

**Because of tonight's snow storm, an abbreviated meeting was held. Carryover items will be placed on the agenda for February 16, 2011.**

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, January 26, 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 and Stout, , Mrs. Ruthrauff and Mrs. Mihok.

Absent: Mrs. Heater.

*Quorum Present.*

Also attending this evening's meeting was Mr. William J. Ferrara, Acting Superintendent; Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; and Thomas J. Profy, IV, Esq., Solicitor.

## PUBLIC SESSION

**Jon Perry, 43 Fairview**

Sympathy to the family of Brenda Worob; GV trailers; preliminary budget.

**Gayle Haug, Harper Ave.**

Sympathy to the family of Brenda Worob; GV trailers.

### **5.2. Approval, Act 1 Index Resolution**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Act 1 Index Resolution.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

MORRISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2006, the Pennsylvania legislature passed Act 1 of Special Session 2006, entitled the "Taxpayer Relief Act" (hereinafter "Act 1");

WHEREAS, Act 1 requires school districts to limit tax increases to the level set by an inflation index unless the tax increase is approved by voters in a referendum or the school district obtains from the Department of Education or a court of common pleas certain referendum exceptions;

WHEREAS, Act 1 does, however, allow a board of school directors to elect to adopt a resolution indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the public schools for the following fiscal year by more than its index, provided this resolution must be adopted no later than 110 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the upcoming fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the Morrisville School District index for the 2011-2012 fiscal year is 1.4%;

WHEREAS, the Morrisville School District Board of Directors has made the decision that it shall not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the Morrisville School District for the 2011-2012 fiscal year by more than its index.

AND NOW, on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Morrisville School District (hereinafter "District") Board of Directors (hereinafter "Board") the following:

1. The Board certifies that it will not increase any school district tax for the 2011-2012 school year at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
2. The Board certifies that it will comply with the procedures set forth in Section 687, of the Pennsylvania Public School Code (hereinafter "School Code"), 24 P.S. §6-687, for the adoption of its proposed and final budget.
3. The Board certifies that increasing any tax at a rate less than or equal to the index will be sufficient to balance its final budget of the 2011-2012 fiscal year.
4. The Administration of the District will submit the District's information on a proposed increase in the rate of a tax levied for the support of the District to the Pennsylvania Department of Education on the uniform form prepared by the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five days after the Board's adoption of this Resolution.

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5. The Administration of the District will send a copy of this Resolution to the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five days after the Board's adoption of this Resolution.
6. The Board understands and agrees that by passing this Resolution it is not eligible to seek referendum exceptions under Section 333(f) of Act 1 and is not eligible to request approval from the voters through a referendum to increase a tax rate by more than the index as established for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.
7. Once this Resolution is passed, the Administration of the District is not required to comply with the preliminary budget requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1. Provided, however:
  - (a) The Board understands and agrees that, upon receipt of the information submitted by the District as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall compare the District's proposed percentage increase in the rate of the tax with the index.
  - (b) Within ten days of the receipt of this information, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall inform the District whether its proposed tax rate increase is less than or equal to the index.
  - (c) If the Pennsylvania Department of Education determines that the District's proposed increase in the rate of the District's tax exceeds the index, the District is subject to the preliminary budget requirements as set forth in paragraph (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1.

**DULY ADOPTED** by the Board of School directors in lawful session duly assembled this twenty sixth day of January, 2011.

BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bucks County, Pennsylvania

By: William Hellmann 1/26/11  
William Hellmann, President

ATTEST: Marlys Mihok  
Marlys Mihok, Secretary

(SEAL)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Superintendent of Schools**

*The Board approved a motion* to notify the Department of Education that the School District is in receipt of its email dated December 10, 2010 and is aware that Acting Superintendent William Ferrara's contract expires on June 30, 2011. The Board of School Directors does not believe it is in the best interest of the School District to continue with an Acting Superintendent beyond June 2011.

In accordance with its agreement with William Ferrara the Board will meet with him on or about May 31, 2011 to evaluate his job performance.

The Board of School Directors reserves the right to consider other candidates for Superintendent of the Morrisville School District.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

**Appoint Treasurer to Board of School Directors**

*The Board approved a motion* to appoint Mr. John DeWilde as Treasurer to the Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

**Continue Board Meeting**


*The Board approved a motion* to continue tonight's meeting until February 16, 2011.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

**Adjournment**

*The Board approved a motion* to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. Passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

  
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William Hellmann, President

  
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Marlys Mihok, Secretary