Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of School Directors March 28, 2012

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 28, 2012 Large Group Instruction Room Morrisville Middle/Senior High School

Morrisville Middle/Senior High School 7:30 p.m.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE Morrisville, Pennsylvania

The regular monthly meeting of the Morrisville Board of School Directors was held in the LGI Room located in the Morrisville Middle/Senior High School, 550 West Palmer Street, Morrisville, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, after due notice of this meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. DeWilde, President, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. with the following members present on roll call:

In attendance: Messrs. Buckman, DeWilde, Parker, Stoneburner, Stout, Miller, Worob, and Ms. Marone and Ms. Kartal

#### Quorum Present:

Also attending this evening's meeting was Mr. William Ferrara, Superintendent; Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; Mr. Tony Gesualdi, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services; Mr. Donald Harm, Secondary Principal; Thomas Profy, IV, Esq., Solicitor; media, MEA representation, and members of the community.

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade School Wide Positive Behavior Support

This year, the district began implementing a School Wide Positive Behavior Support Plan, better known as the three "B's". Bulldogs are respectful, responsible and safe. Teachers were provided with lesson plans to assist with teaching expected behaviors. Ms. Colon and Ms. Colon-Rivera noticed that there were no teaching expected behaviors within the lunchroom. They created a rap song to teach behaviors in a fun way. The students immediately took a liking to the rap, and practiced during their lunch and recess periods. They then presented it to the remainder of the Grandview students and Intermediate students. The third grade students then performed the rap song for those in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Ferrara stated that he is sure that all of the parents that are here at tonight's meeting are very proud of their children for their presentation tonight, but they should really be proud of how well they behave in school, which is a direct reflection of what they are taught at home. Mr. Ferrara thanked the parents and students for attending this evening's meeting.



#### High School Women's Basketball Team

As the members of the girl's basketball team lined up in front of the Board members, Mr. Ferrara stated that what we have in front of us is the best girl's basketball team in the history of Morrisville. Mr. Ferrara stated that these girls found out what was needed to work as a team and have been working together for many years. Mr. Ferrara stated that it takes a special group of individuals and a special coaching staff to make this happen. Mr. Ferrara stated that Coach Howell took over 5 years ago who set a winning philosophy and winning tone, and all of Coach Howell's efforts paid off. Mr. Ferrara congratulated the team on a great season and also thanked Mr. Hubiak for his efforts in making sure that all games ran as scheduled and for his hard work.



#### 5th and 6th Grade Odyssey of the Mind Teams

Students that participated in the Odyssey of the Minds came forward, along with their teachers, Ms. Coleman and Mr. Boats. Ms. Coleman explained that this competition celebrates creativity in children, by giving them problems to choose from and then coming up with a solution to this problem. The students chose "Odyssey Angels" as their problem. Some of the participants who participated in this competition in attendance at tonight's meeting were Charlie Beach, Sam Driscoll, Ian Watson, Riley Gilleo and Brianna Worrell. A video was then shown of the participants' skit.

#### ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Representative to the Board – Dakarai Campbell (Morrisville High School)
Dakarai discussed the following items:

• The Bucks County Links sponsored an Art contest. Many parents came to see our students' work. The winners of the art contest are:

Category II	Grades 4-6
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First Place	Brittany Widmann	Grade 6	Bicycle
Second Place	Rebecca Zawodniak	Grade 6	\$25 gift card
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Category III	Grades 7-9		
First Place	Joselinne Rodriguez	Grade 7	Digital Camera
Second Place	Madison Castillo	Grade 7	\$25 gift card
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- ·	Grades 10-12		
First Place	Alysen Gunzelman	Grade 11	\$100 gift card
Second Place	Saul Salas-Valdiviezo	Grade 12	\$25 gift card

The bicycles were donated by Walmart in Levittown. The other prizes were donated by the Bucks County Chapter of the Links, Inc. Thank you to Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Mela for completing this project with their classes. Thank you to Dr.

Scott and the jazz band for performing. They did a fantastic job and everyone enjoyed their performance. A special thank you to Mr. Jones for bringing "The Bulldog" to the event.

- Gym Night was held on March 2nd. The middle school students started the event during an assembly on Friday afternoon. Enthusiasm and energy abounded in the gym. The Blue Team was the winner of this year's Gym Night.
- The Morrisville School District hosted the Lower Bucks Cheerleading Championship for Middle School Cheerleaders. It was held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Many schools attended this event and school spirit overflowed in the gymnasium. Congratulations to our cheerleaders who won the honorable mention award. Kudos to Mrs. Olsen for a job well done.
- Operation Helping Hand, the food collection sponsored by the United Way, was held today, March 28th. Last year the middle/senior high school collected over 500 pounds of food.
- Mr. Campbell also discussed Student Forum, the Leadership Academy and the All Star Basketball Game.

### Student Representative to the Board – Sarah Scott (Bucks County Technical High School)

Sarah discussed the following:

- Lt. Governor Jim Crawley recently toured our school and our students had a great opportunity to show off their talents.
- Senator for a Day, a student seminar for future leaders, will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Senator Tomlinson invites high school students from his legislative region to use a hands-on approach to learn about the legislative process.
- BCTHS is hosting Reading Olympics on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 14 schools will be involved in this competition.
- Students in Carpentry, Dental, Computer Networking, Electronic Communications, Mechatronics, and Electronic/Green Energy Technologies recently received their OSHA certifications.
- Student Council is sponsoring "Tell us what you think" Fridays. Students have an opportunity to make suggestions for improvement in the school.
- Baking & Pastry Arts students recently baked a cake for George Washington's 280<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was celebrated at Washington Crossing Park. In addition, baking students also recently competed at the Peddler's Village 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cupcake Competition.
- The Skills USA State Competitions will be held April 18-20 at Hershey, PA. Skills USA is a leadership and technical skill student organization for all technical students. BCTHS will have approximately 50 students participating. Those who obtain a gold medal will then compete nationally in Kansas City, Missouri.
- BCTHS will be hosting the Courier-Kiwanis Sesame Place Classic on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
   This 5K run benefits high school students throughout all of Bucks County. In fact, a BCTHS 2012 graduate will receive a scholarship through this benefit.

• The Bucks County Children's Advocacy Council will be planting 750 "Pinwheels for Prevention" on the front lawn of our school on April 23. April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month and the pinwheel is a symbol for the bright future every child deserves.

Mr. Ferrara stated that we spent the first half hour of tonight's meeting talking about how great Morrisville students are, whether they attend our schools or attend the Tech School. Mr. Ferrara stated that Mr. Miller started the Student Spotlight, and feels that this is a great way to start a meeting to be able to see the stars of Morrisville shine and have the public relations part of their job done by our students. Mr. Ferrara stated that he deeply appreciates the time that they had to spend with the students and thanked Mr. Miller again for starting this program.

#### Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation - MOEF - Ms. Haug

Ms. Haug congratulated the Odyssey of Mind Team and stated that this group was funded through the MOEF. Ms. Haug stated that they are checking into the possibility of funding the Summer Leadership Program through MOEF. Ms. Haug also reminded everyone to purchase Giant Cards through MOEF.

#### Presentation

Mr. DeWilde introduced Bill Gulla from WRG Consulting Group. Mr. Gulla stated that at this point there are a lot of health insurance decisions that need to be made on whether or not to join the Bucks County IU Consortium. He stated that the issues are the rising costs of health care, what plan design do we pick, and how the Health Care Bill will affect school districts. Mr. Gulla stated that they will be doing several presentations at future Board meetings to update the Board members on the various health plans. Attending tonight's meeting were Ms. Meehan and Ms. Hendrick, who gave a benefits overview of the Independence Blue Cross Health Care Keystone plan.

Ms. Marone stated that the issue of Pink Slime has been in the news recently as an additive to meat products and she asked Mr. Donovan, General Manger – Dining Services, of Metz Culinary Management, to attend tonight's meeting to discuss this matter. Mr. Donovan explained what pink slime consists of and the process used to produce this product. Mr. Donovan read a memo from the USDA dated March 15, 2012, insuring that all food purchased for the School Food Lunch Program meets all food safety requirements. He then read a memo from Metz Culinary Management stating that it is their intention to comply with the Government's mandate to purchase and serve products as has been done in the past unless otherwise directed by the school district. Mr. Donovan stated no products that contain pink slime are being used in the district at this time, and have not been at all this year. Mr. Donovan stated that Metz purchases 80% of their food from US Foods and the other 20% from the government. We do not get any meat products from the USDA which does contain pink slime. Mr. Donovan stated that he will place on the foodservice website the top 8 myths of pink slime. Ms. Marone thanked Mr. Donovan for attending tonight's meeting and informing the parents of the

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district that we do not use any meat products containing pink slime. Mr. DeAngelo stated our food service employees in the cafeteria do a great job and that the addition of Mr. Donovan in the cafeteria has been a great asset to the District.

#### 1. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ADMNISTRATOR'S REPORTS

→ This week in our Schools

#### WILLIAM FERRARA – SUPERINTENDENT

- Mr. Ferrara stated that in last few weeks, students in Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11, took the PSSA tests, and we had great student attendance during this time which he stated comes from the parents supporting the students to get them to school and he thanked the parents for this. He also stated that this great attendance is also credited to the teachers efforts in showing the students the importance of this testing. Mr. Ferrara stated that he hopes our results mirror the efforts that our students, teachers and parents gave throughout the PSSA testing and stated that Morrisville had the hardest working students and teachers in Bucks County throughout this testing process.
- Mr. Ferrara stated that a motion will be made this evening under New Business regarding a survey that we would like to have our students participate in. He stated that under School Board Policy #235, the Board has to approve a survey. Ms. Darletta Berry-Johnson who runs our 21st Century Program, explained that the survey is called the Pennsylvania Youth Survey which is a no name survey for students in Grades 8, 10 and 12. This survey includes questions involving drugs, alcohol, bullying, cell phone use, and risky behaviors, just to name a few. She explained that once this information is gathered, funding can be set in place to address any risk factors, issues and programs that may be needed in our community. Mr. Berry-Johnson stated that she can email a copy of this survey to any Board members who may be interested in reviewing it. She reviewed some of the questions and areas that are involved in this survey. She advised everyone that this survey is anonymous and that no student names are given. Mr. Berry-Johnson stated that if we partner with the Bucks County Commission on Alcohol, they will pay for the survey, pay for our reports and we would also get the Bucks County Report which includes all the information from the Bucks County area. This information is then taken to the State for State reporting. Mr. Miller asked if we would be able to see the results and Ms. Berry-Johnson stated that the District would receive a report with the results. She stated that a letter would go home to all the parents for any students that would be taking this survey, giving the parents the option to opt their child out of the survey. A copy of this survey will be available in the front office for any parent that wishes to review it, and it will also be available to review on line. Mr. Ferrara stated this survey came to us yesterday, and that is the reason that it was not given to the

Board earlier and will be added under New Business this evening for a vote. Mr. Ferrara stated that the District Administration supports this survey.

Mr. Ferrara stated that the work done by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century staff has really made a difference in our School District in having the ability for our students to participate in things that don't directly affect the tax payers. He stated that one of those things is the relationship that we have with the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Darletta Berry-Johnson stated that we participated in the Lower Bucks County Chamber Business Expo. Mr. Dan Bates, from the Chamber of Commerce, has been coming in to our school every Friday for the last five Fridays to Mr. Kelman's classroom, bringing in business owners and President's of banks to talk about their path in the business world. This is called the Lower Bucks Chamber Mentoring Program, which culminates to the Chamber Expo at Kings Caterer which took place prior to tonight's Board meeting. Some of our students also attended the event this evening where they had a chance to further discuss career opportunities and paths. Ms. Berry-Johnson stated that what we are trying to build with the Chamber are Intern opportunities for our students. We are working with many organizations in this effort.

#### PAUL DEANGELO, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

- Mr. DeAngelo stated that in March, during his visit in Harrisburg, he attended a conference regarding Cohort 6, at which time fiscal changes regarding grants were discussed. He stated that these changes will require much more documentation. Mr. DeAngelo discussed some of the other changes that are taking place regarding funding, and thanked Ms. Darletta Berry-Johnson for her hard work regarding the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant.
- Mr. DeAngelo discussed GASB 45 which is a requirement where you need an actuary done, and this will be placed on the agenda for April. This reserves total exposure for your employees and that money is then put into the balance sheet as far as the Fund Balance allocation.
- Mr. DeAngelo asked for feedback from the Board regarding the scanning and emailing of reports this month and the posting of the reports on the website.

#### DONALD HARM, PRINCIPAL

- Mr. Harm stated that progress reports were distributed on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Seven students attended the PA Computer Fair today with Mr. King.
- Reading Olympics was held at the high school level. We placed 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the County. Mr. Harm congratulated the team and Mr. Kelman.
- Spring Sports Season has started with softball and baseball. Mr. Harm had stated that the Board had asked how we could have more students on the JV Baseball Team. He stated that all students that tried out were kept on the team, which consists of about 14 to 15 students. They are looking at

the possibility of doing some modified JV games, but at this time they cannot start any.

## ANTHONY GESUALDI, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION/PUPIL SERVICES

• Mr. Gesualdi stated that there is nothing to report at this time in Special Education.

#### ⇒ Enrollment Report

District Enrollments as of March 14, 2012			
Student Population			
Pre-Kindergarten	18		
Kindergarten	92	GRANDVIEW	351
Grade 1	82	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4-5)	<u>158</u>
Grade 2	80		509
Grade 3	79		
Grade 4	66	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (6-8)	195
Grade 5	92	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12	<u>203</u>
Grade 6	69		398
Grade 7	64		
Grade 8	62	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	48
Grade 9	60	HOME SCHOOLED	18
Grade 10	47	CHARTER SCHOOLS	30
Grade 11	40	Regular Ed 23	
Grade 12	56	Special Ed 7	
		OUT OF DISTRICT	65
		Regular Ed 17	
		Special Ed 48	
	TOTAL ENROLL	MENT 1068	

#### **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.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

**2.1 The Board approved** the minutes of the February 15, 2012 Monthly Agenda Meeting.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Miller, and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

2.2 A motion to table the minutes from the February 22, 2012 Monthly Business Meeting until the Board's Secretary's concerns have been addressed was moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Miller, and passed by a roll call vote of 8 ayes and 1 nay. Member voting nay was Mr. Worob.

Ms. Kartal stated that a correction needed to be made on Page 13 under the Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School report, changing the name in the 4<sup>th</sup> sentence from Ms. Marone to Ms. Kartal. Ms. Kartal also stated that after reading through prior minutes under the Public Session section, she noticed that many of the public comments are documented very closely from what was said. She noticed that recently, and especially in the February 22, 2012 minutes, the public session comments were not recorded in full. Ms. Kartal asked to have the comments under Public Session that were mostly directed to her more closely documented under the comments made by Ms. Mihok and under the section where Ms. Kartal responded to Ms. Mihok's comments (Page 6 and Page 15).

Mr. Buckman stated that Ms. Mihok had a written copy of her comments, but we obviously rely on the tapes for any comments made, and he hopes that the tapes are clear enough to pick up whatever it was that she said.

Ms. Kartal felt that it was very important to her to have these comments included in the minutes prior to her signing them.

Mr. Profy's suggestion was to not adjourn tonight's meeting since the minutes from the February 22, 2012 Monthly Business Meeting were being tabled and then reconvene the meeting at the April Agenda Meeting, approve the minutes after the additional comments were added and then adjourn the meeting and go into the Agenda meeting, but upon further discussion by the Board members, it was determined that this motion would be tabled and the minutes corrected and then approved at the April Board meeting, and tonight's meeting would be adjourned at the conclusion of the meeting as usual.

Mr. Worob stated that the tape is available for anyone to view at any time and asked the Board if they were asking that the minutes be typed verbatim. Ms.

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Kartal stated that many of the comments have been typed verbatim, but in the two instances she brought up this evening, the minutes were not typed verbatim. Ms. Worob stated that he does not understand the motive by having the comments typed verbatim. Mr. Ferrara stated that the tapes are not the official records of the meetings, but that the minutes are. Mr. Parker stated that if the minutes have to be typed verbatim in order to have what was said properly recorded in the records, than this is what needs to be done. Mr. Buckman then requested a roll call vote for the tabling of the minutes from the February 22, 2012 meeting.

At this time, Mr. Profy read the following statement: Public comment is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board.

We would ask that you limit your comments to no longer than three minutes.

Please consider the fact that there may be young children in the audience or watching this meeting broadcast on MBSD-TV when speaking.

It is our goal to maintain a respectful environment so that members of our community have an equal opportunity to address the Board without interruption.

While the Board welcomes your ideas and will consider them in deliberating an issue, we may not be able to respond immediately to your comments or questions. We assure you that your participation is important and we value your input and ideas.

Mr. DeWilde thanked everyone waiting to speak at Public Session for their patience.

#### PUBLIC SESSION

#### Mr. Wilcox - 52 Harrison Avenue

Mr. Wilcox wants to know why, if 25 kids came out for the baseball team this year, and he said that it was 25 kids because he was at most of the practices, we have no JV Program. He stated that Mr. Ferrara is probably going to tell you that it is a lever nine (Title 9) issue and if we have a boys sport you have to have a girls sport. Mr. Wilcox stated that the reason we have no JV Softball Team is because there has never been enough girls. He stated that this year is probably the first year in the history of Morrisville that we cut players, and he would like to know why. He stated that he was at the Superintendent's meeting and Mr. Ferrara told him that it was not a money issue, and he wants to know what the issue is.

#### Mr. Minder - 423 Crown Street

Mr. Minder stated that he has done a lot of reading on the matter of pink slime and found that nothing is wrong with it. He stated that he thinks that the gentleman who named this pink slime has cost this government, companies and everybody else a lot of money. Mr. Minder stated that if everyone knew what we were eating in other things they would start complaining about that.

Mr. Minder stated that he hopes that the taxpayers of Morrisville said a prayer to their God and thanked him that the Archdiocese of Philadelphia kept open Holy Trinity and Conwell Egan. He stated that if these schools would have closed, from what he understands, it would be anywhere from 100 to 150 more students enrolled in Morrisville. He stated that this would cause the administrators a lot of grief and headaches. Mr. Minder stated that the people of Morrisville would have had to dig deeper into their pockets to pay for this.

#### Mr. Stoneburner read the following items under Infrastructure

#### INFRASTRUCTURE/FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Items 3.1 and 3.2 were moved by Mr. Stoneburner, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and moved by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

- **3.1 The Board approved a motion** to approve the Synergy Insurance Claim regarding Grandview Elementary School.
- **3.2 The Board approved a motion** to approve the utilization of an Electrician's services at the rate of \$55 per hour per diem rate.

Mr. Buckman asked if we would be hiring a specific Electrician or if we would be hiring anyone that is available. Mr. DeAngelo stated that right now there is a company, Keystone, which have given us a rate of \$55 per hour per diem rate. Mr. DeAngelo stated that they would send us whoever is available and normally they don't send one Electrician, but two for safety reasons. Mr. DeAngelo stated that what Mr. Ferrara said at the agenda meeting is that the scope of the work will be presented to the Business Office by the Facilities Department, and then they will decide through priority what needs to be done and how it will be funded. Mr. Buckman asked if there is a minimum amount of time that they will need to be hired. Mr. Lastichen stated that there is no minimum requirement of time for each job. Mr. Lastichen stated that he would have them sign in and out to keep track of their time while at our buildings. Mr. DeAngelo stated that any Electrician's services needed would be brought to attention of the Board prior to any work being done, unless there is a safety or emergency issue. Mr. DeAngelo stated that this is a service that we are trying to provide because we can't currently do it ourselves. Mr. Stoneburner asked if we have a wish list of projects that we would like to have done. Mr. DeAngelo stated that as part of the Act 77 Project, the

auditorium project was removed, and now this is an area that needs to be looked at, as well as the generator project. Mr. DeAngelo stated that just this past week, due to the wind storms, Mr. Myat had to run around and reset all of the servers, and we cannot afford to continue to do this. Mr. DeAngelo stated that these are the types of projects we need to look at, but it all comes down to time and funding and we do have a Capital Projects listing which has been prioritized. Mr. Stout asked if the lights not working by the steps coming into the school could be addressed as a safety issue. Mr. Stoneburner thanked Mr. Lastichen for painting the yellow strips on the steps in the front of the school.

Mr. DeAngelo stated to the Board that the Synergy Insurance Claim (Item 3.1) is being paid through the insurance that we have for the fuel tank that was removed from Grandview. This is not to exceed \$47,800, which will be paid by the insurance company. This will provide the District with a clean letter from DEP that says we are good. We will no longer be carrying tank insurance after this claim.

## Mr. DeWilde read the following items under Special Education and Human Resources and Business Operations/Finance Committee

## 4. SPECIAL EDUCATION INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS: ACTION ITEMS:

Items 4.1 and 4.2 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

- **4.1 The Board approved a motion** to approve the Bucks County IU #22 Programs and Services Agreement for the 2012-13 school year.
- **The Board approved a motion** to approve the Extended School Year Program (ESY) to be held at the Morrisville Intermediate/High School. Estimated cost will be \$7480 and will potentially be funded by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant.

Ms. Kartal questioned the word "potentially" used in Item 4.2. Mr. Gesualdi stated that, through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant, most of the time we are able to accommodate our students with disabilities in the ESY Program in the ESY program at our school. However, Mr. Gesualdi stated, he wants to insure that we put the word potentially in this motion just in case the Grant is not approved we would still be able to have this ESY program which would still be worthwhile to the District because it costs us on the average between \$3500 and \$4000 per student if we do not have the program here in our district. Mr. Gesualdi stated that we found that if we pay a special education teacher to provide the services at \$22 per hour, the cost would only be \$7480 for an ESY program for 10 to 12

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students. Mr. Gesualdi stated that most likely, if the Grant is approved, there will be no cost at all to the District. Ms. Kartal thanked Mr. Gesualdi for clarifying this matter. Mr. Buckman stated that this is a great help to the students, because without the ESY Program, the continuity of their education gets messed up and they lose what they have learned.

## 5. HUMAN RESOURCES INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS: ACTION ITEMS:

Items 5.1 through 5.3 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Ms. Marone, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

#### 5.1 Approval, Appointments

**5.1.a The Board approved a motion** to approve the following individuals as AESOP substitutes:

Jeffrey Gross	Jessica Petrik	Yvonne Saxton
Caryn Search	Kelsey Stoka	April Doran

**<u>5.1.b</u>** *The Board approved a motion* to approve the following 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Hires:

Kelli MarlinTeacher\$22.00/hr.Dave MayAfter School Security\$22.00/hr.Norma WingateCamp Director\$22.00/hr.Suzanne DonnellyDonations/Accounting\$25.00/hr.

**5.1.c The Board approved a motion** to approve the appointment of Joseph Cicco, effective 4/16/12, as a Van Driver, at the hourly rate of \$11.17 per hour, with no benefits.

Mr. Stoneburner asked if there was any criteria required by our insurance company that our van drivers must meet in order to be hired. Mr. Gesualdi stated that they are required to have an active license, with no citations. They train with the existing drivers for 2 or 3 days to learn the routes, and Dave May has been nice enough to always map out the routes for us. Mr. Gesualdi stated that they do have a safety plan that they have to go through in the event that there is a crisis on the van, but besides that there are no further requirements.

#### 5.2 Approval, Resignations

**<u>5.2.a</u> The Board approved a motion** to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Cipriano as a Personal Care Assistant, effective June 7, 2012.

**5.2.b** The Board approved a motion to accept the resignation of Marilee Olsen from the position of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cheerleading Coach, effective March 19, 2012.

#### 5.3 Approval, Tuition Reimbursement

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

Name Course College/School Credits Amount
Traci Coley Encouraging Skillful, Critical and Creative Thinking Creative Thinking

Course College/School Credits Amount
Gratz College
3 \$980.00

## 6. BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE COMMITTEE INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

• Budget Presentation (Review of categories 1300, 1400, 1800, 2100, 2200)

Mr. DeAngelo stated that all Board members should have received the green packet describing these categories. Mr. DeAngelo then reviewed each category mentioned above. He also reviewed areas in the 2012-13 budget that could possibly be reduced and changes to the budget since the February presentation. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the budget presentation slides shown this evening will be posted on the website tomorrow morning.

Ms. Kartal asked Mr. DeAngelo where he feels our biggest concern in the budget is right now. Mr. DeAngelo stated that he does not see any real concerns. He stated that what we currently have is a much better picture than what we had last year at this time. He stated that last year we were scrambling for a three million dollar difference, and he mentioned at that time that it was one of the most difficult budgets for not only Morrisville, but for most school districts. Mr. DeAngelo stated that he had stated last year that they needed to get to the 12-13 budget year because that is when the teacher contract expires, and we are currently in negotiations with our Support Staff, and our Act 93 contracts are up, so from this point forward decisions need to be made to protect our five year budget. Mr. DeAngelo stated that you will see this in May when he presents the entire budget and the financial plan put in place. He said that you will see both what he projected when he started here, where we fell short because of State funding, and changes in the economy, and you will see the projected history and also where we currently stand. Mr. DeAngelo stated that at that point, he will show what the Administration's recommendation will be to move forward. He stated that he feels that we can balance this budget and most of the things we are waiting for are at our discretion at this point and the only thing he cautioned the School Board on is that the only thing they really need are decisions to be made. Mr.

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DeAngelo stated that he does not want the Administration to be scrambling at the last minute to get the budget to the Board and the budget calendar needs to be strictly followed to meet all deadlines.

Ms. Kartal thanked Mr. DeAngelo for breaking down the budget in the way he has, especially since there are many new members on the Board. She also thanked him for always answering their questions in a timely manner and for making sure that all information is available on line for the Board members to review at any time.

Mr. DeAngelo mentioned to the Board members that in the green folder they received, along with the budget information, is the Grant allocations for 12-13.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Items 6.1 through 6.3 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Miller, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

#### 6.1 Approval, Insurance Consortium

**The Board approved a motion** to approve the Insurance Consortium payment in the amount of \$5000, plus \$5 per employee.

Ms. Marone stated that we are looking at the Insurance Consortium through the Intermediate Unit, which is an alternative to negotiating our own contract with Independence Blue Cross. She stated that the presentation that was made tonight is what we would typically be looking at every time we need to renew our insurance. Ms. Marone stated that one of the positive things of the Consortium will be that this puts pressure on IBC to cut our costs and is a great way to save money for the District. Ms. Marone stated that once we pay our \$5000, plus the \$5 per employee, to be considered in the Consortium, they then come back with the numbers to show what Morrisville could save. Ms. Marone stated that the newspaper has shown that the districts involved so far in the Consortium are reporting big savings. Ms. Marone stated that the Board will be looking at all options in this matter, and she thanked our Labor Union for signing a Memorandum of Understanding, which allows us to include them. She stated that without this Memorandum of Understanding it could have tied up the whole thing and made us a non-contender.

Ms. Kartal asked if the \$5000 is going to be split. Mr. DeAngelo stated that we have asked the MEA to split this cost with the District, along with the cost of \$485 (97 employees at \$5 each).

#### 6.2 Approval, Excess Items Agreement with Midwest Surplus Equipment

**The Board approved a motion** to approve the Excess Items Agreement with Midwest Surplus Equipment.

Mr. Buckman asked how this agreement with Midwest would work. Mr. DeAngelo stated that this would be an option for the School District, and the solicitor has reviewed this contract, to alleviate the excess items that the School Board approves. Mr. DeAngelo stated that at Board meetings when the Board approves excess items, if the District cannot find a way to get rid of these items, this agreement would allow us to use this service to advertise on line and try to sell these items, with Midwest receiving a percentage of the money received for any items sold.

#### 6.3 Approval, Attendance at PICPA Conference

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Business Manager's attendance at the PICPA Conference on June 7<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$305.

#### 6.4 Approval, Modular Classroom Renewal

Mr. Stoneburner asked Mr. DeAngelo what our deadline is for renewing the modular rental. Mr. DeAngelo stated that we should give the company, Mobile Lease, that we rent these modulars from time to advertise and promote the use of these modulars by another School District if the Board is thinking of having them removed. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the Board should be looking at making a decision on this matter sooner than later. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the Board can look at renewing them for 6 months or a year, they can purchase them outright, or have them removed, but they do need to make a decision because it is a budgetary item. Mr. DeAngelo referred to the green folder that each Board member was given, and he stated that in this folder under the Capital Projects report, the Board can see where the modulars have been paid for thus far by the insurance money received from the M. R. Reiter explosion. The eight portable classrooms cost us \$67,000 to renew them, and Mr. DeAngelo stated that if we were to renew them again, it would cost the District \$67,000, and there is \$65,000 left from the insurance money. Mr. DeAngelo stated that there is no money on hand to remove them if that is the decision down the road. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the modulars were designed to be temporary and the decision can be made tonight or at the April Board Meeting, but we really need to know so it can be incorporated in the Budget.

Mr. Stoneburner stated that after looking at the numbers, it would cost \$76,000 to renew the modulars and \$84,000 to remove them. If we keep

them another year, we will end up paying the entire cost to have them removed. Mr. Stoneburner stated that if we don't renew them for another year and find an alternative way to give the kids that are using those trailers the same education within our buildings, we could then use the remaining \$76,000 insurance money towards the \$84,000 cost to have them removed at the end of this school year. He stated if we bought them outright, it would cost us \$200,000, less the \$76,000 insurance money, bringing the total cost to the district of \$124,000. Mr. Stoneburner asked if we could possibly find a way to do without the trailers next year to save us the \$76,000 for renting them for another year.

Mr. Ferrara stated that there are 20 classrooms right now at Grandview. including the modulars. If we were to remove the modulars, there would be 12 classrooms at Grandview. Mr. Ferrara stated that we are currently projecting for next year, one Pre-K class, 4 kindergarten classes, 4 first grade classes, 4 second grade classes, and 4 third grade classes. That would be 17 classrooms, so we would need to find five classrooms. Mr. Ferrara referred to some of the options which were discussed at the retreat such as moving a grade level the Intermediate/High School building, reopening Manor Park which has 9 classrooms, or to keep the modular classrooms and purchase them. Mr. Ferrara stated that if we were to go to a half day kindergarten, that would open up two more rooms at Grandview. Mr. Ferrara stated that at this time we have 52 students registered for kindergarten for next year, and we weren't even close to that number last year at this time. Mr. Ferrara stated that he sent the Board members the standards and regulations for kindergarten, and if we get to have 125 students registered for kindergarten, we will need another classroom. Mr. Ferrara stated that right now one of the modulars is being used as a Music Room, and if we kept the modulars for next year and needed more rooms, that modular could be used as a classroom and the Music Teacher would have to use a cart. Mr. Ferrara stated that if the third grade classes were moved to the Intermediate/High School at which time there is enough room to handle them, this could be handled comfortably. Mr. Ferrara stated that this is not an option that many people are looking at favorably, but Mr. Stoneburner and Mr. Parker discussed this option with the Facilities Panel. Mr. Ferrara stated that we have been very fortunate with the addition of the fourth and fifth grade students to the high school building, and our staff has done a great job making sure the quality of education is there and also that the facilities meet their needs, and that we would have to do the same thing for third grade. Mr. Ferrara stated that one of the things they discussed is that if this were to happen, the third, fourth, and fifth grade students would be separated from the high school students, along with the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students, through a series of push bar doors. He stated that the bathroom facilities would also have to be expanded.

Mr. Worob stated that he appreciates the Board's desire to save another years rent on the modulars, but cannot see all of these changes taking place with this short notice and having things run smoothly. Mr. Ferrara reminded the Board that when they make one decision at a Board meeting, it can affect many things. Mr. Ferrara stated that if the Board is comfortable making these decisions, let's make them so the Administration can then do what they have to do with the bottom line being the best educational opportunities for our students. Mr. Ferrara stated that they have heard many times the financial part of it, but our responsibility is to our students and our community to do it in an efficient manner.

Mr. DeAngelo reminded the Board that we do have insurance money to renew the modulars next year, but after that it gets paid for by the taxpayers whether you buy them, which means going to the Borough because they are not meant to be permanent fixtures. He stated it would have an implication on what the Board decides because in the year 13-14 school year, there would be a true cost and a line item in the budget. Mr. DeAngelo stated it could be spread out as a lease/purchase, but there would still be a cost of \$200,000 or a 4 mil increase.

Ms. Kartal stated that she can't see how we are going to be able to make any of these big changes effectively. She wants things to be done the right way. At this time, Ms. Kartal stated that she is all for leaving the modulars at Grandview for next year.

Mr. Parker asked if the amount for the rental is in the budget for next year. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the amount for the rental is not in the budget, but in the Capital Projects Fund Account.

Ms. Marone asked if this was the same conversation that took place last year where the Board stated they would make a decision this year, and now we are saying that we will extend it again. Ms. Marone stated that she heard Mr. DeAngelo state tonight that the Board needs to make decisions. She stated that we know that we have the insurance money this year and we also know what the Governor has done to us this year, and we don't know what is going to come down the pike to us next year. Ms. Marone stated that she is personally in favor of getting rid of the modulars and that she does not think that purchasing them is a good idea. She further stated that they are temporary structures and were needed in a crisis situation and that she has been very impressed with the Administration to be able to adapt to crisis situations. Ms. Marone feels that the Administration and teachers would do a good job in making the changes that would need to be made if we were to get rid of the modulars. This would mean more money for the District and we need to be conservative with our spending.

Mr. Stout stated that he believes the only thing that keeps the modulars from becoming a permanent structure is footings and a foundation.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that PDE said, that when we do renovations, they do not want modular classrooms attached to buildings, and if you have them they encourage that you remove them as part of your renovation projects.

Mr. Parker said that he feels that it is wise to use the insurance money this year to have the modulars removed rather than having to come up with the \$80,000 to have them removed next year. He feels that we should make plans now to have the third grade moved from Grandview.

Mr. DeAngelo said that if we were to make a decision today, the administrations recommendation would be to move the modular classrooms and look at options where you can fit the children. He said that the modulars were meant to be a temporary situation for the incident that happened at M. R. Reiter in 2008, and if they were removed, they will make it work.

Ms. Kartal asked what the cost would be to make the renovations to the high school building to make these changes and if we had any money to do this. Mr. DeAngelo stated that we do have some money. Mr. DeAngelo stated that one of the things that is built into Mr. Lastichen's budget is plumbing expenses, electrician expenses, and those kinds of things could be used to renovate the bathroom at the far end of G Hall, and to renovate the entranceways and doorways to keep the grades separated. Again, Mr. DeAngelo stated that in order to have this done, a decision needs to be made sooner than later in order to get it done well.

Ms. Kartal asked if the work would be done by our group or would we have to contract this work out. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the people who put in the back door when the renovations were done at high school did a really nice job, and he would think that we would look to have them do the work on the doorways. He stated that expenses that are above the bidding thresholds, we need to create that and get it out so we can receive true competitive bids. Ms. Kartal asked if this would give Grandview enough room to have the four full day kindergarten classes that we have right now, along with the first and second grade classrooms. Mr. Ferrara stated that it would still be tight, but it could be done. If need be, we could look at the computer lab to use as a classroom and then purchase laptops and/or netbooks for our students.

Mr. Stoneburner asked if we take away the modular classrooms, does that take away our safety valve for space in the ever increasing class size grade levels. Mr. Ferrara stated that if the third grade were brought up to the

high school building, it would give the Board time to make other decisions. Mr. Ferrara said that the Board could address a two year building project at Grandview, and that you would have time to do that because the third grade students would be at the high school. Mr. Ferrara stated that, as mentioned at the Facilities meeting, our needs are backwards from our buildings. Our elementary needs are far greater than our secondary needs, and our secondary school has the space. Mr. Ferrara stated that many of the rooms at the high school are not utilized for several periods throughout the day, and these rooms could be used at a better rate.

Ms. Kartal asked if we have the timing to be able to table this matter until April. Mr. Ferrara stated that it would be nice to give the people enough time to remarket the modulars if we decide to remove them, and by moving the third grade to the high school would require planning. Mr. Ferrara stated that the bottom line is that the preliminary budget needs to be completed no later than May 30<sup>th</sup>. If this matter is pushed off until April, it makes the time that we have to get our budget available to the public very tight. Mr. Ferrara stated that by working as a team, we can make that happen. Ms. Kartal asked that if the Board were to approve tonight the removal of the modulars, when would that take place. Mr. Ferrara stated that would happen at the end of the school year so it would not be an interruption to the students.

Mr. Worob said that we have a lot to get done in a short amount of time and feels that we need to make a decision now and get it done right.

Mr. DeAngelo referred the Board to the information received in their green folders regarding the debt service payments, and stated that the one obligation bond that we have expires in January of 2014. He stated that if the Board were to consider adding on to Grandview, there is a plan in process, and that process takes time, and this would be a nice time to do that borrowing. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the District is also looking into selling or releasing out other properties that we own which could also put money back into the Capital Project Account.

Mr. Miller stated that he feels that the time to act is now. He said that he is not an advocate of putting more younger students at the high school for safety reasons. Mr. Miller stated that the history of what seems to be happening at this District is we are putting more and more younger students together with the older students, and when will it end. When the renovations were being done, tours were given and areas of the school were pointed out where doors and dividers would be set up at various junctions to keep the kids separate, but this never happened. Mr. Miller feels that this is an obligation we need to keep to the parents, and keep the students separated, which includes having open bathrooms. He stated that

there are a lot of things that need to happen before he would even consider having the third grade at the high school.

Ms. Kartal agreed with Mr. Miller, stating that her seventh grader is constantly interacting with 10<sup>th</sup> graders at several points of the day. She stated that if that is happening now with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders, she is not sure what is going to happen with the younger students here at the high school. Ms. Kartal said that it is very important that we have a clear idea of what the plan is going to be. Ms. Kartal stated that Mr. Ferrara walked a few of the Board members through the high school the other night, so they had a vision, but not everyone has seen that. Ms. Kartal stated that she has heard that there is an issue with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders going to the bathroom, so things of this sort will give us a major fight on our hands with the parents. Ms. Kartal stated that this was the point she was trying to make earlier about whether or not she is not ready to make a decision at this time because of not having a clear plan set up regarding the safety of our children. Ms. Kartal stated that she also agrees with Ms. Marone and the points she made this evening.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that the plan with the dividers when the emergency happened at M. R. Reiter would have required moving the science labs, and they are very expensive to move. He stated that with regard to this building, there are not closet spaces but actual spaces in this building that could be better utilized. The room next to Mr. Jones' room is currently a warehouse. There would be nothing to prohibit the district from storing things either somewhere else or have those deliveries scheduled so they are not sitting in our warehouse. Mr. DeAngelo stated that this is a room that could be converted into an art room because it has a basin, a tub and the kiln could be excessed form that room. Mr. DeAngelo stated that there are a lot of things that could be done here at the high as well as at Grandview. Things would be tight at Grandview, but some of those things could be resolved with either having sheds or places to be able to store things.

Ms. Kartal asked how we move forward at this point knowing if this if the right decision based on what the plan would be.

Mr. Stoneburner asked if any of the science labs would have to be moved if the third graders were moved to the high school. Mr. Ferrara and Mr. DeAngelo stated that this would not be necessary. Mr. Stoneburner then asked if by putting the three doors in the places at the high school to keep the younger students separated, if another classroom had to be added to a grade at the high school, would those doors be placed that would not allow this expansion.

Mr. Ferrara stated that the one thing that we haven't discussed is the library at the high school. He stated that there are less and less people going to the library due to the fact that we have the digital reference available to our students. Mr. Ferrara stated that we put two classrooms in there two years ago, and they were regulation size classrooms. He stated that he believes we have enough room in the library for another one of those classrooms. Mr. Ferrara said that we do have room at the high school to expand even if our secondary numbers go up, which would be a nice thing. Mr. Ferrara stated, as Ms. Kartal said, the only place that the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students come together, should only be happening by the science room, and that is where they plan on putting one of the doors. The older students would then still have access to the science rooms, but this would be a separate area from where we are proposing to put the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Ms. Kartal asked if it would be possible to table this tonight for a week or two, so the Board can get the information on the changes that would take place in the school.

Mr. Stoneburner stated that his suggestion would be, number one; can we work on getting the planning part of this together, and, number two; can we table it and make the decision at the April Business meeting. He would like a phone blast to go out to the third grade parents to be able to hear from them. Mr. Stoneburner stated that once the public hears and reads about this discussion tonight, there will be concerns and parents will want to have their voices heard. He feels that we need to promote the Agenda meeting to have the parents come and voice their opinions. Mr. Stoneburner said that then the Board could make a decision and administration can take it from there.

Mr. Miller stated that he feels that we do not need to do that and go ahead and vote tonight on the modulars. Then it would make the Board say to the public, here are the options, and what are the options that the public would the Board to hear. Mr. Miller said we need to put the cards on the table; move the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to the high school, maybe open another facility, or build onto Grandview. He stated that the Board does not need to put anybody else in any type of hardship and put pressure on Mr. DeAngelo to try to get the budget done, and he feels that putting it off is not going to change the outcome.

Mr. Worob stated that a decision needs to be made to remove the modulars very soon and it is the recommendation of the Business Manager. He does not want to see this matter clouded with too many issues. Mr. Worob said that if we are going to do it, let's do it right so everyone is happy with it and let's make it a safe environment for our students.

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AT THIS POINT OF THE MEETING, THE BATTERY RAN OUT OF POWER ON THE VIDEO CAMERA AND NO FURTHER VOICE RECORDINGS ARE AVAILABLE. THE END OF THE MEETING WAS NOT RECORDED AT ALL EITHER BY VIDEO OR VOICE BECAUSE THE DVD RAN OUT OF SPACE.

*The Board DID NOT approve a motion* for the Modular Classroom renewal.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Buckman, and not approved by a vote of 7 nays and 2 ayes. Members voting aye were Messrs. Buckman and Stout.

Items 6.5 through 6.9 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes. (6.5.b was tabled)

#### 6.5 Approval, Bids for the 2012-13 School Year

**The Board approved a motion** to approve the following bids for the 2012-13 school year as follows:

- a) Transportation (this was tabled until the April Board Meeting)
- b) Lawn and Snow Service (WDB time and material)
- c) Trash and Recycle (Waste Management \$16,970)

Mr. Stoneburner asked when the grass gets cut and the how the snow plowing is done and billed.

Mr. Ferrara stated that they cut the grass mostly on Saturdays to avoid disturbing those in the district that have allergies, and the snow plowing is billed by occurrence and number of inches.

Mr. Stoneburner discussed starting a recycling program at the high school and Mr. DeAngelo stated that he would look into this matter and get back to the Board.

#### 6.6 Approval, Treasurer's Report

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Treasurer's Report of February, 2012.

#### 6.7 Approval, Investment Report

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Investment Report of February, 2012.

#### 6.8 Approval, Budget Transfers

**The Board approved a motion** to approve budget transfers for 2011-12 in the amount of \$804,870.30 for the General Fund.

#### 6.9 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 Disbursements (2/14/12 – 3/14/12)	\$	88,970.74
Athletic Fund $(2/14/12 - 3/20/12)$	\$	1,360.00
Cafeteria Fund (3/12/12)	\$	45,929.84
Account Payable (2/20/12 – 3/19/12)	\$	670,252.42
Capital Projects (3/12/12)	\$	42,975.90
Capital Reserve $(2/14/12 - 3/20/12)$	<u>\$</u>	12,672.00
TOTAL BILLS	\$	862,160.90

## 7. EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Half Day Kindergarten

Mr. Ferrara stated that he is a firm believer in early education. He stated that this item is not an item that needs Board approval, but asked the Board members if they would like to have it on the agenda for Board approval.

Mr. Stout stated that he would like to find out how the parents feel about half day vs. full day kindergarten.

Mr. Ferrara stated that he is going to send a phone blast to the parents inviting them to the Superintendent's meeting and to the Agenda meeting.

#### 7.1 Approval, Student Waiver to Expulsion

The Board approved a motion to approve a student Waiver to Expulsion.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Ms. Marone, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

## 8. POLICY COMMITTEE INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS: ACTION ITEMS:

#### 8.1 Approval, 1st Reading of Policy 008, Organization Chart

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policy 008, Organization Chart.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

#### 9. <u>LIAISON REPORTS</u> INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Ms. Kartal stated that there was a negotiation committee meeting regarding the Support Staff Contract, which had to end early due to a regularly scheduled Board meeting. They are waiting for new meeting dates, several wage/benefit scenarios are going back and forth. The budget committee met the week before to finalize the 2012-13 Tech School Budget. All line items and department expenditures were reviewed, questioned and reworked. The final budget was approved by the committee, and it will be presented to the Tech Board at the April meeting, and if approved, goes back to the sending districts for review/approval. Mrs. Kartal stated that although Mr. Stout made unsavory remarks a few minutes before her update, she also mentioned that we lost a student to suicide in the Auto Technology Department and to keep the students in your prayers.

#### b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Ms. Marone

Ms. Marone reported that she attended the BCIU #22 Board Meeting on March 20, 2012. Staff members of the BCIU #22 BrainSTEPS made a program and services presentation at the meeting. Ms. Marone wanted to be sure all Morrisville community parents were aware of the program.

The BrainSTEPS program addresses the issues and needs of children with traumatic head injuries. Such injuries can negatively impact children's cognitive learning abilities and recovery can sometimes take over 12 months. The program helps identify children affected, intervenes with educational support and monitors the cognitive impact of the injury from diagnosis through to recovery. Any child in Bucks County who has experienced a traumatic head injury, under any circumstances, is eligible to be assisted by the BCIU #22 program. Traumatic head injury, and the long term effects of concussions, are serious health issues being brought to light by, among others, members of the National Football League. Morrisville School District has participated in a related BCIU #22 athlete baseline testing. Our children are the first generation of people to benefit from an understanding of this injury and its impact. The BCIU #22 is proud to deliver this excellent program to Bucks residents. Ms. Marone brought literature back from the meeting to disburse to the school nurses and athletic trainer, to increase awareness of the symptoms and steer possible referrals to the program. More information can be obtained and referrals can be made at www.biapa.org/brainsteps. Ms. Marone can also help connect families interested in this program by putting them in contact with the Bucks BrainSTEPS program.

c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative - Ms. Marone No report at this time.

#### Future Meetings and Items of Interest

The meetings will be held in the LGI
Wednesday, April 18, 2012......Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25, 2012......Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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#### 10. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. DeWilde asked if the steps in the front of the high school could be repainted and the lights fixed by the steps.

Ms. Marone asked about the status of the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Program, and asked that we get moving with this matter and get it put on the April agenda in order for the Board to vote on it.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that the Natural Gas Contract was approved at .80 for only two years (12-13 and 12-14).

#### 11. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Buckman asked that the policies regarding Bullying and Immunizations be reviewed and updated.

Mr. Ferrara stated that they will be put on the agenda for the April Board Meeting.

The following motions were added to tonight's meeting agenda:

#### 11.1 Approval, PA Youth Survey

**The Board approved a motion** to approve the PA Youth Survey.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

#### 11.2 Approval, Van Driver

**The Board approved a motion** to approve the appointment of John Curry as a Van Driver at the hourly rate of \$11.17, with no benefits.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

Since there were additions to the agenda for tonight's meeting, Mr. Miller asked if there was anyone from the public in attendance that would like to speak. There were no speakers.

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Ms. Kartal mentioned that a former graduate had contacted her asking to donate to the district, old yearbooks. Ms. Kartal stated that she would give Mr. Ferrara this individual's contact information regarding this donation.

Ms. Kartal asked that the playground at Grandview be checked for compliance regarding the right amount of mulch, etc. as it was looking quite bare last time she checked it out. Ms. Kartal also asked when the playgrounds are inspected by the insurance company.

Ms. Kartal asked for the information from Mr. Profy that he had promised to give her regarding the distribution by the district of community event information.

Ms. Kartal asked Mr. Gesualdi to email the Board members about the status of the nursing interviews and the substitute van driver interviews. She also asked Mr. Gesualdi if he needed additional people to interview for the nursing position.

#### 12. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 pm.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

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