

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, September 22, 2010, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Bill Hellmann, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the following members present on roll call:

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

Absent: Mrs. Reithmeyer; Mrs. Worob, Mrs. Heater.

Quorum Present.

Also attending this evening's meeting were Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; Mr. William Ferrara, Intermediate/Secondary Principal (Gr. 6-12); Mr. Tony Gesualdi, Director of Pupil Services, Ms. Laurie Ruffing, Elementary/Intermediate Principal (Gr. PreK-5); Thomas Profy, IV, Esq., Solicitor; media and MEA representation.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ferrara reported that the opening of school was successful at both Grandview and the Intermediate/High School. Mr. Ferrara and Ms. Ruffing helped in the directing of traffic. Both back-to-school nights were well attended. Back-to-school night for Grandview will be held 9/30.

⇒ Enrollment Report

District Enrollments as of September 16, 2010

Student Population

Pre Kindergarten.....	18	
Kindergarten	72	GRANDVIEW
Grade 1	82	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 4-5.....
Grade 2	77
Grade 3	75
Grade 4	90	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 6-8.....
Grade 5	63	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12
Grade 6	63
Grade 7	63
Grade 8	68	TECHNICAL SCHOOL
Grade 9	54	HOME SCHOOLED.....
Grade 10.....	57	CHARTER SCHOOLS
Grade 11.....	52	OUT-OF-DISTRICT.....
Grade 12.....	66	
		Total.....
		1036-7=1029

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

This is a total of 900 in our buildings.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE
Morrisville, Pennsylvania

September 22, 2010

⇒ **This week in our Schools**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Sept. 7th first day 1st-5th grade
- Sept. 9th Rosh Hashanah school closed
- Sept. 10th 1st day PreK & K
- Sept. 16 & 17 Patti Gill Literacy coach observes 4-6th grade teachers
- Sept. 20th Jessie's Roundup School Supply Drop off @ GV
- Sept. 20th - 24th DIBELS/4sight testing
- Sept. 21st BTS grades 4/5 @ 7 pm
- Sept. 27th Power of One Bully Program
- Sept. 27th -Parent Bullying Workshop 6-8 @ LGI
- Sept. 30th BTS @ GV 7 pm

▶ **Student Representative to the Board – Dakari Campbell reported for the UPPER INTERMEDIATE AND HIGH SCHOOL SECONDARY REPORT.**

- Congratulations to Krista Mullaney, of our ASAP CAMP, who won the PEACE poster contest sponsored by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia. She was awarded a scooter and gift certificate.
- The staff returned on August 30th. The faculty and staff participated in professional development training. Presentations included CPI Training, READ 180 and Vocabulary Part II.
- The varsity football team won their first game against Boys Latin, 40-32. The cheerleaders and band performed at the game.
- Schools were closed on September 9th.
- The soccer, field hockey and cross country teams have started their seasons.
- The Leadership Academy is a program sponsored by the high school and the Morrisville Rotary. The purpose of this program is to offer students the opportunity to develop their leadership capacity. This will be accomplished through monthly discussions conducted with a person who is currently in a position of leadership. Members of the Leadership Academy will be required to complete group projects designed to raise money for a charity of their choice. This project will be viewed as a culminating event requiring students to use the information and skills gained through their participation in the program.
Parents/guardians and students met with members of the Leadership Committee on September 14th to explain the details of the academy. Monthly meetings for students will be held starting September 21st.
- Back to School Night was held for the intermediate/high school on September 16th.
- 4 Sight testing for grades 6 thru 11 was held during the week of September 20th to September 24th. The results will be used to direct instruction.
- College Information Night will be held on September 29th for juniors and seniors. It will be held in the library at 6:30pm.
- *Upcoming Event:*
The high school student government will be sponsoring a blood drive in the gym on October 4th from 9:00am to 2:00pm

The Board adjourned for executive session related to personnel items.

PUBLIC SESSION

Sharon Hughes, 121 Mercer Ave.

Taping of Borough Council Meetings – what is School Board policy?
Positive publicity

Gayle Haug, 260 Harper

Mrs. Haug reported on the Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation (MOEF). The Foundation received the following contributions: \$6,200 from Waste Management earmarked for specific educational programs; \$1,000 from Air Products; \$400 profit from the Giant gift cards. Details for the Giant gift cards are available under “Foundations” at www.mv.org. In addition, a silent auction will be held on December 4th at Winterfest.

Jon Perry, 43 Fairview Ave.

Public Comment Policy; Dr. Yonson; Mr. Ferrara’s position; PSSA scores; student lunch increase; Manor Park.

Damon Miller, 249 W. Franklin

Dr. Yonson; Mr. Ferrara’s position; unanswered questions.

Patricia Schell, 62 Grandview Ave.

Tree at Grandview

ACTION ITEMS:

2. Approval of Minutes

Items 2.1 and 2.2 were moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; approved by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

2.1. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2010 Monthly Business Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

2.2. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2010 Monthly Agenda Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

The following motion is an addition to tonight's agenda.

Approval, Routine Action Items

The Board 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.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

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

3. HUMAN RESOURCES

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

District Employees as of September 15, 2010 = 148

- 5..... Administrators
- 81..... Teachers
- 12..... Administrator Support Staff
- 16..... Support Staff
- 34..... Instructional & Non-Instructional Support Staff

ACTION ITEMS

3.1. Approval, Acceptance of Resignation

3.1.a. *The Board approved a motion* to accept the resignation of Dr. Elizabeth Yonson from the position of Superintendent of Schools effective September 22, 2010, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Release and Settlement Agreement executed by her, authorizing the Board President to execute same and therefore, in accordance with 24 P.S. § 10-1073, Dr. Yonson is notified that the Board intends to consider other candidates for the position of District Superintendent.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

Mrs. Mihok added – with regret.

3.1.b. *The Board approved a motion* to accept the resignation of Mrs. Rita Bratton from the position of personal care assistant, effective August 30, 2010.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

The Board approved a motion to approve items 3.2 to 4.1 with the exception of 3.7 which will be voted upon separately. Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

3.2. Approval, Tuition Reimbursements

The Board approved a motion to request approval of tuition reimbursements as listed.

Year	Individual	Course	Institution	# Credits	Amount
09-10	Shaun McGinty	Management & Decision Mkg.	Cabrini	3	\$1,665
09-10	Shaun McGinty	Principal Internship	Cabrini	3	135
09-10	Sandra Sims	Personality in Classroom	Gratz	3	820
09-10	Sandra Sims	Differentiated Instruction	Gratz	3	980
09-10	Justin Woodruff	Education Research	Cabrini	3	525
10-11	Melissa Bowman	Cooperative Discipline	Gratz	3	500
10-11	Rick Sabol	Human Development	Holy Family	3	500

3.3. Approval, Appointment of Acting Superintendent

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. William Ferrara to the position of Acting Superintendent effective September 22, 2010.

Mr. Buckman commented that Mr. Ferrara will bring new and better dimension to Morrisville education because of his experience as a Principal and what he has learned from the expertise of the Superintendent who mentored him.

Mr. DeWilde stated that Mr. Ferrara has told him this will be a trial period for balancing the positions. We are all concerned that this runs smoothly and nothing falls through the cracks. We will work with Mr. Ferrara and I have no doubt that he will be reliant.

3.4. Approval, Directive to Prepare Contract for Acting Superintendent

The Board approved a motion to direct Begley Carlin Mandido LLP to prepare a contract for Mr. William Ferrara to serve as Acting Superintendent.

3.5. Approval, Ratify Contract of Group I Section N Salary and Benefit Schedule and District Policy #2114.2 Section 3 Performance Level

The Board approved a motion to ratify contract of Group I Section N Salary and Benefit Schedule and District Policy #2114.2 Section 3 Performance Level.

3.6. Approval, Ratify Begley Carlin Mandio LLP's Letter Allowing Execution of Contractual Obligations

The Board approved a motion to ratify Begley Carlin Mandio LLP's letter allowing Mr. Paul DeAngelo to execute contractual obligations.

3.8. Approval, Tenure Eligibility

The Following individuals are eligible for a Professional Contract/Tenure, having received satisfactory evaluations and having served three years under a Temporary Professional Contract.

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Date of Tenure</u>
Melissa Bowman	9/15/10
Bethany Coleman	8/29/10

The Board approved a motion to approve the above individuals for tenure and to direct the Administration to issue a Professional Employee Contract.

3.9. Approval, Extra-Curricular Appointments

The Board approved a motion to appoint the following individuals to extra-curricular activities for 2010-2011:

Orick Smith.....	Boys Varsity Basketball Coach.....	3,675
Ryan Feldman.....	Boys JV Basketball Coach.....	2,325
David Howell.....	Girls Varsity Basketball Coach.....	3,450
Lisa Colon.....	Girls JV Basketball Coach.....	2,175
Ivan Colon.....	Boys Middle School Basketball Coach.....	1,950
Bruce Campbell.....	Girls Middle School Basketball Coach.....	1,950
Dave Vaccaro.....	Varsity Baseball Coach.....	2,625
Sean Haines.....	Asst. Varsity Baseball Coach.....	1,950
Drew King.....	Asst. JV Baseball Coach.....	1,950
Dan Fox.....	Varsity Bowling Coach.....	2,625
Ivan Colon.....	Varsity Softball Coach.....	2,625
Rich Poland.....	Asst. Varsity Softball Coach.....	1,950
Lisa Colon.....	Middle School Softball Coach.....	1,950
Michael Scott.....	Secondary Band Director.....	2,925
Michael Scott.....	Elementary Band Director.....	1,000
Karen Maziarz.....	Yearbook Advisory.....	2,200
Gloria Bramble/Mike Teefy.....	Stud. Govn./Pres. Classroom Adv.....	937.50/each
Drew King.....	FBLA.....	1,200
Cindy Hasness.....	10 th Grade Advisor.....	1,000
Mike Teefy.....	11 th Grade Advisor.....	1,500
Jim Gober.....	12 th Grade Advisor.....	1,875
Dave Vaccaro.....	Gym Show Director.....	1,250
Elizabeth Lathbury.....	National Honor Society.....	300
Demetrius Roberts.....	Middle School Student Govn.....	1,000
Traci Coley.....	After School Tech Monitor.....	\$22/hr.
Ken Kelman.....	Secondary Newspaper Advisor.....	1,350
VACANT.....	Middle School Chorus.....	1,125
VACANT.....	HS Chorus.....	1,350
VACANT.....	Drama Director.....	1,650
<u>Subject Area Coordinators</u>		
Lynn Palumbo.....	Special Ed Coordinator.....	1,500

4.1. Approval, Purchase Data from American Appraisal

The Board approved a motion to approve the purchase of a (excel) data diskette from American Appraisal for \$300.

3.7. Approval, Appointments

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointments listed below with the following changes:

***EAP Teacher Tutors = \$22/hour; New hires = \$14/hour; EAP tutors that have been here will be grandfathered at the rate they are now paid.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
John Eriksson	Teacher Induction Mentor	\$750

for Joe Martino

***EAP TUTORS -- \$14/hour**

Katherine Tomaszewski
Deb Gunzelman
Angel Stamps
Melissa Pilla
Lisa Castillo

Pam Markgraf Velez
Christine Klockner
Alan Benjamin
Jay Patel

EAP TUTORS -- \$22/hour

Kim Connell
Tracie Galante
Sue Stetler

Policy PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE -- In accordance with Substitute Policy - \$94/day

Stina Liebman
Molly Presley
Hope Westphal
Lee Miller
Roger Shellhamer
Kevin Ebert
Laura Walters-Belove
Aamanda Sholwinski
Leslie Fletcher
Joshua Sebastian

Amanda Brown
Michael Southrey
Paula Molino-Wolff
Lateef Johnson
Marcy Rednor
Rosetta Mazur
Bethanne Boggs
John Dardes
John Hartwick

Jack Larson
Marianne Thompson
Stephanie Greenberg
Karen Rosenfeld
Kelly Kiesel
Karyn Miller
Marion McNulty
Rucha Patel
Michael Jones

21st CENTURY EMPLOYEES – See addendum #1

Item 3.7. moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. DeWilde; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

4. BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE COMMITTEE

4.2. Approval, Payment to Latsha Davis Yohe & McKenna, P.C.

The Board approved a motion to table item 4.2. Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

4.3. Payment of Bills

The Board approved a motion to approve payment of bills, as listed, **with the exception of check #0008818 dated September 23, 2010 to Lincoln Investment for \$1,000**, subject to final audit by the Business Administrator in the amount of:

Miscellaneous Disbursement: (8/25/10 – 9/15/10)	\$436,531.92
Athletic Fund (9/3/10 – 9/20/10)	3,354.00
Cafeteria Fund: ()	-0-
Accounts Payable (9/23/10)	294,237.11
Capital Projects (9/23/10)	1,604.00
Capital Reserve (9/1/10 – 9/23/10)	587,849.97
Procurement Cards (August 2010)	3,639.90
Payroll & Benefits (August 2010)	<u>608,714.81</u>
TOTAL BILLS	\$1,935,931.71

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. DeWilde; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

Mr. Hellmann advised that we will be paying \$138,607.50 interest on the bond to M & T Investment Group. This amount is instead of \$627,726.25 and reflects a savings of \$489,118.75. In April we will save \$1,139,119.00. This is paid twice a year until 2026. This is a \$600 average savings per household in the Borough. Two checks.

5. LIAISON REPORTS

- a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School – Mr. Buckman
The Board has received a written report from Mr. Bailey on the Technical School Authority. Mr. Buckman is glad to see that Mr. Bailey is providing these reports. This information will become part of tonight's minutes.

2010 sept 13 meeting report.txt

The BCTHS Authority met on Sept. 13, 2010. I was present representing Morrisville School District. We approved the May 3, 2010 minutes.

Acting director Poeske reported on the start of the school year and summarized the roof survey report and three proposals for engineering services.

Elk River Industries did a roof survey to find the location and causes of leaks. Their report included observations from a visual inspection plus infrared photographs, and made recommendations with budget estimates for three separate items: the low-slope roof of the main building, the shingle roof of a large equipment shed, and skylights. Their estimated budget for the main roof was that it would cost about \$5,607,000 to replace and \$4,865 to \$7,000 to repair with a life expectancy of 5 to 7 years, give or take. The shingle roof estimated budget is \$301,500 for replacement and \$20,000 to \$45,000 for repair, with 1 to 3 years' life expectancy. The estimate for the skylights is \$6,000. Additionally, they recommend a \$5,885-per-visit budget for regular maintenance. Presumably this means on an annual basis. The consensus was that we should replace the shed roof and get the main roof repaired, although there were doubts that the repairs could be done for \$4-7 thousand. We informally asked Facilities Manager Michael Gasper to get some estimates from roofers in time for next month's meeting.

We considered engineering proposals from William G. Major Associates, Maida Engineering, and Robert L. Seeler Consulting. Two projects were addressed in these proposals: (1.) pavement work including new sidewalks and handicapped ramps and parking lot repaving, and (2.) installation of a generator to provide backup power for the IT systems room. Major only bid on the former, Seeler only on the latter, and Maida on both.

We voted unanimously to award Major a contract for drawing up bid specifications at a cost of \$9,500 and for overseeing the bidding phase at a cost of \$1,500.

No action was taken on the generator due to the uncertainty of how much will be left in the bond fund after the higher-priority roofing and paving projects are completed.

We received bids for kitchen equipment and voted unanimously to purchase two double convections ovens and a convection steamer, at a total cost of \$34,842 from Todd Devin Food Equipment, who was the lowest bidder to meet the bid specifications.

In other matters we unanimously approved the treasurer's report, general expenses totaling \$2,730 (\$2,250 biannual stipend for Nancy Durkan and \$480 in legal fees), and trust indenture expenses of \$5,240.63 (\$588 for legal fees, \$67.63 for bid advertisement, and \$4585 for the roof survey).

MOEF FOUNDATION

Before beginning her report, Mrs. Mihok gave credit to Gayle Haug, Darletta Berry-Johnson and Jane Burger for acquiring the \$6,200 from Waste Management. Mrs. Mihok was able to secure the \$1,000 from Air Products. These donations should go far and she is proud of the fundraising efforts of the foundation.

- b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Mrs. Mihok
Mrs. Mihok attended the IU meeting last evening. Mr. Jack Brady reported on SB971 introduced by Sen. McIlhenny and SB1331. The state board approved the Chapter 12 regulations. The 150 minute requirement for elementary students and the 225 minute requirement for middle and high school students for physical education was taken out since this would be hard to achieve in the daily schedules.

Twelve districts were in attendance last evening and since they have used their exceptions, their representatives are concerned that the index for next year is only 1.4%. They would be forced to referendum. Morrisville has not used any exceptions and does not plan to go to referendum next year.

- c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative – Mrs. Worob
No report this evening.

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

September 30, 2010	7:00 pm – Back-To-School Night at Grandview
October 20, 2010	6:45 pm Infrastructure/Finance/Human Resource Committee meets in G-Hall Conference Room
.....	7:30 pm Monthly Agenda Meeting in LGI
October 27, 2010	7:00 pm Education/Policy Committee
.....	7:30 pm Monthly Business Meeting of the Board

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and Channel 28 on your Local Cable***

6. OLD BUSINESS

- Alternates to serve as board committee representatives
Mr. DeWilde will serve as backup representative to the IU. He will be discussing alternatives for the other committees.
- Mr. DeWilde to research information for a Board/Administration Retreat
PSBA charges \$800, including travel, for an evening with the District representatives. He would like the Board and Administration to come up with ideas if they plan to move forward on this.

Informational Items – Mr. DeAngelo

- Mr. DeAngelo thanked Mr. Angelo Rago for his services during our recent renovations. His last day was September 15. He did a great job.
- The 21st Century Community Learning Center requested permission to offer citizenship preparation classes at the District.
- Auditorium Lighting – Mrs. Darletta Berry Johnson will pursue this with the Grundy Foundation in hopes of funding.
- Following up on tonight’s motions, a new organizational chart combined with policy 007 will be turned over to the board.

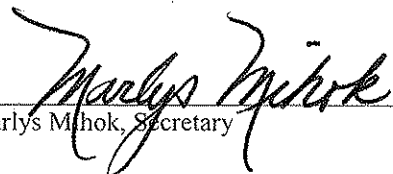
- In your packet is a grant report for the first time. You will see this on a monthly basis.
- Mrs. Mihok welcomed Mr. Ferrara as our new Acting Superintendent. She is looking forward to working with him. She appreciated his comments at the last board meeting to bring up test scores targeted at 11th grade.
- PSSA Scores – Mrs. Mihok created a chart that she will have copied. Overall, test scores are up over 5% with the exception of math level in 11th grade. We went up in reading. If you look at the students instead of the percentages, we are talking about ½ of an 11th grade student did more poorly than the previous year. This is not what we want to see, but it is a basis for improvement and we are improving every year.
- Mr. Ferrara credited the teaching staff for the work they do. We are fortunate to have a hard working staff. Our staff are dedicated, knowledgeable and constantly being updated on the needs of students. Our improvement plan will be available in October.
- Mr. Hellmann acknowledged the good work done by Mr. Ferrara, Administration and the staff. He will share an article he read on test scores at the next meeting.
- Mr. Stout mentioned an article John Stossel did 4-5 years ago titled “Students in America” relating to schools.

8. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.



William Hellmann, President



Marlys Mihok, Secretary