



MORRISTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026 - 6 P.M. - LIBRARY

Board Members Present	Dr. Lawrence Kring, III; Lisa Thompson; Jeffrey LaJoy; Joshua Hunter; Scott Ritchie; Kristy Simmons; and Chelsea VanArnam
Board Members Absent	Ex-Officio Student Member Noelle Franks
Others Present	Staci Vaughn, Superintendent; Tiffany Irish, Director of Pupil Personnel/Athletic Director; Scott Boyer, Assistant Business Manager; and Stacey Basford, District Clerk
Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance	
Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance	District Clerk Basford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Public Comments	
Public Comments	There were no public comments.
Public Officer's Oath	
Public Officer's Oath	District Clerk Stacey Basford administered the Oath of Office to returning Board of Education Member Mrs. Lisa Thompson. Ms. Basford will administer the Oath of Office to the new Ex-Officio Student Board Member Miss Noelle Franks at a later date.
Election & Appointment of Officers	
<u>No. 100-2027</u> Election & Appointment of Board President	A nomination was made by Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hunter to re-elect Dr. Lawrence Kring, III, as MCS Board of Education President. There were no other nominations. Dr. Kring accepted the nomination. ON MOTION made by Ms. VanArnam, seconded by Mrs. Simmons, the Morristown Central School District Board of Education appointed Dr. Lawrence Kring, III, as MCS Board of Education President for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. Vote Passes: 7-0

<u>No. 101-2027</u> Election & Appointment of Board Vice President	A nomination was made by Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hunter to re-elect Mrs. Lisa Thompson as MCS Board of Education Vice President. There were no other nominations. Mrs. Thompson accepted the nomination. ON MOTION made by Mrs. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Hunter, the Morristown Central School District Board of Education appointed Mrs. Lisa Thompson as MCS Board of Education Vice President for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. Vote Passes: 7-0
Public Officer's Oath	
Public Officer's Oath	District Clerk Basford administered the Oath of Office to President Kring and Vice President Thompson.
Appointment of Officers	
<u>No. 102-2027</u> Appointment of Officers	ON MOTION made by Vice President Thompson, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, the Morristown Central School District Board of Education appointed the following officers for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027: • District Clerk - Stacey Basford • District Treasurer - Staci Vaughn • Deputy Treasurer - Scott Boyer • <u>District Tax Collector Jill Sullivan (with a stipend of \$4,000)</u> • External (Independent) Auditor - Bowers and Company, CPAs, PLLC (includes School Audit and Extracurricular Activities Account Audit with a stipend not to exceed \$29,000) • Extracurricular Activities Account Treasurer - Stacey Basford (with a stipend of \$3,519) Vote Passes: 7-0
Public Officer's Oath	
Public Officer's Oath	District Clerk Basford administered the Oath of Office to the District Treasurer Vaughn and Deputy Treasurer Boyer. Board President Kring administered the Oath of Office to District Clerk Basford.
Other Appointments	
<u>No. 103-2027</u> Other Appointments	ON MOTION by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mrs. Simmons, the Morristown Central School District Board of Education made the following appointments for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027: (see next page for appointments)

	• Section 504 Coordinator/ADA Compliance Coordinator - Tiffany Irish • Members of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) & Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE): CSE/CPSE Chairperson & Section 504 Coordinator Tiffany Irish; School Psychologist Jessica Anderson; School Counselor Sarah Belile; Special Education Teachers Lynn Tayler (Middle/Secondary), Megan Daymont & Arleen Escudero (Elementary); CSE/CPSE/Surrogate Parent Members Jennifer George & Sarah Dousharm; School Social Worker Morgan Short; Classroom Teacher of Student; Speech Therapist/Pathologist Lauren Woodcock; Related Service Providers (Occupational Therapy & Audiology) from St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Providers; Related Service Provider Teacher of the Visually-Impaired Morgan Gross (Independent Consultant); & School Physician Dr. Sunny Patel (Community Health Center of the North Country) • Records Access and Management Officer - Stacey Basford • Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Local Educational Agency (LEA) Designee - Larry Yeddo, Jr. • Title IX Coordinator - Staci Vaughn • Title I Coordinator - Katherine Lynch • Liaison for Homeless Children & Youth & McKinney-Vento Liaison - Sarah Belile • Chemical Hygiene Officer - Melinda Martin • Dignity for All Students Act Coordinator - Corey Flynn • Chief Emergency Officer – Staci Vaughn • School Attorneys: Andrew Silver, Esq. (\$150/hour); Bond, Schoeneck, & King, PLLC (\$289/hour); Ferrara Fiorenza, PC (\$250/hour for partners, senior counsel, and of counsel; range of \$215/hour to \$245/hour for associates based on experience level; \$175/hour for law clerks; and \$155/hour for paralegals) • Claims Auditor - Mary Ellen Mace (\$25/hour) [The District Clerk will administer the Oath of Office to the Claims Auditor at a later date.] • Insurance Advisor - Utica National Insurance Group (continued on next page)
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	• Copyright Officer – Stacey Basford • Home-Instruction Coordinator – Staci Vaughn • Civil Rights Compliance Officer – Corey Flynn • Chief Information Officer – Staci Vaughn • District Data Protection Officer - Corey Flynn • Attendance Officer - Mara Hunter • Designated School Personnel for Behavior Intervention Team - Bryan VanArnam • <u>School Physician Services - Community Health Center of the North Country - Dr. Sunny Patel (\$6,000 for the year in four installments of \$1,500)</u> Vote Passes: 7-0
Designations	
<u>No. 104-2027</u> Designations	ON MOTION by Vice President Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hunter, the Morristown Central School District Board of Education approved the following designations for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027: • Petty Cash Fund (in the amount of \$100 with Stacey Basford having responsibility for the proper supervision of this fund) • Official Newspaper –North Country This Week • Official Bank Depositories - Community Bank, N.A. and MBIA Class Bank of NY (NYS Aid Direct Deposits) • Official Bank Signatories - Staci Vaughn, Scott Boyer, and Stacey Basford (Extracurricular Activities Account) • Purchasing Agent – Scott Boyer • Certification of Payrolls – Staci Vaughn • Court Notification Official – Staci Vaughn • School Pesticide Representative – Larry Yeddo, Jr. • Impartial Hearing Officer (IHO) – Staci Vaughn (continued on next page)

	• Third-Party Administrator for 403b Contract – OMNI (not to exceed \$336) • District Representative on St. Lawrence - Lewis Counties School District Employees Workers' Compensation Plan Board of Directors - Staci Vaughn • Alternate District Representative on St. Lawrence - Lewis Counties School District Employees Workers' Compensation Plan Board of Directors - Scott Boyer Vote Passes: 7-0
Authorizations	
<u>No. 105-2027</u> Authorizations	ON MOTION by Mr. LaJoy, seconded by Ms. VanArnam, the Morristown Central School District Board of Education approved the following authorizations for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027: • Approval of Attendance at Conferences, Conventions, & Workshops - Superintendent of Schools Staci Vaughn for all faculty and staff requests and BOE President Dr. Lawrence Kring, III, for all Superintendent and BOE Member requests • Approval of Budgetary Transfers – Staci Vaughn (up to \$15,000) • Applying for State and Federal Grant Aid – Staci Vaughn • Establish Mileage Reimbursement Rate - U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Reimbursement Rate Vote Passes: 7-0
Official Undertakings (Bonds)	
<u>No. 106-2027</u> Official Undertakings (Bonds)	ON MOTION by Mr. LaJoy, seconded by Mr. Hunter, the Morristown Central School District Board of Education approved the bonding of the following individuals/positions for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 with coverage of \$1,000,000 per claim through Utica National Insurance Group for the following: • District Treasurer • Deputy Treasurer • District Tax Collector • Claims Auditor (continued on next page)

	• Extracurricular Activities Account Treasurer • All Employees Who Handle Cash • All Persons and Positions Required by Law or Regulation to Be Bonded Vote Passes: 7-0																																																				
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<u>No. 107-2027</u> Approval of the Impartial Hearing Officer (IHO) Listing	ON MOTION by Mr. LaJoy, seconded by Mrs. Simmons, the Morristown Central School District Board of Education approved the Impartial Hearing Officer (IHO), which is established by NYSED, for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027, at an hourly rate of \$100 per hour for pre-hearing, hearing, and post-hearing activities, in addition to reasonable, actual, and necessary expenses for automobile travel, meals, and overnight lodging in accordance with the District’s reimbursement rates for employees. Mailing costs associated with the hearing will also be reimbursed. Administrative assistance, secretarial, or other overhead expenses will not be reimbursed. <table><tr><th>2026-27 IHO Rotational List (L to R)</th><td>Anjelica Cappellino</td><td>Marisa Carbone</td><td>Roberto Cervoni</td></tr><tr><td>Andrea Cohen</td><td>Diane Cohen</td><td>Ellen Cutler-Igoe</td><td>Audrey Daniel</td></tr><tr><td>Edgar Deleon</td><td>Marcel Denis</td><td>Barbara Ebenstein</td><td>John Farago</td></tr><tr><td>Rona Feinberg</td><td>Sharyn Finkelstein</td><td>Lana Flame</td><td>Steven Forbes</td></tr><tr><td>Harriet Gewirtz</td><td>Rachel Gibbons</td><td>Randy Glasser</td><td>Craig Goldsmith</td></tr><tr><td>David Gronbach</td><td>Vanessa Gronbach</td><td>Jeanne Keefe</td><td>Judith Kramer</td></tr><tr><td>Dora Lassinger</td><td>Michael Lazan</td><td>Lisa Eggert Litvin</td><td>Ramy Louis</td></tr><tr><td>Kenneth Lynch</td><td>Ann Marquez</td><td>Tina Millman</td><td>Leah Murphy</td></tr><tr><td>Patricia Murrell</td><td>Hashim Rahman</td><td>Mitchell Regnbogen</td><td>Kenneth Ritzenberg</td></tr><tr><td>Robert Rodriguez</td><td>Brad Rosken</td><td>Jeffrey Schiro</td><td>Judith Schneider</td></tr><tr><td>Stephanie Seto</td><td>Keila Tennent</td><td>Israel Wahrman</td><td>James Walsh</td></tr><tr><td>Marion Walsh</td><td>Sebastian Weiss</td><td>Mindy Wolman</td><td>Daniel Ajello</td></tr><tr><td>Allana Alexander</td><td>Lynn Botwinik Almeleh</td><td>Rodney Austin</td><td></td></tr></table> Vote Passes: 7-0	2026-27 IHO Rotational List (L to R)	Anjelica Cappellino	Marisa Carbone	Roberto Cervoni	Andrea Cohen	Diane Cohen	Ellen Cutler-Igoe	Audrey Daniel	Edgar Deleon	Marcel Denis	Barbara Ebenstein	John Farago	Rona Feinberg	Sharyn Finkelstein	Lana Flame	Steven Forbes	Harriet Gewirtz	Rachel Gibbons	Randy Glasser	Craig Goldsmith	David Gronbach	Vanessa Gronbach	Jeanne Keefe	Judith Kramer	Dora Lassinger	Michael Lazan	Lisa Eggert Litvin	Ramy Louis	Kenneth Lynch	Ann Marquez	Tina Millman	Leah Murphy	Patricia Murrell	Hashim Rahman	Mitchell Regnbogen	Kenneth Ritzenberg	Robert Rodriguez	Brad Rosken	Jeffrey Schiro	Judith Schneider	Stephanie Seto	Keila Tennent	Israel Wahrman	James Walsh	Marion Walsh	Sebastian Weiss	Mindy Wolman	Daniel Ajello	Allana Alexander	Lynn Botwinik Almeleh	Rodney Austin	
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<u>No. 108-2027</u> Approval of Annual St. Lawrence - Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Agreement	ON MOTION by Vice President Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hunter, the Morristown Central School District Board of Education approved the annual agreement for participation in the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Program for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. 2026-27 St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Vote Passes: 7-0																																																				

<u>No. 109-2027</u> Approval of Fixed Assets at \$5,000	ON MOTION by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. LaJoy, the Morristown Central School District Board of Education approved fixed assets at \$5,000 for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. Vote Passes: 7-0
<u>No. 110-2027</u> Authorization for Superintendent of Schools to Temporarily Hire Personnel	ON MOTION by Mrs. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Hunter, the Morristown Central School District Board of Education authorized the Superintendent of Schools to temporarily hire personnel during the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. Vote Passes: 7-0
<u>No. 111-2027</u> Authorization for Superintendent of Schools to Temporarily Approve CSE/CPSE Services	ON MOTION by Ms. VanArnam, seconded by Mr. Hunter, the Morristown Central School District Board of Education authorized the Superintendent of Schools to temporarily approve CPSE/CSE recommendations during the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. Vote Passes: 7-0
For Your Information	
For Your Information	Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the MCS Library
Public Comments	
Public Comments	There were no public comments.
Adjournment	
<u>No. 112-2027</u> Adjournment	MOTION made by Mr. LaJoy, seconded by Mr. Ritchie. Resolved that the Morristown Central School District Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Vote Passes: 7-0

Respectfully submitted,



Stacey L. Basford
District Clerk
07/08/2026