

The regular monthly meeting of the Morrisville Board of School Directors was held in the LGI Room located in the Morrisville Intermediate/Senior High School, 550 West Palmer Street, Morrisville, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Bill Hellmann, President, called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm with the following members present on roll call:

In attendance: Messrs. Buckman, DeWilde, Hellmann, Radosti, Worob and Stout, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Ruthrauff and Mrs. Mihok.

Quorum Present.

Also attending this evening's meeting was Mr. William J. Ferrara, Acting Superintendent; Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; Mr. Tony Gesualdi, Acting Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services, Mr. Donald E. Harm, Acting Secondary Principal; Ms. Laurie Ruffing, Elementary/Intermediate School Principal, and Thomas J. Profy IV, Esq., Solicitor; media and MEA representation.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

- Mr. Hellmann outlined this evening's meeting.
 Continuation of 1/26/11 meeting
 2/16/11 agenda for 2/23/11 meeting
 Candidate interviews for board vacancy
 Special meeting to appoint a candidate to the vacant seat
- Mr. DeAngelo reviewed the preliminary budget for 2011-2011
- Mr. Joe Solomon, Energy Consulting outlined the Act 77 Project

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Jon Perry, 43 Fairview Ave.
 Commented on the Technical School

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

⇒ Enrollment Report

District Enrollments as of January 20, 2011

Student Population

Pre Kindergarten.....	18	
Kindergarten	75	GRANDVIEW
Grade 1	78	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 4-5.....
Grade 2	78 483
Grade 3	74	
Grade 4	93	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 6-8.....
Grade 5	67	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12
Grade 6	60 389
Grade 7	59	
Grade 8	68	TECHNICAL SCHOOL
Grade 9	44	HOME SCHOOLED.....
Grade 10.....	46	CHARTER SCHOOLS
Grade 11.....	53	OUT-OF-DISTRICT.....
Grade 12.....	69	
	 Total
	 1015

(4 students in out-of-district placements are housed in our district and are included only once in the total)

⇒ **This week in our Schools**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Jan. 1 & 2 -- Winter Break
- Jan. 3-7 -- No EAP Tutoring or 21st Century Homework Zone
- 7th -- Elementary Dental exams with Dr. Gross
- 10th -- All after school programs resume
- 10th - 19th -- DIBELS/4sight Testing
- 17th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Schools Closed
- 21st -- Elementary Common Core Standards Team visits BCIU
- 21st -- Third grade Bicycle Safety Presentation
- 24th -- Patti Gill (Literacy Coach) observes Intermediate Teachers
- 25th -- 21st Century Presents Raising a Family on Purpose 6:00 p.m. in MHS LGI room
- 26th - Patti Gill (Literacy Coach) observes Intermediate Teachers
- 27th/28th -- End of Marking Period Assessments
- 28th - End of 2nd Marking Period
- 31st - Teacher In-Service - Schools Closed

UPPER INTERMEDIATE AND HIGH SCHOOL SECONDARY REPORT

- Congratulations to Peyton McDonald who took 1st Place in the Ms. FBLA event in the regional competition recently.
- Congratulations to Senior Matt Cookson on being named one of the prestigious Maxwell Club's Mini-Max recipients for football. Matt will be attending the 26th Annual Jim Henry Awards banquet on January 13, 2011 in Drexel Hill, PA. This is a great honor.
- The Parent Advisory meeting was held on January 12th.
- 4Sight testing was held during the week of January 11th.
- A financial aid night was held in the Library at 6:00pm on January 12th.
- A Coaches vs. Cancer Day was held on January 28th. The faculty and staff along with the proceeds from the January 28th boys basketball game will be donated to the Coaches vs. Cancer Program. All Bicentennial League members are participating in this project.
- There was no school on January 17th and January 31st.
- Exams will be held on January 27th and 28th
- The Morrisville Achievers Club (MAC)
 - ✓ Visited Snipes Farm and learned about planting, raising animals, apple picking, sustainability and environmental concerns.
 - ✓ Traveled by train to Phila to visit Cohen, Seglias Furhman, a law firm specializing in construction litigation. While there students enjoyed a tour of the firm, listened to speakers talk about the different jobs that make a law-firm work. They learned about the importance of a strong resume and set of "soft-skills" that can often separate job candidates. A graduate from MHS (1994-5) is a lawyer at the firm.
 - ✓ Students wear their jackets every other Thurs and carry a MAC binder. WE have held two rounds of conferences with the students thus far and will complete a third after mid-terms.
 - ✓ Starting last week, the MAC sponsored the CORE 6 Consulting group which will present every Wed in C-13. A parent orientation is scheduled for this coming Wed from 5:00-6:30. This dynamic group processes with students such issues as social responsibility, fiscal responsibility, fitness, and cultural diversity.
- The Ninth Grade Leadership Team
 - ✓ This select bunch of students meets with Kathleen Holt Whyte, a nationally renowned motivational speaker. They have met twice and have four more meetings scheduled for the next few months. KHW talks to the students in a small setting about setting personal and professional goals. These students also have breakfast before school the week after each session to review and process the previous session.
 - ✓ Starting in March, the chamber of commerce will be sending mentors to talk to 9th graders about their businesses in the community. A trip to the chamber of commerce expo is the final part of this program, sponsored by Dan Bates

- Starting this Wednesday, in conjunction with Laurie Barnes:
 - ✓ What's the Next Step (or something like that) SAT prep. Career goals, resumes, college trips etc
- Starting this Thursday
 - ✓ WHY Y Radio Fundamentals w/Rocco Ritorto: Interviewing, editing, production, recording. Trip to WHY Y studios as culmination.
- These groups offer the students of MHS a variety of excellent programs and I am thrilled to be a part of every one of them. If you need any more info, let me know.

Routine Action Items

At the meeting of the Board of School Directors on September 22, 2010 the Board of School Directors approved a motion that Agenda meeting action items considered routine will be enacted under one motion unless removed for separate action upon Board request. The purpose of the consolidated motion is to expedite Governing Board action on all consent items, which are not held for discussion. Items that have been held for discussion by the Governing Board will be enacted upon at the time the item is discussed.

2.1. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes listed below

- 2.1.a. December 15, 2010 Monthly Business Meeting of the Board of School Directors
- 2.1.b. January 19, 2011 Monthly Agenda Meeting of the Board of School Directors

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a voice vote of 7 ayes; 1 abstention (Mrs. Heater).

INFRASTRUCTURE/FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES *Mr. Bill Hellmann, Chairperson*

3. INFRASTRUCTURE **INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:** **ACTION ITEMS**

The Board approved 3.1 and 3.2 in one vote. Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. DeWilde; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

3.1. Approval, Synergy Change Order

The Board approved a motion to approve a change order from Synergy in the amount of \$1,500 for work performed at Grandview Elementary.

3.2. Approval, Cameras at Grandview

The Board approved a motion to approve security cameras at Grandview Elementary School.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS
ACTION ITEMS

The Board approved items 4.1 to 4.3 in one vote. Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

4.1. Approval, Appointments

4.1.a. *The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of Shane Coulter as accounting intern, at the hourly salary of \$12 for 20 hrs/week, effective January 3, 2011.

4.1.b. *The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of Krista Schick and Mary Bracken to the HEART Team for 2010-2011 at the hourly rate of \$22.

4.1.c. *The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of Michael Scott as Drama Director for 2010-2011 at a stipend of \$1,650 in accordance with Collective Bargaining Agreement.

4.2. Approval, Tuition Reimbursements

The Board approved a motion to approve tuition reimbursement as listed below.

Individual	Course	Univ.	Amount
Alison Bechberger	Dissertation Proposal	Temple Univ.	\$500
Traci Coley	Gendered Brain	Gratz	\$500
Amy Keeling	Kinesthetic Classroom	Gratz	\$500
Carla Van Demark	Tchg. & Learning	Gratz	\$500
Meredith Robson	Dealing with Behaviors	Gratz	\$500
Tarisa Rorick	Differentiated Inst.	Cabrini	\$500
Justin Woodruff	Differentiated Inst.	Cabrini	\$500
Christie Nemeth	Violence/Aggression	Fresno	\$389
Dennis Rodgers	Bullying	Univ. of LaVerne	\$285

4.3. Approval, Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of the listed per diem substitutes in accordance with the District substitute policy #429.

Larry Glick	Victoria Davies	Kaitlynn Jones	Laurie Mack
Mary Russo	Edna Telep	Jeremy Keating	Cathleen Parsons
Corey Latsch	Karen Rockwell	Colin Dill	Marjorie Buyce
Melissa Pirraglia	Elizabeth Tucker	Angela Shenton	

5. BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

5.1. Approval, Revised List of Contractors

This item was tabled. Move to table by Mrs. Mihok; seconded by Mr. Hellmann; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

Items 5.2 to 5.8 were voted in one motion. Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

5.2. Approval, Berkheimer Act 80 Agreement

The Board approved a motion to approve the Berkheimer Act 80 Agreement in the amount of \$720.

5.3. Approval, Treasurer's Report – December 2010

The Board approved a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2010.

5.4. Approval, Investment Report – December 2010

The Board approved a motion to approve the Investment Report for December 2010.

5.5. Approval, 2010-2011 Budget Transfers

The Board approved a motion to approve budget transfers for 2010-2011. General Fund = \$123,401.53; Grant Fund = \$3,959.38.

5.6. Approval, Acceptance of Donation

The Board approved a motion to accept the donation of numerous books from the MEA and Friends of MEA.

5.7. Approval, Point of Sale Agreement with My NutriKids

The Board approved a motion to approve the point of sale agreement with My NutriKids (at no cost to the district).

5.8. Approval, Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemptions

The Board approved a motion to approve the Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemptions listed:

Parcel 24-006-225 Parcel 24-008-017 Parcel 24-009-260

5.9. Payment of Bills

The Board approved a motion to approve payment of bills, as listed, subject to final audit by the Business Administrator in the amount of:

Miscellaneous Disbursement: (12/15/10 – 1/19/11)	\$205,644.81
Athletic Fund (12/21/10 – 1/19/11)	3,890.00
Cafeteria Fund: (1/31/11)	43,870.76
Accounts Payable (1/27/11)	209,235.46
Capital Projects	-0-
Capital Reserve (1/27/11)	33,302.32
Procurement Cards (Dec. 2010)	<u>137.83</u>
TOTAL BILLS	\$496,081.18

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti.

AMENDED:

Payment of bills approved as listed with the exception of check #22038 in the amount of \$20,323.32. Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

EDUCATION/POLICY COMMITTEE

6. EDUCATION

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

The Board approved items 6.1 to 7.1 in one motion. Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. DeWilde; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

6.1. Approval, 2011-2012 School Calendar

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2011-2012 school calendar.

6.2. Approval, 2011-2012 Program of Studies

The Board approved a motion to approve the Program of Studies for 2011-2012.

7. POLICY

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

7.1. Approval, 1ST Reading of Policy #210 Medications

The Board approved a motion to approve the 1st reading of Policy #210 Medications.

8. LIAISON REPORTS

- a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School – Mr. Buckman
Mr. Buckman reported that the Technical School sent a letter to PDE stating Morrisville is wrong withholding funds and requesting that the amount be withheld from our state subsidy.
Mr. Buckman is no longer serving on Technical School committees.
The unfairness to have only one representative to the Technical School continues.
Funding formula is questionable and not following formula in agreement.
Morrisville has to stand up for what they believe.
Funding for 10 additional students next year = \$400,000.

Mr. Ferrara met with 6 Superintendents pertaining to the funding formula. On April 5th Business Administrators, Superintendents and Board Presidents will be meeting on the funding formula.
Even though we value the education our students receive at the Technical School, how can we continue to take money out of our home students' budget to fund the students at tech?
The District has not been notified that a lawsuit is pending.
- b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Mrs. Mihok did not attend January meeting.
- c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

The below meetings will be held in the LGI
February 16, 2011..... Monthly Agenda Meeting
February 23, 2011..... 7:30 pm Monthly Business Meeting of the Board
March 16, 2011..... 7:30 pm Monthly Agenda Meeting

For Community and District Information
Visit our community website www.mv.org
and Channel 28 on your Local Cable

9. OLD BUSINESS

- Letter to Parks and Recreation Board – A copy of this letter will be forwarded to the Board.

10. NEW BUSINESS

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti and passed by a voice vote of 6 ayes; 2 nays (Mrs. Heater and Mr. DeWilde).

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the current global economic downturn poses a threat to the fiscal well-being of the School District of Borough of Morrisville ("School District") and poses numerous challenges to the operations and future of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School District desires to conduct a comprehensive review of various alternatives related to staffing, buildings and facilities and other financial transactions to support the School District's budgetary and financial needs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the School District wishes to authorize certain administrators, staff and agents of the School District to study, identify and assess the viability of available options for the School District in order to meet these fiscal challenges while ensuring the continued level of excellence in education service and commitment to the School District community.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that:

1. The School Board directs that the Acting Superintendent, the Business Administrator and such other

members of the School District's Administration Team who the Superintendent deems necessary and prudent to:

- Study the professional staffing needs of the School District, based upon instructional program requirements and student enrollment; and
- Determine the minimum professional staffing needs of the School District for the upcoming school year, based upon the foregoing studies; and
- Make recommendations to the Board during February and March 2011, based upon the considerations set forth in the Public School Code, concerning whether any professional or temporary professional employee positions should be maintained, added, reduced or eliminated during the 2011-2012 school year; and
- If a recommendation is made for elimination or reduction of positions, implement the established procedures through termination of specific temporary professional employees, suspension of specific professional employees or demotion of specific professional employees, obtaining such approvals from the Pennsylvania Department of Education that may be required for the alternation or curtailment of education programs, as appropriate; and
- Notify any temporary professional and professional employees who may be affected by the recommendation; and

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of School Directors of the School District of Borough of Morrisville, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 16th day of February, 2011.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF
MORRISVILLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

[SEAL]

Alfred A. Radtke

W. He

Ronald M. ...

Yvonne A. ...

John S. ...

Attest:

Marlys Mihok
Board Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTION

Marlys Mihok – this is a formal resolution for what the District has been doing for the past three years.

Jon Perry – broad massive and sweeping resolution

Sharon Hughes – realistic looking forward

Jack Buckman – resolution is a guarantee of what we have been doing for past 3 years

John DeWilde – would like resolution broken down into plainer language

Mr. Hellmann – resolution confirms what we have been doing for past 3 years

Mr. DeAngelo – resolution will be posted on our website

11. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. Passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

W. He 3/23/11
William Hellmann, President

Marlys Mihok
Marlys Mihok, Secretary