and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy B. Matson  
District Clerk