

**CENTER MORICHES UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING
AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Audit Committee Meeting – 6:00 PM

Executive Session - 6:30 PM

Annual Budget Hearing - 7:00 PM

Regular Meeting – *Approximately 7:30 PM*

~~In person~~ and live-streamed via Webinar

Center Moriches, NY 11934

- I. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM - Board Members present: President, George Maxwell; Vice President, Danielle Dench; Trustee, Marcus Babzien; Trustee, Thomas Kelly; Trustee, Robyn Rayburn

Absent - none

Also present: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ronald M. Masera; Assistant Superintendents, Keri Loughlin, Ricardo Soto; District Clerk, Jeannine Barr; Director of Technology/ Zoom-Webinar host, William Nofi

4 members of community viewing the virtual meeting

The Board of Education, Dr. Masera and Keri Loughlin, entered into the Audit Committee meeting, at 6:05 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Dench, seconded by Ms. Rayburn, motion carried, 4-0; Mr. Kelly entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m. This was a non-action meeting. Jill Sanders of Cullen & Danowsky, LLP, presented the Audit Plan for 2020-2021 school year. Motioned by Ms. Dench, seconded by Mr. Babzien, motion carried 5-0, Audit Committee adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

- II. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Motioned by Mr. Babzien, seconded by Mr. Kelly, motion carried 5-0 unanimously, the Board of Education moved to Executive Session 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 at 6:42 p.m. Assistant Superintendents, Keri Loughlin, Ricardo Soto were in attendance. Motioned by Ms. Dench, seconded Mr. Kelly, motion carried 5-0, Executive session adjourned at 7:04 p.m

- III. CALL TO ORDER ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING by Mr. Maxwell at 7:06 p.m.

- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mr. Maxwell at 7:07 p.m.

- V. BUDGET HEARING Presentation, Keri Loughlin and Dr. Masera began at 7:08 p.m.

- VI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING BUDGET HEARING - no comments or questions at 7:36 p.m.

- VII. ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING MEETING - Motioned by Ms. Dench, seconded Mr. Kelly, motion carried 5-0, Annual Budget Hearing was adjourned at 7:37 p.m

- VIII. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC SESSION by Mr. Maxwell at 7:38 p.m.

- IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Committee Reports will be tabled until the next meeting.

- X. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT’S AGENDA ONLY - no comments or questions at this time.
- XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- a. Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education on April 14, 2021 ([Exhibit #1](#))
- b. Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Board of Education Meeting on April 20, 2021 ([Exhibit #1A](#))

Motioned by Ms. Dench, seconded by Mr. Kelly, motion carried 5-0 unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

- a. Student Activity Treasurer's Report - March 2021 ([Exhibit #2A](#))
- b. Internal Claims Audit Report - March 2021 ([Exhibit #2B](#))
- c. Treasurer’s Report - March 2021 ([Exhibit #2C](#))
- d. Budget Transfers (1 page) ([Exhibit #2D](#))

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

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

Motioned by Ms. Dench, seconded by Mr. Kelly, motion carried 5-0 unanimously.

XIV. PERSONNEL

***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”/ Emp #1721 meets the aforementioned requirements to draw from the sick bank, and has requested to use twenty six (26) 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”/ Emp #1721 to receive twenty six (26) days from the teachers’ sick bank to be used during the period of April 19, 2021 through June 4, 2021.

***Leave of Absence**

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

Name	Position	Effective Date(s)	Purpose
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Kimberly Plush	Physical Education Teacher / MS	04/19/2021-06/04/2021	FMLA
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***Resignations**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following resignation:

Name	Position/Building	Effective Date(s)
Paul Leary	Preferred Substitute Teacher/MS	05/07/2021

***Appointments of Substitutes**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following substitute appointments as follows:

Name	Position	Bldg.	Effective Date(s)	Stipend
Amanda Capazzola	Substitute Paraprofessional / Recess Monitor	Elem.	05/06/2021-06/25/2021	\$14.00/hour
Perry Jacobs	Substitute Teacher	HS	05/06/2021-06/25/2021	\$90.00/day (uncertified)
Jared Solaro	Preferred Substitute Teacher	HS	05/06/2021-06/25/2021	\$90.00/day (uncertified)
Alyssa Spivak	Substitute Paraprofessional	DW	04/28/2021-06/25/2021	\$14.00/hour (appointed nunc pro tunc)
Victoria Taborda	Substitute Paraprofessional	Elem.	05/06/2021-06/25/2021	\$14.00/hour
Victoria Taborda	Substitute Teacher	Elem.	05/06/2021-06/25/2021	\$84.00/day (uncertified)
Suzanne Young	Substitute Recess Monitor	Elem.	05/06/2021-06/25/2021	\$14.00/hour

***Appointments of Teaching and Support Staff**

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

Name	Position/Building	Effective Date(s)	Stipend
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Austin Dougherty	Regents Review Sessions - Living Environment / HS	05/06/2021-06/26/2021	\$55.00/hour not to exceed 10 hours
Michael Gerhauser	AP Review sessions - English Literature and Composition / HS	03/18/2021	\$55.00/hour not to exceed 10 hours
Thomasina Harrell	Cultural Advisor / Reservation	04/15/2021-06/19/2021	\$20.00/hour not to exceed 15 hours per week
Abbey Knowles	Regents Review Sessions - Algebra I / HS	05/06/2021-06/26/2021	\$55.00/hour not to exceed 10 hours
Sharon Pinckney	Cultural Advisor / Reservation	04/15/2021-06/19/2021	\$20.00/hour not to exceed 15 hours per week
Christopher Ryder	Probationary Elementary Teacher	05/06/2021-12/07/2024	\$52,112.00/annual (A1)
Greg Schauer	Regents Review Sessions - Algebra / MS	05/06/2021-06/26/2021	\$55.00/hour not to exceed 10 hours
Regina Soto	Regents Review Sessions - Earth Science / HS	05/06/2021-06/26/2021	\$55.00/hour not to exceed 10 hours
Robert Spicer	Regents Review Sessions - Earth Science / MS	05/01/2021-06/26/2021	\$55.00/hour not to exceed 10 hours
Phil Tozzi	Regents Review Sessions - ELA / HS	05/06/2021-06/26/2021	\$55.00/hour not to exceed 10 hours

***Appointments of Athletic Coaching and Support Staff**

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

Name	Position/Building	Effective Date(s)	Stipend
Paul Gibson	Varsity Baseball Head Coach/HS	04/19/2021-06/19/2021	\$7,017.00/annual
Janine Ratti	Girls Track Assistant Coach/HS	04/19/2021-06/19/2021	\$5,053.00/annual
Jessicalyn Tank	Boys Track Assistant Coach/HS	04/19/2021-06/19/2021	\$5,053.00/annual

XV. BUSINESS & FINANCE

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 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:

1. Always Compassionate Home Care, Inc. -Nursing Service -2020-2021
2. Complete Rehabilitation PT, OT, SLP of the Hamptons - addendum to contract of 2020-2021
3. Eastern Suffolk BOCES - Cooperative Educational Services - 2021-2022
4. Miller Place UFSD - Health Services - 2020-2021
5. United Cerebral Palsy Assoc.of Greater Suffolk, Inc. - School Service Agreement - 2020-2021

***Tax Anticipation Note Resolution**

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,500,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Center Moriches, as follows:

Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of Center Moriches Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (herein called "District"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$10,500,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law").

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- (a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.
- (b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.
- (c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.
- (d) The total amount of such taxes remains uncollected at the date of adoption of this resolution.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute tax certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

XVI. PROGRAM

***Committee on Special Education and PreSchool Special Education [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)**

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/CPSE reports.

XVII. MISC.

***Appointment of Election Inspectors**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals for the May 18, 2021 budget vote, each at \$14.00 per hour (except*):

1. Lilius Fricker
2. Roberta Hart
3. Patricia Hughes
4. Jean Lanham
5. Judy Martins
6. Leslie Murray* (paid regular salary; time over 7 hours = overtime)
7. Robert Romano
8. Ninoska Slifstein
9. Maria Trindade

***Policy Reading**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education conducts a second reading and accepts the following policy:

- A. Uniform Guidance Compliance – Procurement, Suspension and Debarment - Policy #5413 [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)

***State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Center Moriches Union Free School District desires to embark upon capital improvements at the District's facilities, including: (1) water fountain replacements; (2) exhaust fan replacements; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, routine activities such as renovations to, or expansions to existing public school facilities by less than 10,000 square feet are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.5(c)(8)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the Capital Project and has determined that, based upon recommendation from the School District's Architect/Engineer, BBS Architects, Landscape Architects, & Engineers, P.C., in connection with its review and examination of the Energy Performance Project, that such Capital Project is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(8) of the SEQR Regulations;

NOW, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Capital Project is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed Capital Project from the New York State Education Department.

***Donation**

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

- Anonymous Donorschoose.org donation to Danielle Sirico's class for 21 devices: Amazon Fire 7 Kids Edition 2019 [Total price unknown]

XVIII. GENERAL PUBLIC - 7:42 p.m.

Christine Buff commented that she wanted to say hello and thank the Board for the work all year.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT - Motioned by Ms. Dench, seconded by Mr. Babzien, motion carried 5-0 unanimously, the public session of the meeting was adjourned to Executive session at 7:43 p.m.

Motioned by Ms. Dench, seconded by Mr. Kelly, motion carried 5-0 unanimously, the Board of Education moved into Executive Session to discuss other matters, the disclosure of which would result in an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy at 7:45 p.m.; Motioned by Ms. Dench, seconded Mr. Kelly, motion carried 5-0, Executive session adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

XX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Announcements:

Board of Education Election and Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

7:00 am - 9:00 pm

Clayton Huey Main Street Gym

511 Main Street

Next Regular

Board of Education Meeting

May 19, 2021

Executive Session – 6:00 pm

Action Meeting – *Approximately* 7:00 pm

Location To Be Determined

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Barr

District Clerk

(For approval on the agenda of 05/19/2021)