

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, April 20, 2011, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Bill Hellmann, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the following members present on roll call:

In attendance: Messrs. Buckman, DeWilde, Hellmann, Radosti, Worob and Stout, and Mrs. Ruthrauff, Mrs. Mihok (arrived at 7:35 pm).
 Absent: Mrs. Heater

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, Ms. Laurie Ruffing, Elementary/Intermediate School Principal, and Thomas J. Profy IV, Esq., Solicitor; media and MEA representation.

**A moment of silence was observed for the passing of
 Mrs. Frances Radosti and Mr. Stephen DeAngelo**

Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation – MOEF

Mrs. Haug reported that MOEF is in the process of applying for tax credit. Students competed in the Odyssey of the Mind competition and placed 9th out of 22.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

There was no Student Representative to the Board this evening.

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

District Enrollments as of April 12, 2011	
<u>Student Population</u>	
Pre Kindergarten.....	18
Kindergarten.....	72
Grade 1	80
Grade 2	78
Grade 3	74
Grade 4	93
Grade 5	63
Grade 6	59
Grade 7	61
Grade 8	67
Grade 9	43
Grade 10	44
Grade 11	58
Grade 12	57
GRANDVIEW	322
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 4-5	<u>156</u>
 478
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 6-8	187
HIGH SCHOOL 9-12	<u>200</u>
 387
TECHNICAL SCHOOL	51
HOME SCHOOLED	19
CHARTER SCHOOLS	31
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	51
..... Total	1021

(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

- April 4th – 8th PSSA Science 4th grade
- April 6th - End of 3rd MP/Early dismissal
- April 7th – Author Sharon Debowski visits Grandview
- April 7th – 3rd Grade to Camden Aquarium
- April 11th – Elementary Reading Olympics Competition
- April 12th – Title I Family Night 4th – 6th grade
- April 12th – Laps for Learning Fundraiser
- April 14th – Elementary Report Card Distribution
- April 15th – Elementary Spring conferences
- April 18th – 20th No Homework Zone, EAP Tutoring or Afterschool Clubs
- April 19th – Kindergarten to Philadelphia Zoo
- April 20th – Earth Day Celebration
- April 21st – 25th Spring Break
- April 27th – 1st grade to Camden Aquarium
- April 28th – Take Your Child to Work
- April 28th – Barnes and Noble School Spirit Night

UPPER INTERMEDIATE AND HIGH SCHOOL SECONDARY REPORT

- There was canine search conducted of the Intermediate/High School campus last Thursday. An evacuation drill was conducted during the search. Information about the search was conveyed to parents/guardians through a phone blast and a letter posted on the website after the conclusion of the search. There were no substances or weapons found during the search. The search was conducted in line with School Board Policy 226. As always the students were cooperative and waited patiently outside for half an hour while the search was conducted
- Congratulations to the following students were named to the 2010 Fall Sports Golden Team for Football:

First Team Defense	Matt Beyer and Matt Cookson
Second Team Offense	Julian Walker
Second Team Defense	Matt Kelvy
- Kudos to Morrisville’s technology team for their outstanding performance at the PA Computer Fair’s Regional Event held at the BCIU on March 23rd.

Congratulations to the following students:		
1 st Place	Text Based Desktop Publishing	Brittney Pilla
1 st Place	Graphic Design	Jenna Kownacky
1 st Place	PA Computer Fair Logo	Kristen Jopko

On Wednesday, May 25th, these students will be participating in the PA Computer Fair Finals held at Dickenson College in Carlisle, PA.
- Peyton McDonald and Shalay Johnson represented Morrisville’s Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America at the State Leadership Conference in Hershey PA
- The high school Reading Olympics team competed on April 14th. The Tome Raiders won a fourth place ribbon. Congratulations to the team.
- Congratulations to the Middle School Reading Olympics Team for bringing home a second place ribbon. Kudos to the 5th Grade Team for their first place blue ribbon in their Reading Olympics. Good Job!!
- The PSSA science tests were given to students in grades 6, 7, 8, and 11 beginning on April 6th through April 8th. PSSA reading, math and writing tests were given to students in late March.
- There was a 7th & 8th dance held at the school on April 8th. Reports from students and the faculty who attended the dance was this was the best dance in recent memory. Thanks to the Mr. Roberts, the class officers, and the parents who organized the dance

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- The Freshman/Sophomore Dinner Dance was held at the Elks Lodge on April 9th.
- The high school play, *Friday Night Live*, was presented on April 15th.
The cast, crew, Dr. Scott, and Mr. Jones have been working very hard and produced an excellent play.
- The Superintendent's Advisory Meeting was held on April 11th.
- Report cards were distributed on April 15th.
- The Student of the Month Breakfast will be held in the high school cafeteria on April 19th honoring students for the months of February and March. Congratulations to all the recipients.
- There were two student teacher activities during April sponsored by the Leadership Academy. On April 5th there was a student teacher basketball game. Today, there was a student/teacher Gym Night competition. The students involved with the Leadership Academy used these two events to raise money for school organizations and outside organizations. In addition, the events are part of a plan to increase school spirit and make the students of Morrisville proud of their school. Thanks to the students and teachers who participated in both events. And for the students in the leadership Academy for all their hard work in organizing the events.
- The administration will continue to seek ways to close the budget deficit while providing a quality education for the students of Morrisville.
- Schools will be closed on April 21, 22, and 25 in observance of the spring break.

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

Items 2.1.a, 2.1.b and 2.1.c were moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. DeWilde; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

- 2.1.a. ***The Board approved a motion*** to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2011 Monthly Agenda Meeting.
- 2.1.b. ***The Board approved a motion*** to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2011 Monthly Business meeting.
- 2.1.c. ***The Board approved a motion*** to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2011 Monthly Agenda Meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION

Wanda Kartal, 109 Grandview Ave. – Offered condolences; update on traffic; tech school bus stops; website; district policies.

Jon Perry, 43 Fairview Ave. – Doors at Grandview; budget calendar; IU budget

Bill Farrell, 347 N. Penna. Ave. – Election

Damon Miller, 249 W. Franklin St. – Test scores

Gayle Haug, 260 Harper Ave. – Offered condolences; student summer maintenance

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

3. INFRASTRUCTURE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS

3.1. Approval, Air Conditioner for Server Room

The Board approved a motion to approve the purchase of an air conditioner for the server room. Cost of unit not to exceed \$6,500.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. DeWilde; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 8 ayes.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS
ACTION ITEMS

4.1. Approval, Acceptance of Resignations

4.1.a. *The Board approved a motion* to accept the resignation of Bruce Campbell from the position of Varsity Softball Assistant Coach, effective immediately.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Worob; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 8 ayes.

4.1.b. *The Board approved a motion* to accept the resignation of Christina Kremer, R.N. from the position of part time (2 hr/day) aide to the school nurse, effective April 20, 2011.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 8 ayes.

4.2. Approval, Appointment – Per Diem Substitutes

Items 4.2 and 4.3 were moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

The Board approved a motion to approve the hiring of the following individuals as per diem substitutes for 2010-2011.

Harris Martin	Linda Ullrich	Kathleen Chaar	Nicole Alexander
Christine Bowen	Clifford Harris III	Maria Strandquest	
March Cohen	Kristen Deak	Sean Cullen	

4.3. Approval, Tuition Reimbursement

The Board approved a motion to approve tuition reimbursement for the following individual:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>College/School</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jason Czerniak	Educators Guide to ADD	BCIU#22	3	\$360

4.4. Approval, Appointments

The Board presented a motion for items 4.4.a and 4.4.b; moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Worob.

At the request of Administration, item 4.4b. was tabled. Motion to **TABLE** 4.4.b. by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. DeWilde; passed by a unanimous vote of 8 ayes.

4.4.a. Long Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Corey Latsch as long term substitute Kindergarten teacher, effective May 23, 2011 through June 17, 2011. Compensation will be in accordance with collective bargaining agreement with placement on the salary schedule in the Bachelor column, step 1 = \$46,669 (replaces Mrs. Gunnett).

4.4.b. Long Term Substitute Personal Care Assistant

The Board TABLED a motion to approve to be named as a long term substitute personal care assistant, effective May 13, 2011 through June 17, 2011 in accordance with Group II salary and benefit schedule at \$11.87/hour (replaces Mrs. Behar).

4.4.c. Middle School Baseball Coach

The Board approved a motion to approve Bruce Campbell to the position of Middle School Baseball Coach for 2010-2011 at the CBA stipend of \$1,950.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a voice vote of 7 ayes; 1 nay (Mr. DeWilde).

4.4.d. Varsity Softball Assistant Coach

The Board approved a motion to approve Chris Luis to the position of Varsity Softball Assistant Coach for 2010-2011 at the CBA stipend of \$1,950.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a voice vote of 7 ayes; 1 nay (Mr. DeWilde).

4.4.e. Participants in the Morrisville Alternative School Program

The Board approved a motion to approve the individuals listed as participants in the Alternative School Program. This after school component will be paid for through the 21st Century Grant at an amount determined by the provisions of the grant.

Roger Shellhamer
Kevin Ebert

Joe Martino
Erica Schabert

Theresa Palumbo
Jules Franks

Mary Killion

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

4.5. Approval, Act 93 Employee Severance Offering

The Board approved a motion to approve the Act 93 employee severance offering, effective June 30, 2011.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Ruthrauff; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

5. BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS
ACTION ITEMS

Items 5.1. and 5.2 were moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

5.1. Approval, Treasurer's Report

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for March 2011.

5.2. Approval, Investment Report

The Board approved the Investment Report for March 2011.

5.3. Payment of Bills

The Board approved payment of bills, as listed, **with the exception of check #39684 to Bucks County Technical School in the amount of \$150,914.00 (this amount will be placed in an escrow account)** subject to final audit by the Business Administrator in the amount of:

Miscellaneous Disbursement: (3/22/11 – 4/13/11)	\$335,897.74
Athletic Fund (3/29/11 – 4/7/11)	1,220.00
Cafeteria Fund: (4/21/11)	49,121.37
Accounts Payable (4/21/11)	159,145.32
Capital Projects	-0-
Capital Reserve (4/8/11 – 4/11/11)	86,760.00
Procurement Cards (March 2011)	<u>1,154.30</u>
TOTAL BILLS	\$633,298.73

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

6. LIAISON REPORTS

- a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School – Mr. Buckman
Mr. Buckman presented a report from Mr. Bailey (rep for School District Authority) to the Business Administrator, as well as financial information from the technical school related to discontinuing 9th grade at the Tech School. This would save the district some money, but is not proportionately correct.

Mr. Ferrara reported that he attended a conference at the Tech School on 4/5 to discuss funding. The issue of returning 9th grade to their home district was brought up. However, it is too late to achieve this for the 2011-2012 school year; therefore, this item will be placed on their agenda for consideration in October 2011. Five of the 6 sending districts have funding issues with the Technical School. A funding study was done in 2006; the findings suggested significant changes to the articles. If a study is going to be done and not followed then let it be done by the individual districts. The Tech budget is still in flux which makes it difficult for our district to finalize our budget.

- b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Mr. DeWilde
- *A sustainability conference will be held at the IU on May 13 (information is on BCIU website).*
 - *The IU will decrease their budget by 11%; no increases to individual districts.*
 - *Act 93 employees agreed to a voluntary salary freeze.*
 - *SB911 proposes taking away exceptions for referendum*
 - *Voucher bill will be addressed following revision of charter school acts*
 - *May 3 – workshop for school board candidates at IU*
 - *Mr. DeWilde donated National Geographic books to school library*
 - *Reading Olympics was successful; looking for more participation*
 - *Mr. DeWilde has found the representatives at the IU very cooperative*
 - *Technical School Budget – many items need to be dealt with; we should focus on what is not fair to us.*
- c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative – Mrs. Mihok
- *Mrs. Mihok attended the PSBA Advocacy Conference last week. Some items discussed included:*
 - *Senator Dalen Leach proposed funding cyber and cyber charter schools @ \$4500/student*
 - *Vouchers were discussed extensively; PSBA opposes vouchers*
 - *Need for broad based relief from state mandates*
 - *Mrs. Mihok read a statement pertaining to PA School Boards, their regulations, requirements and duties. Mandates without funding were included in this statement.*
 - *Mrs. Mihok supplied the Business Manager, Solicitor and Board President with a copy of a resolution opposing state mandates.*
 - *Additionally, Mrs. Mihok attended a conference held by Auditor General Jack Wagner relating to ways to save taxpayer money.*

Mr. Worob thanked Mrs. Mihok for continuing to attend the PSBA conferences.

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

The below meetings will be held in the LGI

May 18, 2011 7:30 pm – Monthly Agenda Meeting
May 25, 2011 7:30 pm Monthly Business Meeting of the Board
June 17, 2011 7:00 pm -- Morrisville H S Graduation

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and Channel 28 on your Local Cable

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

2010-2011 Grant Report – will be included in the next Friday packet
WDB Landscaping – Thank you for spreading dirt at the baseball field

June 17, 2011 – 7:00 pm -- Morrisville High School Graduation

Mr. Worob mentioned that several articles have been in the media stating districts are looking to cut expenditures. He pointed out that Morrisville has not made any educational cuts.

From recent newspaper articles, Mr. Hellmann noted that:

Council Rock will cut 67+ positions

Bristol Twp. Will cut 60 positions

Mr. Hellmann advised that Morrisville also has budget challenges, but due to the attention of this Board and Administrators during the past 3 years, we are nowhere near the deficits of neighboring districts. I'm not going to vote for anymore tax increases.

9. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

William Hellmann, President

Marlys Mihok, Secretary