



CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Boards of Education Joint Retreat with Morrisville-Eaton
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:00 pm

25 Lakers Lane | Cazenovia, NY 13035
Hampton Inn Cazenovia, Ballrooms B-C
Open to the Public

Type of Meeting:	Joint Retreat for the Boards of Education with Morrisville-Eaton CSD
Cazenovia BOE Members Present:	JoAnne Race, Meghan Kelly, Judith Hight, Ron Luteran, David Mehlbaum, Jennifer Parmalee, Jan Woodworth
Cazenovia Administrators Present:	Christopher DiFulvio, Thomas Finnerty
Morrisville-Eaton BOE Members Present:	Brian Koehl, Megan Dooley, Steven Broedel, Dustin Jones, Trevor Thieme
Morrisville-Eaton Administrators Present:	Gregory Molloy, Matthew Enigk
Other Participants Present:	Matthew Cook, Superintendent of OCM BOCES Scott Budelmann, Superintendent of MO BOCES David Little, Facilitator – Rural Schools Association David Elliott, Presenter – NYS Education Department

1. Call to Order

David Little, retreat facilitator, began the meeting by introducing himself and reiterating the purpose of the retreat.

The meeting was called to order jointly by both boards' presidents, Brian Koehl for Morrisville-Eaton CSD and JoAnne Race for Cazenovia CSD, at 6:06 pm, after everyone was asked to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

2. Introductions

David Little asked each board member and administrator seated at the table to introduce themselves. JoAnne Race extended a thank you to Morrisville-Eaton for inviting Cazenovia to the retreat.

3. SED Presentation

David Elliott from NYSED gave a presentation on what reorganization between two neighboring school districts looks like. Centralization (when a new school district is created that includes the entirety of both merging districts) was the type of reorganization presented at this retreat, as opposed to Annexation or Consolidation. David Elliott outlined the necessary steps, including a feasibility study, the board and public votes that are required, the role of the Commission of Education in this process, the expected aid the new school district would receive, and the best-case timeline.

4. Board - Questions & Answers

David Elliott answered questions from board members, including: any restrictions on state aid; who performs and pays for the feasibility study; differences between centralization and

annexation; requirements for a straw vote to pass; what happens if there's a delay in the established timeline; and best practices to integrate stakeholder feedback.

David Little presented on the impact of a reorganization for both districts with regards to the property tax rates; what the new district line would look like compared to other districts in Central New York; state aid and building aid estimates; and pros/cons.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by both board presidents at 7:43 pm.

Emily Ayres, District Clerk