

**CENTER MORICHES UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**November 18, 2020**

Executive Session – 6:00 PM

Regular Meeting – *Approximately* 7:00 PM

Virtual via Zoom

Center Moriches, NY 11934

**AGENDA**

I. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*The Board of Education will move to Executive Session to discuss other matters, the disclosure of which would result in an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.*

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – followed by a moment of silence for Joseph Rera.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Syntax Presentation – Corinne Morton – Website design
- b. Data Presentation – Raina Ingoglia
- c. Committee Reports

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT’S AGENDA ONLY

Please note: This is the opportunity for persons who wish to speak or who have written letters to the Board regarding topics that are included on this agenda. Speakers are asked to keep their comments brief and to speak for no longer than three minutes. Members of the public will have the opportunity to speak about any topic at the end of the meeting.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Exhibit #1)

The Board of Education is asked to accept the minutes of the following meetings as prepared by the District Clerk:

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on October 28, 2020

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

VII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the following Financial Reports:

- a. Budget Transfer General (Exhibit #2A & Exhibit #2A1)
- b. Internal Claims Audit Report – October 2020 (Exhibit #2B)
- c. Treasurer Reports – October 2020 (Exhibit #2C)

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

BE IT RESOLVED: A motion to approve the consent agenda. Asterisked (\*) agenda items are consent agenda items. Consent agenda items are approved via a single vote unless they are removed from being a consent item prior to the vote.

*Our adopted rules of Parliamentary Procedure, Robert’s Rules, provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval of the Board by a single motion. Most of the items listed under the consent agenda have gone through Board review and recommendation. Documentation concerning these items has been provided to all Board members and the public in advance to assure an extensive and thorough review. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any board member*

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

IX. PERSONNEL

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the actions detailed in the following Personnel Actions segments.

**\*Resignations**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the following resignations:

Name	Position/Building	Effective Date
Jocelyn Albanese	Paraprofessional / Elem	11/13/2020
Patricia Flynn-Trace	IB Coordinator / HS	11/18/2020

**\*Abolishment of Position**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion to approve the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education for reasons of economy and efficiency, has determined that it is appropriate to abolish a clerical position in the District:

Position / Building	Effective Date
Principal Stenographer / MS	10/06/2020

**\*Leave of Absence**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following employee for a leave of absence:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Dates(s)</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Katherine Adams	Elementary Teacher	11/25/2020 - 05/14/2021	FMLA
Jessica Spillet	Special Education Teacher	On or about 02/08/2021 - 06/01/2021	FMLA

**\*Substitutes: 2020-2021 School Year**

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints the following individuals as substitutes for the 2020-2021 school year, as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Bldg.</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Alexa Ashley	Substitute Teacher	DW	11/19/2020-06/25/2021
Jaclyn Bonventre	Probationary Teacher Assistant	MS	11/19/2020-11/18/2024
Caroline Casey	Substitute Teacher	MS	11/19/2020-06/25/2021
Catherine Gutierrez	Substitute Paraprofessional	DW	11/19/2020-06/25/2021
Barbara Heptig	Substitute Clerical, Substitute Monitor Substitute Paraprofessional	DW	11/19/2020-06/25/2020
Jean Lucera	Preferred Substitute	MS	11/19/2020-06/25/2021
Tiffany Perry	Preferred Substitute	HS	11/19/2020-06/25/2021
Ashley Sigerson	Substitute Paraprofessional	DW	11/19/2020-06/25/2021
Jacob Sigerson	Substitute Paraprofessional	DW	11/19/2020-06/25/2021
Nathan Sigerson	Substitute Paraprofessional	DW	11/19/2020-06/25/2021

**\*Appointments of Teaching and Support Staff**

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following appointments:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Building</b>	<b>Effective Date(s)</b>
Kathleen Belmonte	Monitor / Elem.	11/19/2020-06/25/2021
Bonnie Bredes	IB EE Mentor / HS	2020-2021
Paul Conefry	Instrumental Club / HS	2020-2021
Jennifer Flieger	IB EE Mentor / HS	2020-2021
Patricia Flynn-Trace	.2 Class Overage / HS	2020-2021
Patricia Flynn-Trace	IB EE Mentor / HS	2020-2021
Kiera Gaudio	IB EE Mentor / HS	2020-2021
Taryn Glynn	Drama Club Advisor / MS	2020-2021
Sara Greene	Instrumental Music Club / MS	2020-2021
Nancy Harkin	Musical Director / HS	2020-2021
Michael Kosciński	.1 Class Over – ENL / HS	2020-2021
Katherine Lemmen	Musical Choreographer / HS	2020-2021
Marissa Mangogna	IB EE Mentor / HS	2020-2021
Byron Preston	Vocal Music Club / MS	2020-2021
Sarah Reisenberg	.2 Class Overage – Reading / Elem.	2020-2021
Richard Roberts	IB EE Mentor / HS	2020-2021
Margaret Romaine	IB EE Mentor / HS	2020-2021
Christopher Ryder	Probationary AIS TA / Elem.	11/19/2020-11/18/2024
Laura Sandberg-DeJohn	Art Club Advisor / HS	2020-2021
Ciara Seymore	DEI Curriculum Writing / MS+HS	2020-2021

Tracy Sigerson	Friends & Buddies Club Advisor / HS	2020-2021
Regina Soto	IB EE Mentor / HS	2020-2021
Lawrence Voelger	Media Club Advisor / MS	2020-2021
Kimberly Walther	Musical Business Manager / HS	2020-2021
Kathleen Williamson	Monitor / MS	10/29/2020 – 06/25/2021

x. BUSINESS & FINANCE

**\*Contracts (Exhibit #3 )**

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following contracts in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contracts, as well as the established cost contained in said contracts and authorize the President to sign said contracts:

- a. Buspatrol – Safety Camera
- b. County of Suffolk/Dept. of Public Works – Purchase of Fuel
- c. Turf Brothers Inc., - Pest control

**\*Real Property Tax Law§467 Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens**

BE IT RESOLVED, to grant a reduction in the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying senior citizens who (1) is owned by persons 65 years of age or older, or by certain other persons who income does not exceed the maximum established by local option (2) is used exclusively for residential purposes, and (3) has been owned by at least one of its owners for a minimum of 12 consecutive months prior to application for exemption or for a period of time considered to be the equivalent of 12 consecutive months is partially exempt from general municipal taxes. No exemptions may be granted by a school district to property where a resident child attends a public elementary school or secondary school.

- **Local option 1: Exemption and maximum income:** For the basic 50 percent exemption, the law allows each county, city, town, village or school district to set the maximum income limit at any figure between \$3,000 and \$29,000. Localities have the further option of giving exemptions of less than 50 percent to persons with disabilities whose incomes are more than \$29,000. Under the “sliding scale” options, a qualifying owner can have a yearly income as high as \$37,399.99 and get a 5 percent exemption in places where they are using the maximum limit. (see chart below)
- **Local option 2: Sliding scale of exemption:** For each \$1,000 increase in income, a reduced exemption ranging from 45% to 35% of assessed value and, for each further \$900 increase in income, a reduced exemption ranging from 30% to 5% of assessed value. (see chart below)

- Local option 3:** To allow that portion of a cooperative apartment corporation held by an otherwise eligible senior citizen tenant/stockholder to be eligible for an exemption from real property taxes. Eligible stockholders would receive an adjustment to their monthly maintenance fees by the cooperative apartment corporation to reflect the benefit of the exemption.

MAXIMUM INCOME – O’65 PARTIAL EXEMPTION ~ EFFECTIVE 2021/22			
<b>UNDER</b>		<b>\$29,000</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>\$29,001</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$29,999</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$30,999</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>\$31,000</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$31,999</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>\$32,000</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$32,899</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>\$32,900</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$33,799</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>\$33,800</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$34,699</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>\$34,700</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$35,599</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>\$35,600</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$36,499</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>\$36,500</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$37,399.99</b>	<b>5%</b>

**\*Real Property Tax Law §459C Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Persons with Disabilities & Limited Incomes**

BE IT RESOLVED, to grant a reduction in the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying persons property that (1) is owned by one or more persons with disabilities; by spouses or by siblings, at least one of whom has a disability and whose income, as defined under Ownership Requirements below, is limited by reason of such disability, and (2) is used exclusively for residential purposes is partially exempt from general municipal taxes. Unless allowed by local option, no exemption may be granted by a school district to property where a resident child attends a public elementary or secondary school. This exemption may not be granted to property currently receiving an exemption pursuant to RPTL §467 for the same municipal tax purpose. No exemption is allowed form special ad valorem levies or special assessments.

- Local option 1:** *Exemption and maximum income:* For the basic 50 percent exemption, the law allows each county, city, town, village or school district to set the maximum income limit at any figure between \$3,000 and \$29,000. Localities have the further option of giving exemptions of less than 50 percent to persons with disabilities whose incomes are more than \$29,000. Under the “sliding scale” options, a qualifying owner can have a yearly income as high as \$37,399.99 and get a 5 percent exemption in places where they are using the maximum limit. (see chart below)

- **Local option 2: Sliding scale exemption:** For each \$1,000 increase in income, a reduced exemption ranging from 45% to 35% of assessed value, and for each further \$900 increase in income, a reduced exemption ranging from 30% to 5% of assessed value. (see chart below)
- **Local option 3:** To allow that portion of a cooperative apartment corporation held by an otherwise eligible persons with disabilities tenant/stockholder to be eligible for an exemption from real property taxes. Eligible stockholders would receive an adjustment to their monthly maintenance fees by the cooperative apartment corporation to reflect the benefit of the exemption.

<b>MAXIMUM LID EXEMPTION ~ EFFECTIVE 2021/22</b>			
<b>UNDER</b>		<b>\$29,000</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>\$29,001</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$29,999</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$30,999</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>\$31,000</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$31,999</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>\$32,000</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$32,899</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>\$32,900</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$33,799</b>	<b>25%</b>
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<b>\$34,700</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$35,599</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>\$35,600</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$36,499</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>\$36,500</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>\$37,399.99</b>	<b>5%</b>

**\*Real Property Tax Law §466C for Real Property of Volunteer Firefighters/Ambulance Workers Exemption**

BE IT RESOLVED, to grant a reduction in the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying persons property who’s primary residence is owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or ambulance service so long as the property owner has such a member for at least five years. The amount of exemption is limited to 10 percent of the assessed value of the property without any specified dollar limit. The an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or ambulance service must provide a list of eligible members to the Assessor’s office by taxable status date certifying the 5 year and 20 years membership. The exemption may be granted in addition to any other exemption authorized by law.

- **Local option 1:** To extend a lifetime exemption to applicants who have been certified as enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or ambulance service for at least twenty years.
- **Local option 2:** To extend the exemption to the unremarried spouse of a deceased member of a volunteer fire company or ambulance company having at least 20 years of active service.
- **Local option 3:** : To extend this exemption to the unremarried spouse of a deceased member of a volunteer fire company or voluntary ambulance service who had been a member of the

volunteer fire company or volunteer ambulance service for at least twenty years, and who also had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

- **Local option 4:** To extend this exemption to the unremarried spouse of a member of a volunteer fire company or volunteer ambulance service killed in the line of duty who had been an member of the volunteer fire company or volunteer ambulance service for at least five years, and who also had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.
- **Local option 5:** To allow that portion of a cooperative apartment corporation held by an otherwise eligible firefighter/ambulance worker tenant/stockholder to be eligible for an exemption from real property taxes. Eligible stockholders would receive an adjustment to their monthly maintenance fees by the cooperative apartment corporation to reflect the benefit of the exemption.

**\*Real Property Tax Law §458A for Real Property of Alternative Veterans’ Exemption**

BE IT RESOLVED, to grant a reduction of the Basic Maximum in the amount of property taxes paid for by qualifying veterans or the spouse of the qualifying veteran or the unremarried surviving spouse of the qualifying veteran (1) who is their primary residence (2) who received an expeditionary medal, or under certain conditions: (3) of the merchant marine service, (4) of the American Field Service, or (5) who served as a Pan American World Airways flight crew and aviation ground support employee may be eligible for partial from general municipal taxes.

The percentage exemption that applies to the assessed value of a qualifying property depends on both the nature of the veterans’ service and the local law adopted by the taxing jurisdiction. Veterans who sustained service-related disabilities, as evidenced by receipt of disability compensation rating from the Veterans Administration or Department of Defense are eligible for a percentage exemption equal to one-half of the disability in addition to the wartime and combat zone exemptions. Veterans who died in service of a service-connected disability are considered to have a disability rating 100%.

	<b>Basic Maximum</b>
<b>WARTIME</b>	<b>12000</b>
<b>COMBAT</b>	<b>8000</b>
<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>40000</b>

- **Local option 1:** To extend this exemption where a school district has adopted the alternative veterans’ exemption, but not the eligible funds veterans' exemption, a veteran who receives the eligible funds veterans’ exemption may apply for the alternative veterans’ exemption solely to



receive it for school purposes while continuing to receive the eligible funds exemption for county, city, town, and/or village purposes.

- **Local option 2:** To extend this exemption to military personnel who served in the Reserve component of the United States Armed Forces that were deemed on active duty under Executive Order 11519, dated March 24, 1970, designated as Operation Graphic Hand, if such member was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions, provided that such veteran meets all other qualifications for the exemption.
- **Local option 3:** To extend this exemption to a Gold Star Parent (defined as the parent of a child who died in the line of duty while serving in the United States Armed Forces during a period of war).
- **Local option 4:** To allow that portion of a cooperative apartment corporation held by an otherwise eligible Alternative veteran or unremarried spouse of a veteran tenant/stockholder to be eligible for an exemption from real property taxes. Eligible stockholders would receive an adjustment to their monthly maintenance fees by the cooperative apartment corporation to reflect the benefit of the exemption.

**\*Real Property Tax Law §458B for Real Property of Cold War Veterans’ Exemption**

BE IT RESOLVED, to the extent allowed by the local option, the primary residence of a veteran of the United States armed forces who served during the Cold War is partially exempt for the general municipal taxes at the Basic Maximum. The property must be owned by a Cold War veteran, the spouse of a Cold War Veteran, or the unremarried surviving spouse of a deceased Cold War veteran.

The percentage exemption that applies to the assessed value of a qualifying property depend on both the nature of the veteran’s service and the local law adopted by the taxing jurisdiction. Veterans who sustained service-related disabilities, as evidenced by receipt of disability compensation rating from the Veterans Administration or the Department of Defense are eligible for a percentage exemption equal to one-half of their disability in addition to the wartime and combat zone exemptions. Veterans who died in service of a service-connected disability are considered to have a disability rating of 100%.

	<b>Basic Maximum</b>
<b>WARTIME</b>	<b>12000</b>
<b>COMBAT</b>	<b>8000</b>
<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>40000</b>

- **Local option 1:** To extend this exemption where a school district has adopted the Cold War veterans’ exemption, but not the eligible funds veterans' exemption, a veteran who receives the

eligible funds veterans' exemption may apply for the Cold War veterans' exemption solely to receive it for school purposes while continuing to receive the eligible funds exemption for county, city, town, and/or village purposes.

- **Local option 2:** To extend this exemption to remove the 10-year limit on exemption. If a taxing jurisdiction that offers the exemption does not take such action, the Cold War Veterans exemption that it offers will continue to expire after 10 years.
- **Local option 3:** To allow that portion of a cooperative apartment corporation held by an otherwise eligible Cold War veteran or unremarried spouse tenant/stockholder to be eligible for an exemption from real property taxes. Eligible stockholders would receive an adjustment to their monthly maintenance fees by the cooperative apartment corporation to reflect the benefit of the exemption.

**\*Disposition of Equipment (Exhibit #4)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the disposition of records, books and or equipment.

**\*Donation**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the following donation:

- a. Television and 10 storage bins from Jeremy Thode

XI. PROGRAM

**\*Committee on Special Education (Exhibit #5)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts, and shall through the Administration, arrange for the provision of the appropriate special education programs and services for students enumerated in the CSE reports for September, October and November 2020.

**\*Committee on Preschool Special Education**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts, and shall through the Administration, arrange for the provision of the appropriate special education programs and services for students enumerated in the CPSE reports for September, October, November 2020.

XII. MISC.

**\*Policy Reading (Exhibit #6)**

Second Policy Reading – Records Management Policy #5670

**\*Approve Club Charters for the 2020-2021 School Year (Exhibit #7 & #7A)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Center Moriches High School, Center Moriches Middle School and Clayton Huey Elementary School Club Charters, for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting, and authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on the Board's behalf.

Center Moriches High School	Center Moriches Middle School	Clayton Huey Elementary School
DECA Club		Art Club
Diversity & Inclusivity Club		STEAM – Grade 3
E-Sports		Technology and Coding Club
Future Teachers Club		Yearbook Club – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
GSA		
Instrumental Music		
Math Honor Society – Mu Alpha Theta		
National Honor Society		
Social Studies Honor Society – Rho Kappa		
Sophomore Class – Class of 2023		
YearBook		
Art Club		
Bible Club		
English Honor Society		

**\*Sick Bank Draw**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 21(G) of the Center Moriches Teachers’ Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, teachers who contribute one (1) sick day in a school year within the first thirty (30) days of that school year are permitted to draw from the sick bank if they have exhausted their sick leave due to catastrophic illness; and

**WHEREAS**, the teacher named in Confidential Schedule “A” meets the aforementioned requirements to draw from the sick bank, and has requested to use one hundred three (103) days from the sick bank during the 2020 – 2021 school year;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the teacher named in Confidential Schedule “A” to receive one hundred three (103) days from the teachers’ sick bank to be used during the period of November 25, 2020 through May 14, 2021.

- XIII. GENERAL PUBLIC (3 minute time limit per participant)  
Members of the public who desire to address or question the board of any topic related to board work are welcome to do so at this time. Speakers are requested to limit their remarks to not more than three minutes; to appoint a spokesperson if the concern is a group concern, and to supplement verbal presentations with written reports, if necessary or desired.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

XV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Announcements:  
Next Board of Education Meeting:

Wednesday, December 16, 2020  
Location TBD  
Executive Session – 6:00 pm  
Action Meeting – *Approximately* 7:00 pm  
Center Moriches, NY