

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**Board Meeting** — Wednesday, May 23, 2012

Large Group Instruction Room

Morrisville Middle/Senior High School

7:30 p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE

Morrisville, Pennsylvania

***This meeting was recorded for televising***

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, May 23, 2012, after due notice of this meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. DeWilde, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 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.

- Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. DeWilde announced that the Board would be leaving the meeting at this time (7:31 p.m.) for an Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation. The meeting resumed at 7:42 p.m.

## **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

### **Anthony Gesualdi — Morrisville Special Olympics Participants**

Mr. Gesualdi stated that the Special Olympics were held at Council Rock on April 21, 2012. Two of our students, Amanda Doerler and Joshua Taylor, participated in the Special Olympics event, and carried the Morrisville School District banner representing our District. Josh won Gold Medals in the 400 Meter Run and 400 Meter Relay, and Silver Medals in the Javelin Throw and Running Long Jump. During the year, Josh also participates in Bowling and Track and Field. Amanda won Silver Medals in the 100 Meter Run, Softball Throw and Standing Long Jump. Mr. Gesualdi presented both students with a certificate of appreciation and stated that he

was able to be attendance at this event and that it is a very uplifting experience and encouraged everyone to attend this event in the future.

Mr. Miller stated that Josh's nickname is Flash, and he certainly lives up to that name. The Board members congratulated Amanda and Josh for their accomplishments.

### **ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION**

*Student Representative to the Board — Megan Howell (Morrisville High School)*

Megan discussed the following items:

- Congratulations to Kievanna Lacey for being named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Bucks County Courier Times Golden Team for Girls High School Basketball. Also, congratulations to Cassandra Gainey for making Honorable Mention to the team as well.
- Congratulations to Deidra Lewis who received the annual. Makefield American Association of University Women's Scholarship Award. Deidra gave a wonderful speech in front of a crowd of 200 at the award ceremony held on May 7, 2012. Deidra's award will help her begin her college career at Millersville, where she will study to be an optometrist.
- The Girls Recognition Reception and Scholarship Awards meeting was held on May 7, 2012. Anna Zuckerman and Zoe Wells won awards for math and science. The award is sponsored by the Makefield American Association of University Women.
- Congratulations to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Robotics Team! Our team consisting of Krista Mullaney, Sarah Kremer, Brittany Farmer, and Madison Velez left the competition at the bottom of the pool!! These students competed in the Scout Level of the PA Mate Roy underwater robotics event at Villanova University. The team earned:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for their poster display
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for their public speaking presentation
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place for completing their mission with the robot.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place overall
- On April 26th, Mr. King and Mr. Jones accompanied 42 students from their digital photography classes to the Trenton Thunder game. Mr. King and Mr. Jones would like to thank the 21<sup>st</sup> Century for providing the funding for the transportation for the trip.
- The Junior/Senior prom was held at the Buck Hotel on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The nominees in the court for the king are Gary Boyd, Donald Kinslow, Kevin Munoz, Raimy Valdez. The nominees in the court for the queen are Dionna Berry, Megan. Howell, Autumn Ranier, Anna Smolinski. Kevin Munoz and Anna Smolinski were crowned king and queen of the event. A special thanks to Ms. Hasness and the junior class officers for all their hard work in planning the prom.
- The final Superintendent Advisory meeting was held in the LOT on May 9th.
- Mr. Teefy, Mrs. Bramble and the student government students held a Blood Drive at the high school on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The faculty and students donated 31 pints of blood.
- The senior picnic will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The picnic will be held at the Neshaminy Shore Park in Hulmeville. Students will leave school after third period (11 am) and return at approximately 3:30pm.

*Student Representative to the Board — My'Asia Davis (Bucks County Technical High School)*

My'Asia discussed the following:

- The FFA, which stands for the Future Farmers of America, held a very successful plant sale on May 7, 8 & 9.
- "A Taste of Home" cooking show was held at BCTHS on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 500 people attended the event with celebrity Michael Bama.
- The Courier-Kiwanis Sesame Place Classic was held at BCTHS on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Over 1,500 people attended this run that benefits all of the Bucks County high schools.
- Fun & Fitness Days were held on April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> as a fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Over \$1,700 was raised by staff and students.
- Field Day was held on May 18<sup>th</sup> after having postponed the event for two days due to weather. Team White won the annual event.
- Student Council elections were held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Student Council hosted the monthly Bucks County Forum meeting on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Students and staff participated in a Red Cross Blood Drive on May 8<sup>th</sup>. We are proud to announce that 50 units of blood were collected.
- The Junior Prom was held on May 11<sup>th</sup> at Westaby Hall. The Sophomore Ring Dance was held on May 4<sup>th</sup>, and the Freshman Formal was held on April 28<sup>th</sup>. All were well attended and were a huge success.
- Senior Awards night will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The Senior Picnic is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Graduation is June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The senior vs. staff football game is coming up. The teachers don't stand a chance.

**Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation — MOEF — Ms. Haug**

Ms. Haug stated that on May 1<sup>st</sup> they filed their legal application for their BITC Grant, and they were approved for this grant yesterday.

**PTO Report**

No report.

Mr. DeWilde stated that we have two gentlemen in attendance at tonight's meeting to discuss the two properties that the District is considering selling. Mr. Barry Wachman and Mr. Ron Fellnor of JD Labs stated that a copy of their presentation was given to the Board members. Mr. Wachman read the Morrisville Mission Statement and discussed his background. He was asked here to see what can be developed with the property of M. R. Reiter. Mr. Wachman's vision, going from a liability to an asset, is to turn it into an Assisted Living Environment, keep family close, affordable and sustainable, it would be a section of the community, and partnerships with existing companies that already do this and a capital investment. He stated that the benefits

would be value for the community, keep it local, environment, value for the school district such as financial obligations, and the internship and educational opportunities that we have in our school system will be tied to this Assisted. Living from hospitality to health and wellness, nutrition, housekeeping, and many other opportunities related to this facility which involve our students K-12. Mr. Ron Fellnor discussed his background and stated that they are here tonight to try to bring some value to our town. He stated that they don't have any drawings of the building at this point because they are trying to figure out if their vision can work and that it is really wide open at this point and they will work from here. Mr. Wachman gave some background on JDLabs and stated that he provides and designs and creates services and products for humans and the environment on a global level\_ Mr. Wachman stated that a second property in Morrisville was also brought to his attention, but he stated that we have to get through the first project first.

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Wachman if he had any other visions, other than the Assisted Living Facility, for the M. R. Reiter property. Mr. Wachman stated that he does have other ideas for the property, but he needs to hear from the community to see what is important to them. Mr. Miller asked what the next step would be to keep this process going and Mr. Wachman stated that the Board needs to get together and talk about it and then get back to him. Mr. Ron Fellnor stated that they are in the process of getting some drawings, costs, etc. Mr. Miller asked if they plan on using the existing building and Mr. Fellnor stated that they do plan on using the existing building and feel that it would work well with their plans.

Mr. DeWilde asked them if they have had any conversations with our Borough Council. Mr. Wachman stated that at this time they are only presenting it to the Board, but would be glad to meet with the Board members and the Borough Council to discuss this matter. Ms. Kartal stated that the next Borough Council meeting is June 6<sup>th</sup>, and she will check with the Borough Council to see if they could give a presentation at that meeting. Mr. Stout asked Mr. Wachman and Mr. Fellnor if they have been inside the M. R. Reiter building yet, and they stated they have not but would like to do a site visit.

## **1. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

This week in our Schools

### ***WILLIAM FERRARA — SUPERINTENDENT***

- Mr. Ferrara stated that there are still some things going on with Chapter 4 and everything that we have been planning for is now back up in the air, which makes it hard for any district to plan what they should be doing in the future. Mr. Ferrara stated that the Common Core Standards, will now will be called the Pennsylvania Common Core Standards, and starting with the graduating class of 2016-17, graduation requirements will be that these students will have to pass exams in Algebra 1, Biology and Literature. Mr. Ferrara stated that he would

prefer that our students take the exam after having Algebra II, but we have to wait for the PA Department of Education to approve our plan. He stated that the graduating classes of 2018-19 will have the same Keystone Exams, but will have composition added, and the class of 2019-20 will have Civics and Government added. Mr. Ferrara stated that at this point we don't know what direction we are going, but we plan on making the jump to the new testing next year at the elementary level.

- Mr. Ferrara congratulated students K-12 who participated in the Art Show and Concerts.
- Mr. Ferrara thanked Mrs. Manning for staffing the Book Fair and for her hard work for this event.
- Mr. Ferrara thanked those who attended the Superintendent Advisory meeting.

### ***PAUL DEANGELO, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR***

- Mr. DeAngelo stated that the Business Office is wrapping up the Budget for the 2011-12 school year.
- Mr. DeAngelo stated that today he met with Joe Myat and Mary Hendershot with regards to the upgrades to the ALIO software, and they will be meeting with the Board so this new software can be used effective July, 2012. They will be taking a trip to ALIO in June regarding the FIR connection to the website.
- He thanked Joe Myat and Cliff Yuen for their work on the cameras and upgrades to the servers, and for their help in the entire district regarding our Technology.
- Mr. DeAngelo thanked Tim Lastichen for the tour of M. R. Reiter for our Board members.
- Mr. DeAngelo thanked Jim Donovan and Darletta Berry-Johnson for their work in getting a grant for the District for fruit and vegetables in the amount of \$17,000.

### ***LAURIE RUFFING, ELEMENTAR Y/INTERMEDIATE PRINCIPAL***

Ms. Ruffing was in attendance at a conference in Hershey, therefore there was no report.

### ***DONALD HARM, PRINCIPAL***

- Mr. Harm stated that some of our staff participated in a meeting with the IU to work on the changes regarding the PA Common Core Standards so that we will be ready to adjust to the upcoming changes.
- The band and chorus held a concert preview for grades 3 thru 6 on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

- The Festival of the Arts/Spring Concert was held on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Harm stated that the students and Dr. Scott did an excellent job, along with Ms. Mela and Mr. Jones.
- The Senior Awards Program will be held in the high school auditorium on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Graduation is set for June 13<sup>th</sup> at the high school beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The exam schedule will be posted on the school web site. Exams for underclassmen will begin on June 11<sup>th</sup> (seniors are exempt), and students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. on exam days.

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

- Mr. Gesualdi reported that we have been notified by PDE that we will be participating in a cyclical program monitoring (audit) next year, which involves staff, students and parents.

Mr. DeWilde asked how donations can be made to the book fair for the students who cannot afford to buy books. Ms. Rinkevich stated that donations can be made directly to her, or it can be dropped off at the schools or mailed to the schools. Ms. Ruffing stated that usually there are donation boxes at each school and also at the Book Fair. Ms. Kartal suggested that it be advertised regarding the donations for the Book Fair as she was never aware that it was possible to donate to the Book Fair. Ms. Ruffing suggested that the PTO do the advertising for the Book Fair. It was also suggested that it be placed on the website.

→ **Enrollment Report**

<b>District Enrollments as of May 14, 2012</b>			
<u>Student Population</u>			
Pre-Kindergarten	18		
Kindergarten	91	GRANDVIEW	351
Grade 1	81	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4-5)	<u>157</u>
Grade 2	81		<b>508</b>
Grade 3	80		
Grade 4	66	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (6-8)	196
Grade 5	91	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12	<u>204</u>
Grade 6	68		<b>400</b>
Grade 7	69		
Grade 8	59	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	48
Grade 9	62	HOME SCHOOLED	18
Grade 10	45	CHARTER SCHOOLS	27
Grade 11	40	Regular Ed	19
Grade 12	57	Special Ed	8
		OUT OF DISTRICT	71
		Regular Ed	21
		Special Ed	50
<b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT</b>			<b>1072</b>

**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 did not approve a motion to approve the amended minutes of the February 22, 2012 Monthly Business Meeting.*

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Buckman, and passed by a roll call vote of 5 nays and 4 ayes. Members voting nay were Messrs. Buckman, DeWilde, Stout, Worob and Ms. Marone. Members voting aye were Messrs. Parker, Stoneburner, Miller and Ms. Kartal.

Mr. DeWilde stated that he reviewed the documentation and the video and he did not see any noticeable change in the proposed amendments concerning any substantive business that the District has to do. Mr. DeWilde stated that, in his opinion, the changes made don't change what business the District has to do.

Mr. Buckman asked what set of minutes we are voting on at this time. Mr. DeWilde stated that the motion on the floor at this time is for the proposed amended minutes, a copy of what was included in the Board packet this evening.

Mr. Miller stated that he viewed the video along with looking at the amended minutes to make sure that there was nothing left out, nothing added, or anything of that nature and asked if these amended minutes are what we are approving at this time. Mr. DeWilde stated again, that we are voting at this time to approve the amended minutes. If the amended minutes are not approved, we will then vote on the original minutes of the February 22, 2012 Monthly Business Meeting.

***The Board did approve the motion*** to approve the ***original set of minutes*** of the February 22, 2012 Monthly Business Meeting.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Buckman, and passed by a roll call vote of 5 ayes and 4 nays. Members voting aye were Messrs. Buckman, DeWilde, Stout, Worob and Ms. Marone. Members voting nay were Messrs. Parker, Stoneburner, Miller and Ms. Kartal.

**2.2** ***The Board approved a motion*** to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2012 Monthly Agenda Meeting.

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



## **PUBLIC SESSION**

### **Ms. Mihok — 1 Hillcrest Avenue**

Ms. Mihok congratulated the Board for changing it to the truth and for approving it. She asked the Board to please not replace our wonderful current solicitor, Thomas J. Profy, IV, Esq., with any member of the Montgomery County Law Firm of Friedman Schuman, who gave Morrisville Matters School Board candidates \$1000 towards their campaign. She asked the Board to please keep Pay to Play out of our School District and avoid any possible problems in the future that could cost the School District to litigate. Ms. Mihok stated that during the last minute of the Morrisville School Board meeting in April, a School Board Director declared that a law suit was going to be filed against her. She stated that he spoke the name of Marlys Mihok as the person to be sued. Ms. Mihok stated that she believes that this School Director spoke for himself and not for the School Board as a whole when he demonstrated his rage. She stated that she would appreciate hearing from the School Board that this is not a threat from the Morrisville School Board, and merely a threat of a Director with anger management problems who has severe difficulty listening to a mere woman.

### **Ms. Haug — 260 Harper Avenue**

Ms. Haug referenced the Board meeting where several Board members left early and what she said about it at the last meeting, and stated that she does not have a problem with people leaving the meeting because they are sick, but she does have a problem in the manner in which they left. She stated that no one in the audience knew why they left, and it seemed like the other Board members did not know why they left, and she found this very rude and discourteous. Ms. Haug suggested that there be a policy that if any member needs to leave the meeting, for any reason, at least the Board President or Board Secretary be informed.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE/FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **3. INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Adams Party Rental — Graduation chairs at the cost of \$2,095  
Mr. Ferrara stated that graduation will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine. A decision will be made that day by 7 a.m. whether it will be held outside or in the gymnasium. Those that have tickets will get a chair and those that don't have a ticket are welcome to come, but will not get a chair. Mr. Ferrara stated that once the sound system and lighting in the auditorium are updated, graduation can be held in the auditorium and the chairs will no longer have to be rented. He thanked Mr. Lastichen for taking care of renting the chairs.

- Progress report for moving third grade to high school  
Mr. DeAngelo stated that the administration continued to look at the plan by possibly using the services of Vitetta. They have met with Mr. Seward from the Borough as to what would be needed to do what we want to do regarding modifications and the codes. The plans have been listed on the website such as the partitions that would isolate Grades 3, 4 and 5 temporarily, and bathroom designs in G Hall were also listed. Another option they are looking at is renovating the bathrooms by the nurse's office, which would be the cheapest option. Mr. DeAngelo stated that if a decision is made tonight, they will still be working on a very tight timelines. Mr. DeAngelo discussed tying the new doorways, partitions, etc. into our current fire system.

Mr. Miller asked where the partition by the nurse's office is going to be located. Mr. DeAngelo stated that it would bathrooms would have to be within the partition, with another set of partitions by the gym area where the younger students line up in the morning, and that there would be a total of 4 partitions altogether.

Mr. Stoneburner stated that he feels that the bathrooms should be renovated at the end of H hallway, which would be closer to where they are considering placing the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at the high school. Mr. DeAngelo stated that this would be the best location for the bathrooms, but at this time we don't have funding for this renovation and it is very cost prohibitive because the bathrooms at the end of H Hall are individual bathrooms with only one seat and it would be very costly to upgrade them.

Mr. Ferrara stated that, if the Board decides to send the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to the high school, the bathrooms by the nurse's office would actually be closer for them.

Mr. Stoneburner stated that this new plan might actually work out better by giving the students the option of using the bathrooms at the end of H hall, along with having the newly upgraded bathrooms by the nurse's office.

Mr. Miller stated that whatever is happening at this point in time in regards to moving the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, in his mind, will be a temporary move. Discussions are taking place in regards to what other options may be on the table. None of these options have been decided on. Mr. Miller stated that primarily, at this point in time, it allows us to have discussion on what the next step is for a permanent step for the future versus sitting on our hands, renting modular's, with nothing happening. Mr. Miller stated that the current Board is dealing with the cards that have been dealt to them and to hopefully move forward in a permanent manner and have something that is viable for the future of the District.

Mr. Ferrara stated that this will give all of us the time to make a move for a year or two years, but the permanent word should not be out there coming from either the administration or the Board. This is a breather to figure out where the District is going and what is the best option for the District to pursue as a permanent solution. We don't want to rush into this and this will be something that will have huge effects 15 to 20 years down the road. Mr. Ferrara stated that we don't have a lot of room, either financially or with our students to make the wrong decision. He stated that the Board has done an excellent job in exercising the time to slow things down, have time next year for public input, and make a sound decision based on the future of Morrisville. Mr. Ferrara stated that if the Board would be making a decision at the May or June Board meeting for a permanent move at this time, it would have been a big mistake, and he stated that the Board has done an excellent job in not making this a permanent solution, and having the diligence to have the administrative team work through a process so when this temporary move becomes real, it is a done deal and our students will have a safe environment and have great educational opportunities.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**3.1** *The Board approved a motion* to approve two (2) Hillyard HIL99238 in the amount of \$2021.55 each, for a total not to exceed \$4043.10.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed by a roll call vote of 5 ayes and 4 nays. Members voting aye were Messrs. Buckman, DeWilde, Miller and Ms. Marone and Ms. Kartal. Members voting nay were Messrs. Parker, Stoneburner, Stout and Worob.

Mr. Stoneburner stated that he looked up these carts, and he cannot consider spending \$4000 for them. He asked if we could possibly buy one of the carts to see if it really does help to improve our cleanliness and productivity. He asked if both carts would be used at the high school, and Mr. DeAngelo stated that one would be used at the high school and one at Grandview. Mr. Stoneburner asked how many bathrooms are at Grandview and Mr. DeAngelo stated that there is one in every classroom.

Mr. Stoneburner stated that he feels that we could spend \$4000 better somewhere else and he feels that these carts are very expensive.

Items 3.2 and 4.1 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Miller, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

**3.2** *The Board approved a motion* to approve the Vitetta Services Proposal in the amount of \$10,000 per letter dated 4/25/12.

Mr. Miller asked if we need to use Vitetta because these plans have to be sealed. Mr. DeAngelo stated that this is correct.

Mr. Stout stated that this is something that no one else can do. Mr. Ferrara stated that the Board approved the Architect of Record at the last meeting as Vitetta, and the reason we did that is because if we have to put out a new RFP for a new Architect, there is not enough time. By using Vitetta for the minor renovations we are proposing at this time, they would seal the plans and then we would have a permanent occupancy.

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

- 4.1** *The Board approved a motion* to approve the Garfield Academy Contract for 2012-13.

Mr. Gesualdi spoke about the unanticipated costs we face in Special Education all the time, and with students moving into our district all the time, we can't control the costs for students requiring specially designed programs. He stated that the reason for this particular motion is that we have a student at this location, which is an out of state school in New Jersey, who recently moved to our district, and was attending Garfield when he moved here due to behavior and discipline issues. We are in the process of doing a reevaluation of this student to ascertain whether or not this placement will need to continue at this location, but in the interim, we have to agree to pay for this program. Mr. Gesualdi stated that this program costs \$48,500 per year, plus transportation.

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

Items 5.1 through 5.2.c were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Buckman, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

**5.1 Approval, Resignations**

**5.1.a** *The Board approved a motion* to accept the resignation of John Curry, Van Driver, effective May 11, 2012.

**5.1.b** *The Board approved a motion* to accept the resignation of Robert Schrader, Title I Coordinator, effective June 30, 2012.

**5.2 Approval, Appointments**

**5.2.a. *The Board approved a motion*** to approve the appointment of Marcia Cicco as a van driver, effective immediately, at the rate of \$11.17 per hour with no benefits.

**5.2.b *The Board approved a motion*** to approve the appointment of Shomnik Gayles as a substitute van driver, effective immediately, at the rate of \$11.17 per hour with no benefits.

**5.2.c *The Board approved a motion*** to approve the appointment of Kevin Jones as the Summer Help Coordinator at the same stipend he received for 2011-12.

Ms. Kartal asked what Mr. Jones' stipend was for the 2011-12 school year, and Mr. Ferrara stated that the Board would be supplied with this information in the Friday packet. Mr. Ferrara stated that 15 students have applied for the summer positions, and if Mr. Jones is approved tonight, he will be part of the process of approving and selecting the people who are going to be employed by the District. First preference will be given to any students who worked last year that had a successful evaluation, second will be any Morrisville resident, and then third, if there are any spots left open, anyone from outside. Mr. Ferrara stated that he does not believe that anyone from outside has applied. There are five open positions for the summer help.

Mr. Stoneburner asked, after approving the resignation and appointments of Van Drivers this evening, how many Van Drivers will be employed by the District. Mr. Gesualdi stated that we have had excellent drivers, but, unfortunately because of unfortunate circumstances, they had to terminate their employment; we did not terminate them. Therefore, we are not up to speed in the sense that we do not have the third van route established because of there are only 15 days left in the school year and we do not want to change the routes of students at this late date. We certainly will utilize all of our Van Drivers in September to have 3 routes established. Mr. Gesualdi stated that we are hoping to have at least 2 substitutes.

Items 5.2.d through 5.4 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Ms. Marone, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

**5.2.d *The Board approved a motion*** to approve the following 21<sup>st</sup> Century Hires:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Beth Coleman	Summer Elem. Reading Teacher	\$22/hr.
Amy Giblin	Summer Elem. Reading Teacher	\$22/hr.
Alison Beresky	Summer Elem. Reading Teacher	\$22/hr.
Kelly Marlin Perroni	Summer Elem. Reading Teacher	\$22/hr.
Rebecca Donovan	Summer Elem. Reading Teacher	\$22/hr.
Russell Giblin	Summer Elem. Reading Teacher	\$22/hr.

**5.2.d Approval, Appointments (continued)**

Casey Young	Summer Elem. Reading Teacher	\$22/hr.
Christine Klockner	Summer Elem. Reading Teacher	\$22/hr.
Nicole White	Summer Elem. Reading Teacher	\$22/hr.
Laura Sonnetag	Summer Elem. Reading Teacher	\$22/hr.
Salvatore Mauro	Summer Elem. Reading Teacher	\$22/hr.
Savannah Tosti	Summer Elem. Reading Teacher	\$22/hr.
Sandy Buzby	Paraprofessional	\$14/hr.
Lauren Baher	Paraprofessional	\$14/hr.

Angel Stamps	Paraprofessional (Substitute)	\$14/hr.
Catherine Mihaly	Paraprofessional (Substitute)	\$14/hr.
Pat Evans	Paraprofessional (Substitute)	\$14/hr.
Katherine Klausner	Paraprofessional (Substitute)	\$14/hr.

**ASAP Camp**

Gabriela Argueta	Admin. Asst. Head	\$12/hr.
Tanya Argueta	BB/MS-HS Head	\$15/hr.
Alexandria Berry-Johnson	Soccer Elem.	\$15/hr.
Bridget Brown	Floating/Acad. Asst.	\$9/hr.
Ashley Campellone	Auxiliary Math	\$22/hr.
Noah Charest	Equip. Mgr.	\$9/hr.
Naomi Collipp	Head Soccer/MS-HR	\$15/hr.
Joshua Davis	Head FF Elem.	\$15/hr.
	Floating Assist./Food	
Patti Ebert	Prep	\$15/hr.
Seth Feit	Head FF/MS-HS	\$15/hr.
Jordyn Fani	Auxiliary Math/MS-HS	\$22/hr.
Cassie Fario	Head. Volleyball Elem.	\$15/hr.
Janet Horn	Holy Trinity	\$22/hr.
Jamil Howard	Academic Support	\$9/hr.
John Hubiak	Head BB Elem.	\$15/hr.
Megan Johnson	Diamond Sports Asst.	\$15/hr.
Kievanna Lacey	BB Coach Asst.	\$9/hr.
Brianna Markgraf	Diamond Sports	\$9/hr.
Jessica Martin	Equip. Mgr.	\$9/hr.
Cassandra Martinez	Asst. BB Elem.	\$9/hr.
Katherine McDowell	Holy Trinity Head	\$22/hr.
Joe Petrino	BB Elem Floating	\$15/hr.
Cassidy Shemelia	Asst. Asst. Soccer	\$9/hr.
Charles Slakoper	Coach	\$9/hr.
Amanda Snyder	Head Volleyball Coach	\$15/hr.
Lisa Szydowski	Elem./ HS English	\$22/hr.

**5.2.d Approval, Appointments (continued)**

Jessica Titlow	Elem. English	\$22/hr.
Katie Woolf	Asst. Volleyball	\$9/hr.

**5.2.e *The Board approved a motion*** to approve the following 2012 Fall Coaches and Athletic Director per MEA Contract:

John Hubiak	Athletic Director
William Quill	Football Coach
Peter Neely	Asst. Football Coach
Jason Bresnen	Asst. Football Coach
Sean Haines	Soccer Coach
Katherine Klausner	Field Hockey Coach
Katherine Howell	Cheerleading
Andrew King	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer
Dennis Rodgers	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Hockey

Ms. Kartal asked if the Middle School Football Program was approved, and if so, is one of the above individuals being approved for the team or are we looking for a coach for the team. Mr. Ferrara stated that we have a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Football Coach vacancy, an Assistant Varsity Football Coach vacancy, and a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Cheerleading Coach vacancy. The only positions we are asking for approval at this time are the ones that individuals have applied for. Ms. Kartal asked if these vacant positions will be posted, and Mr. Ferrara stated that they will be posted. Mr. Ferrara stated that the Varsity Football Coaches normally select their Assistant Coaches, at which time they are brought to the Board for approval, and Mr. Quill, Mr. Harm and Mr. Hubiak will be involved in selecting the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Football Coach. Mr. Ferrara stated that Mr. Harm and Mr. Hubiak will be involved with Ms. Howell in selecting the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Cheerleading Coach.

**5.3 Approval, FMLA/Childrearing**

***The Board approved a motion*** to approve FMLA/Childrearing for Cheri Tabit from September 2012 to January 2014, per MEA Contract.

Mr. Stoneburner questioned the length of the FMLA. Mr. Ferrara stated that it is currently in the MEA Contract, Article 9, Section 7, Letter C, which is a childrearing component that they can select.

**5.4 Approval, VERIP (Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program) for MESPA Support Staff**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program for MESPA Support Staff.

**6. BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE COMMITTEE  
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS: ACTION  
ITEMS:**

Items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.5 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Stoneburner, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

**6.1 Approval, Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce Membership**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the membership for the Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$305.

Mr. Ferrara stated that there have been some questions as to why we would want a membership in the Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce. He stated that he was not able to attend the meeting last week, but we are looking into internships for our Junior and Senior students for next year. Mr. Ferrara stated that he has had the opportunity to work with Interim President, Mr. Dan Bates, in order to set this up. It will also give opportunities for Mr. King's Future Business Leaders and Business classes to work with the Leadership and Businesses in Bucks County. Mr. Ferrara stated that it is a year long membership, and he feels that it would be a valuable opportunity for our students to participate in their programs.

**6.2 Approval, Bucks County Physical and Sports Rehabilitation Trainer Agreement for 2012-13**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Bucks County Physical and Sports Rehabilitation Trainer Agreement for 2012-13 in the amount of \$31,000.

Mr. Ferrara stated that we were very fortunate to work with the Bucks County Physical and Sports Rehabilitation and our Trainer last year, Amanda Snyder, was phenomenal with our student athletes. She has a great rapport with our student athletes and our coaching staff and he hopefully is enforcing the Board's approval to have this organization back, and we make sure they assign Amanda to our school.

Mr. DeWilde asked what type of services are provided with this agreement, and Mr. Ferrara stated that she does all of our athletic training from taping, attending games, providing injury prevention and rehab for our students, and being able to get them to



doctor appointments in an expedient manner. Mr. Ferrara stated that she has been a total asset to our program and to our community.

**6.3 Approval, Resolution supporting increased State Funding for K-12 Public Education**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the resolution supporting increased State Funding for K-12 Public Education as follows:

**Resolution Supporting  
Increased State Funding for K-12 Public Education  
By the Board of Directors  
of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District**

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania's more than 1.8 million public school students deserve the highest quality education; and maintaining and supporting a 'thorough and efficient system' of public education is a constitutional obligation of the commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District to provide for the education of its students in a manner that enables them to be college and career-ready upon graduation; and

**WHEREAS**, increases in recent years in state investment in K-12 education has resulted in sustained improvement in academic performance for students, as evidenced by these facts that show that Pennsylvania's public schools are succeeding:

- Pennsylvania currently ranks 7th among the 50 states for K-12 student achievement and 13th overall in a national report released in January 2012; and
- Pennsylvania's 2011 PSSA scores show that 94% of public school districts reached targets for Adequate Yearly Progress as required under the federal No Child Left Behind Act;

The number of Pennsylvania public high school students taking and testing in an Advanced Placement course continues to increase each year, and the numbers of Pennsylvania students scoring a 3+ on AP exams continues to grow each year. In November 2011, Pennsylvania was awarded by The College Board as the state with the most public school districts named to its "AP Honor Roll" for expanding participation in Advanced Placement courses from 2009 to 2011, while increasing or maintaining the test results; and

WHEREAS, evidence of academic achievement in the \_\_\_\_\_ School District has been demonstrated by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

; and

*(Insert examples of specific areas of academic achievement in your district. This may include items such as your AYP results, other district tests results, number of Honors, AP or IB courses offered and the number of graduates, results of establishment or expansion of tutoring programs, results of specific academic competitions, awards received. Examples should demonstrate the use/results of district programs to benefit students academically.)*

WHEREAS, it is critical for Pennsylvania to continue to make smart investments that improve the ability of our students to compete in the high-skills global economy without shifting the burden to the local property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the 2012-13 state budget maintains basic education funding at 2008-09 levels, maintains level funding for special education for the fourth consecutive year although the costs for providing such mandated services continues to rise, and eliminates the Accountability Block Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the 2012-13 proposed state budget for K-12 education does not restore funds eliminated in the 2011-12 budget for charter school reimbursement, school improvement grants; education assistance programs, elementary science programs, and dual enrollment programs; and

WHEREAS, expectations and requirements for students do not diminish in times of economic difficulty, as exemplified by the need for school districts to meet rising targets in 2012 for proficiency on PSSA assessments, implement curriculum aligned with new Common Core standards, increase graduation requirements and administer Keystone Exams; and

WHEREAS, no increases in K-12 education funding actually is a net loss for public education considering increases in costs out of the control of school boards, including pensions, prevailing wage requirements, unreimbursed charter school costs, rising healthcare and energy costs, and more; and

WHEREAS, the continued reduction of state funding for basic education further shifts the burden to the local property taxpayers and provide no mandate relief to school districts as a way of controlling costs; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the \_\_\_\_\_ School District strongly urges the General Assembly to take legislative action in the 2012-13 state budget to increase funding for K-12 education. Such increases include, at a minimum, additional funding for the basic education and special education subsidies, and restoration of funding for charter school reimbursement and Accountability Block Grants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this district also urges the General Assembly to take action on meaningful mandate reform by the time the new 2012-13 state budget is enacted and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be posted on the district's website and submitted to the elected state senators and representatives of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District in the General Assembly, and to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

Signed,

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Board President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Secretary (seal)

**6.4 Approval, Resolution supporting House Bill 855 — Economic Furloughs**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the resolution supporting House Bill 855, Economic Furloughs as follows:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 855  
BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, school districts in this Commonwealth continue to face unprecedented fiscal realities as a result of the economic downturn and are struggling to maintain challenging programs for students and an adequate and competent staff; and

WHEREAS, unfunded and underfunded state-imposed mandates serve only to exacerbate the already difficult financial situations as school districts need greater flexibility in order to balance their budgets; and

WHEREAS, allowing school districts to exercise maximum flexibility and discretion to more freely manage professional employees, as well as other measures that provide mandate relief to school districts, will enable school districts to best determine how to manage costs without sacrificing educational quality at a time when state and local resources are increasingly limited; and

WHEREAS, unlike other public entities and private industry, school districts alone are prohibited from reducing staff size if resources are insufficient and are permitted under the Public School Code only to furlough in certain limited circumstances: (1) when there has been a substantial decrease in pupil enrollment in a district; (2) through curtailment or alteration of an educational program as a result of substantial decline in class or course enrollment or to conform with standards of organization or education activities required by law or recommended by PDE; (3) consolidation of schools or school districts; or (4) as the result of reorganization of a school district); and

WHEREAS, it is a necessity for school districts to have the utmost flexibility in hiring, maintaining and managing personnel, allowing school districts to make the determination as to who are the best qualified and most effective employees for the school district; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 855, introduced by Rep. Scott Boyd, allows school districts to furlough professional employees for economic reasons, as well as to base these staff reductions on criteria such as performance, certification and qualifications, rather than solely on seniority; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the \_\_\_\_\_ School District supports House Bill 855 and similar legislation or effort by the General Assembly that allows school districts to suspend professional employees for economic reasons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be shared with the district's state legislators to emphasize the need to support House Bill 855 and the cost-savings that it would provide for school districts in the Commonwealth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \_\_\_\_\_ School District calls upon the General Assembly to begin immediate consideration of legislation that allows school districts to furlough professional employees for economic reasons.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

Signed,

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Board President

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~~Board Secretary~~

(seal)

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed by a voice vote of 6 ayes and 3 nays. Members voting aye were Messrs. Buckman, DeWilde, Stoneburner, Stout, and Worob, and Ms. Marone. Members voting nay were Ms. Kartal, Mr. Miller and Mr. Parker.

Mr. Parker stated that he feels that this leaves the teachers and the teacher's union open to political influence and favoritism for certain teachers, and he feels that the State Guidelines were put there for a reason and he does not feel that we should support this Bill.

Mr. Stoneburner stated that he feels that we should support this Bill, but never need to use it.

Mr. Ferrara stated that the administration would support what Mr. Stoneburner said and hopes that we never have to use this furlough Bill. Mr. Ferrara stated that as long as this administration is together, they will do all the recommendations working with the MEA in order to assure that we have the best quality teachers in our classrooms in front of our students. Mr. Ferrara stated that we are very fortunate in this District in the fact that he and Mr. King have a very good working relationship and they head problems off before they happen, and Mr. King is very at making sure that if there is a teacher identified by one of the administrators, they work together to make that they get that teacher what they need and provide that teacher with the opportunities they need. Mr. Ferrara stated that he believes that this is only a resolution and not a Law. He does not see it being a Law in the near foreseeable future, due to the fact that there is too much litigation behind a possible furlough due to the fact that it is not based on performance.

Mr. Parker stated that he feels that if it doesn't have a chance to become a Law, then why should we support it.

Mr. DeWilde stated that it is a resolution, a tool, but the timing is not great.

- **Proposed Final 2012-13 Budget Presentation — Mr. DeAngelo**

Mr. DeAngelo referred to the Mission Statement of the Morrisville District, and said that there has been a lot of discussion about whether or not anything in the Budget would not be educationally sound or removed from the budget that was educationally sound. Mr. DeAngelo stated that we are all sitting here because of the education of our students and that the entire budget goes to the successful education of our students.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that from this point on, until next month, we have to have the 2028 available for public inspection. It is on the website and Mr. DeAngelo referred the public to review it on our website and stated that if anyone needs a copy, they can come to the Business Office.

Mr. DeAngelo discussed the changes in the budget and suggestions to balance the budget. He stated that there is time between now and June 27<sup>th</sup> for any modifications or changes.

Mr. Buckman commended everyone involved with the budget for coming up with the 0 mil increase. He stated that we had the ability to get up to a 1.7 mil increase based on Act 1, and he feels that it is a great thing that we didn't have an increase in taxes. Mr. Buckman stated that he feels that the State should reward us when we don't take the 1.7 mil increase from our taxpayers.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that the certified tuition cost is a key element, and when you look at Morrisville, when he first came to this District there was some debate at that time that the tuition rate was \$21,000 per student, which was based on a 21 million dollar projected budget. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the actual tuition rate for secondary students was \$15,000 per student. Mr.

DeAngelo stated that he received an email about two weeks ago asking that we verify our AFR information because the tuition rate on the secondary level will be going as high as \$18,000 per student. Mr. DeAngelo stated that this is very important because it also affects the Charter School funding for sending school districts.

Ms. Kartal discussed the transportation costs (\$476,000 versus \$665,000) and asked Mr. DeAngelo to explain the difference. Mr. DeAngelo stated the majority of our transportation is our IU services, in which the billing is normally two years in arrears. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the State Budget that the Governor introduced wanted to expedite this doubly, which would mean that we have to enter into a service agreement with the IU for this transportation, at the cost of about 1.2 million dollars. Mr. DeAngelo stated that this could happen, but all indications are that it will not happen, but if it does we have to figure out a way to commit these funds. He stated that the \$665,000 are the costs for the services provided two years ago by the TU.

Mr. Stoneburner asked where in the budget are our costs for removing the trailers from Grandview and the costs for moving the third grade to the high school. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the Capital Project Fund has money earmarked in it from the insurance company in the amount of approximately \$50,000. Any additional costs, if needed, would be taken from the General Fund. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the Facilities Department does a great job each year not spending all of their money, which is a good thing, but if you don't keep your building up to par, then this money will be spent at some point in time. Mr. DeAngelo discussed during his budget presentation that a part of this savings be dedicated and start building a reserve in the Capital Fund. Mr. DeAngelo stated that in the last three years, our Facilities Budget was under spent by approximately \$200,000 each year will was rolled into the Fund Balance at the end of your expenditures and revenues. This money can then be used for future repairs, etc. There are also expenditures in the Facilities Budget that we can also look at and say it can fit in there as long as it is not a capital project.

Mr. Miller asked if GASBE 54 allows us to allocate funds toward capital projects. Mr. DeAngelo stated that when we look at the budget again after it is adopted, this is when the business office closes out the year up to the October deadline to get the AFR done. This is when he will come back to the Board and show how 11-12 ended, discuss Our projection, discuss whether we missed or hit our target, and at that point reallocate our committed fund balance if need be. Mr. DeAngelo stated that out of 500 school districts, we rank at 391 for school districts that have a fund balance. Mr. DeAngelo stated that this is a scary time economically, especially if you don't have the money to do the things you have to do. Mr. DeAngelo discussed the committed monies in the budget which belongs to the employees and he stated he would much rather see those people receive those fund in the year they are at, versus it coming down to a future Board or administration stating that they don't want to negotiate that item because it belongs to them.

**6.5 Approval, Resolution supporting reform of the Charter and Cyber Charter School Funding Formula**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the resolution supporting reform of the Charter and Cyber Charter School Funding Formula as follows:

**Resolution Supporting Reform of  
the Charter and Cyber Charter School Funding Formula  
By the Board of Directors of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District**

**WHEREAS**, the current state funding formula for regular and special education in charter and cyber charter schools bears no relationship to the actual instructional costs incurred by the charter schools, and is instead based on the cost would of educating the student in the district of residence; and

**WHEREAS**, cyber charter school operators in particular can educate students at a significantly lower cost due to the reduced expenses for such elements as personnel, facilities, utilities, text books, transportation and other supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the state's flawed charter school funding formula is costing taxpayers hundreds of millions in additional tax dollars, as Pennsylvania's school districts are facing unprecedented economic challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth's reimbursement to school districts for students attending charter schools was completely eliminated beginning in the 2011-2012 school year, and such funding is not restored under the proposed 2012-13 state budget for K-12 education; and

**WHEREAS**, these unreimbursed costs represent a statewide loss of about 5224 million to school districts, and further shift the burden to the local property taxpayers and provide no mandate relief to school districts as a way of controlling costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the \_\_\_\_\_ School District's charter school expenditures for the past five years reflects extraordinary costs that were borne by its taxpayers as follows:

<b>School Year</b>	<b>District Expenditures</b>	<b>State Reimbursement</b>
2006-07		
2007-08		
2008-09		
2009-10		
2010-11		
2011-12	(estimated)	
<b>Total:</b>		





.Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction. The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2012:

a.Gambling tax funds. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$386,629.40.

2.Homestead/farmstead numbers. Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(1), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

'Homestead property number. The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 1,958.

'Farmstead property number. The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is -0-.

.Homestead/farmstead combined number. Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 1,958.

a.Real estate tax reduction calculation. The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(e) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$386,629.40 by the paragraph 2© aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 1,958, the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$197.46.

b.Homestead exclusion calculation. Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$197.46 by the School District real estate tax rate of one hundred seventy seven point three mills (177.3), the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead/farmstead is \$1,113.70.

c.Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization — July 1 tax bills. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead/farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$1,113.70. For purposes of this Resolution, "approved homestead" and "approved farmstead" shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the

initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

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John DeWilde, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary

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

**6.7 Approval, 201243 Tax Real Estate Installment Dates Resolution**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 201243 Tax Real Estate Installment Dates Resolution as follows:

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE  
Morrisville, Pennsylvania  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
RESOLUTION**

**Installment Payment of Real Estate Taxes**

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2006, the Governor Rendell signed Act 1 of 2006, "The Taxpayer Relief Act,"

WHEREAS, Section 1502 of Act 1 of 2006 requires local school boards to authorize the collection and payment of school real property taxes, excluding any interim or delinquent school property taxes, in installments,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of the Borough of Morrisville School District, as follows.

Section 1. Taxpayers with homestead or farmstead property approved pursuant to section 341 of Act 1 of 2006 are eligible to pay school real property taxes in installments.

Section 2. The taxes will be paid in three equal installments on the following due dates of each year:

August 15 October 15 December 15

Section 3. The payment of the first installment amount on or before August 15 will be evidence that the taxpayer intends to pay in installments.

Section 4. Failure of the taxpayer to pay the first installment on or before August 15 will be evidence that the taxpayer does not intend to pay in installments and such payments will become due and payable as provided in the Act of May 25, 1945, known as the Local Tax Collection Law, subject to discounts and penalties provided by that Law.

Section 5. A penalty of 10% will be charged for each installment payment not received by the due date.

Section 6. This Resolution shall become effective on July 1, 2012.

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DULY ADOPTED by the Board of School directors in lawful session duly assembled  
this twenty third day of May, 2012.

BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bucks County, Pennsylvania

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

John DeWilde, President

Wanda Kartal, Board Secretary

Mr. Miller asked if there is any way in the future that more installment  
dates could be added. Mr. Profy stated that these dates are set forth in a local tax  
collection law.

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

**6.7 Approval, 2012-13 Millage Rate Resolution**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 2012-13 Millage Rate  
Resolution as set forth:

**Enactment of Millage Rate**

**BUDGET RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, that the Budget of the School District of Borough of Morrisville, Bucks  
County, Pennsylvania, as was proposed at a meeting of the Board of School Directors of said District,  
held the 23 day of May, 2012 to a total appropriation of Eighteen Million Seven Thousand Three  
Hundred Sixty Four (\$18,007,364) dollars be and the same is hereby finally adopted as the Annual  
Budget of the School District of Borough of Morrisville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, for the fiscal  
year beginning July 1, 2012.

BE IT PURIFIER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the School District  
of Borough of Morrisville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, hereby authorizes the appropriation and  
expenditure of the funds as itemized in said Budget during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012.  
The necessary revenue for the same shall be provided by the following taxes enacted pursuant to  
the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly No. 511 as approved December 31, 1965,  
provided for by resolution imposing such taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, adopted  
concurrently herewith; via:

(a) A Real Estate Transfer Tax of one percent (1%). By virtue of the fact that the political  
subdivisions comprising the School District of Borough of Morrisville have enacted a tax on sales  
involving a transfer of title to real estate similar to the Resolution imposing a like tax by the

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School District of Borough of Morrisville, The School District of Borough of Morrisville receives one-half (1/4) of the Real Estate Transfer Tax.

AND IN ADDITION THERETO, taxes imposed pursuant to the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, as follows:

(1) A school tax on real estate at the rate of 177.3 mills or at the rate of \$17.73 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property for real estate within the School District of Borough of Morrisville located in Bucks County.

The foregoing resolutions are effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

RESOLVED, ADOPTED AND ENACTED this 23rd day of May, A.D.,  
2012. BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
John DeWilde, President Wanda Kartal, Board Secretary

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Miller, and passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 9 ayes.

**6.9 Approval, 2012-13 Bucks County Technical High School Operating Budget**

*The Board DID NOT approve a motion* to approve the 2012-13 Bucks County Technical High School Operating Budget in the amount of \$22,294,157.00.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Ms. Marone, and failed to pass by a vote of 5 nays and 4 ayes. Members voting aye were Messrs. Parker and Miller and Ms. Marone and Ms. Kartal. Members voting nay were Messrs. Buckman, DeWilde, Stoneburner, Stout and Worob.

**6.10 Approval, 2012-13 Proposed Final Budget General Fund**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 2012-13 Proposed Final Budget General Fund as follows:

General Fund Budget 2012-13, \$18,007,364 in Expenditures and \$17,288,494 in Revenues. Fund Balance \$718,869.

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

Mr. DeAngelo stated that between now and June 27<sup>th</sup>, we will continue to work through the process, and if there is any way to reduce the Fund Balance commitment or the use of the Fund Balance it will be brought to the Board.

Mr. Stoneburner thanked Mr. DeAngelo for his work on the budget.

### **6.11 Approval, 2012-13 Proposed Final. Food Service Budget**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 2012-13 Proposed Final Food Service Budget as follows:

\$475,454 Expenditures  
\$475,454 Revenues

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

Items 6.12 and 6.13 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Buckman, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

### **6.12 Approval, 2012-13 Proposed Final Capital Projects Budget**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 2012-13 Proposed Final Capital Projects Budget as follows:

\$75,000 Expenditures  
\$75,000 Revenues

### **6.13 Approval, 2012-13 Proposed Final Athletic Budget**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 2012-13 Proposed Final Athletic Budget as follows:

\$20,000 Expenditures  
\$20,000 Revenues

Items 6.14 through 6.20 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

**6.14 Approval, Resolution authorizing Citizens Bank Depositories for 2012-13**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the resolution authorizing Citizens Bank Depositories for 2012-13 as follows:

**Designation of Bank Depositories 2012-13 School Year**

A *MOTION* is in order to approve the following bank depositories for the 2012-13 School Year:

**Citizens Bank**

The Pennsylvania School code mandates the Board of School Directors pass a resolution authorizing the depository of school funds for the school year 2012-2013.

The Board approved a motion to approve that accounts in the name of the School District of Borough of Morrisville be with Citizens Bank. Said bank is hereby authorized to make payment of funds on these accounts according to checks, drafts, notes of acceptance of the School District of Borough of Morrisville signed manually or with a facsimile signature by John DeWilde, President; Alina Marone, Vice President; Damon Miller, Treasurer; and Wanda Kartal, Secretary, including checks drawn to his or their own order.

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
John DeWilde, President                      Alina Marone, Vice President

And

\_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Damon Miller, Treasurer                      Wanda Kartal, Secretary

**Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust**

The Pennsylvania. School code mandates the Board of School Directors pass a resolution authorizing the depository of school funds for the school year 2012-2013.

The Board approved a motion to approve that accounts in the name of the School District of Borough of Morrisville be with. Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust. Said institution is hereby authorized to make payment of funds on these accounts according to checks, drafts, notes of acceptance of the School District of Borough of Morrisville signed manually or with a facsimile signature by signature by John DeWilde, President; Alina Marone, Vice President; Damon Miller, Treasurer; and Wanda Kartal, Secretary, including checks drawn to his or their own order.

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
John DeWilde, President                      Alina Marone, Vice President

And

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Damon Miller, Treasurer                      Wanda Kartal, Secretary

Mr. DeAngelo stated that Citizen's Bank is our current depository, and then if the money goes into PLGIT we will be establishing an RFP because they are no longer in the municipal business. Mr. DeAngelo stated that he will be coming back to the Board at some point in time with a bank RFP as well as the name of a new bank.

**6.15 Approval, Resolution authorizing the Depository of Funds with PLGIT in 2012-13**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the resolution authorizing the Depository of Funds with PLGIT in 2012-13.

**6.16 Approval, Resolution authorizing PSDLAF Depository for 2012-13**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the resolution authorizing PSDLAF Depository for 2012-13 as follows:

**Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)**

The Pennsylvania School code mandates the Board of School Directors pass a resolution authorizing the depository of school funds for the school year 2012-2013.

The Board approved a motion to approve that accounts in the name of the School District of Borough of Morrisville be with PSDLAF and PA invest. Said bank is hereby authorized to make payment of funds on these accounts according to checks, drafts, notes of acceptance of the School District of Borough of Morrisville signed manually or with a facsimile signature by signature by John DeWilde, President; Alina Marone, Vice President; Damon Miller, Treasurer; and Wanda Kartal, Secretary, including checks drawn to his or their own order.

or

John DeWilde, President

Mina Marone, Vice President

And

Damon Miller, Treasurer

Wanda Kartal, Secretary

**6.17 Approval, Treasurer's Report**

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

**6.18 Approval, Investment Report**

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

**6.19 Approval, Budget Transfers**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve budget transfers in the amount of -0-.

**6.20 Approval, 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 (4/26/12 - 5/16/12)	\$ 43,509.28
Athletic Fund (4/26/12 - 5/16/12)	\$ 2,976.00
Cafeteria Fund (5/24/12)	\$ 38,782.91
Account Payable (5/24/12)	\$ 513,527.09
Capital Projects	\$ -0-
Capital Reserve (5/24/12)	\$ <u>6,814.56</u>
 TOTAL BILLS	 \$ 605,609.84

**7. EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE**  
**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**  
**ACTION ITEMS:**

**7.1 Approval, Expulsion Hearing Wavier**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve a waiver to a Due Process (Expulsion) hearing for Student X.

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:**

Items 8.1 through 8.3 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Buckman, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.



**8.1 Approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Policy #249, Bullying**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy #249, Bullying.

**8.2 Approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Policy #203, Immunizations**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy #203, Immunizations.

Mr. Ferrara stated that we are down to five (5) students that have not been immunized or have not turned in the necessary paperwork. Mr. Ferrara thanked our School Nurse, Ms. Lelli and her staff, and also Ms. Burkhardt for the countless phone blasts we have sent out and the countless phone calls. He also thanked Mr. Harm and Ms. Rating for their constant meetings with the students who were not in compliance. Mr. Ferrara stated that we continue to work on this matter and would like to have it down to zero students.

Mr. DeWilde stated that each time this matter has been discussed, the numbers continue to go down, and thanked everyone for a fine job.

**8.3 Approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Policy #915, Relations with Boosters/PTA/PTO Organizations**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy #915, Relations with Boosters/PTA/PTO.

**9. LIAISON REPORTS  
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

***a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School — Ms. Kartal***

Ms. Kartal stated that they are actively still working on the 4<sup>th</sup> step contract, they are talking with the Act 93 employees, and senior awards are tomorrow night. She stated that last week at the Board meeting, they honored the Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners from the State USA Skills contest, which included one of our own Morrisville students, Dave Rivella, Jr., who won a Gold medal and he will be going to the National competition. All winners received certificates and were honored at the meeting. Ms. Kartal also stated that there was a Ford competition, and two seniors from the Tech School won awards.

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

Ms. Marone stated that on May 17<sup>th</sup> she attended the monthly Board meeting. There were eleven districts in attendance to evaluate Dr. Galasso's performance in the past year and also to review and revise his compensation. Prior to his evaluation, Dr. Galasso presented a power point showing all of the things that he has spear headed throughout this last year.

**c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative - Ms. Marone**  
Nothing to report at this time.

*Future Meetings and Items of Interest*

The meetings will be held in the LGI  
Wednesday, June 20, 2012 ..... Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 27, 2012..... Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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and Channel 28 on your Local Cable*

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

- Healthcare — Insurance and Prepayment 2012-13  
Mr. DeAngelo stated that the administration, at this time, would like to discuss the Healthcare for the 2012-13 school year because we are kind of in a very strange circumstance at this time. Mr. DeAngelo thanked the IU for the efforts in making this thing happen and for putting the information together quickly for our District. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the Board has approved the resolutions in case the Board chooses to be in the consortium this year. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the 2012-13 school year will be the first year that we are being rated on our own experience from the insurance company. Mr. DeAngelo stated being rated on our own experience is a key, because this year we had a zero increase. He stated that by joining the consortium there is a savings projection, but he can't guarantee a zero increase. Mr. DeAngelo stated that, as was discussed during the consortium presentations, there could be the 13<sup>th</sup> payment, payable if we have bad experience. Mr. DeAngelo stated that we know the cost of our insurance at this time right down to the penny. Mr. DeAngelo stated that his own personal recommendation is to wait a year before joining the consortium, and join in the future if that is the path that the Board chooses to take. He stated that the big concern is the entry and the seat availability in the consortium. Mr. DeAngelo stated that we also have a Broker for our insurance and we can discuss how we pay him and the services he provides for us.

Ms. Kartal stated that she understands that if we do not join the consortium at this time, we will not be guaranteed a seat. Mr. DeAngelo confirmed this.

Mr. Ferrara stated that they have had countless meetings regarding healthcare with the IU and with other individuals. Mr. Ferrara stated that if we prepay our insurance premium at this time, a zero percent increase is guaranteed. He stated that a zero percent increase in health insurance for a year might not be a bad move for the Board to approve. Mr. Ferrara stated that if we are unsuccessful in negotiating a contract with the MEA before August 31, 2012, that is our option. He stated that we are not going to be able to change our healthcare due to the fact that we are in status quo.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that the prepayment to Blue Cross/Blue Shield is very important, because when we approved it last year we were a little bit behind the curve and ended up prepaying 11 months versus twelve months. Mr. DeAngelo stated that we good up until July, but we don't want to make this decision last minute.

Mr. Buckman stated that he thinks that the prepayment is very important, giving us the zero increase, because we are ready to pass a very tight budget and we can't afford to have the possibility of paying a 13<sup>th</sup> payment for insurance.

Mr. Miller stated that he would like to see a better comparison in regards to what our Broker can provide versus what we can receive from the consortium. He stated that some of the information that he has seen does not compare apples to apples. Mr. Miller stated that there doesn't seem to be a true comparison of what has been shown between the two parties. Mr. Miller asked for a better explanation of what the consortium is offering versus what our Broker can come up with.

Ms. Marone stated that the very difficult thing that we are weighing here is the value of the zero increase for 2012-13 versus the guaranteed Trust seat in the consortium. She stated that the guaranteed Trust seat is the Morrisville School District's democratic voice in future decisions regarding the choices in healthcare for our employees. She stated that it is not a proportionate voice to our district size, but an equally weighted vote. Mr. Marone stated that this is the kind of representation that we have lacked on other Board's that continually frustrate us. She stated that we need to look ahead and weigh the opportunity for Trust seat versus cost savings. Ms. Marone stated that we may not lose a Trust seat by waiting a year, but it is a gamble that we would be taking.

Mr. Parker asked for an update regarding the RFP for a Real Estate Broker. Mr. DeAngelo stated that it was decided at the Board level to present it in the May timeframe. This has not been done for various reasons. He stated that there is a cost to having a Broker and a Real Estate Agent. Mr. Buckman stated that instead of getting a Real Estate Agent, in all of these circumstances, by the Law,

we have to get an appraiser. Therefore, he suggested that we just get an appraiser. Mr. Ferrara and Mr. DeAngelo stated that we already have an appraiser. Mr. Profy stated that we have, in the past, used two appraisers, and he would discuss this matter with Mr. DeAngelo and come back to the Board in June with their recommendation as to which appraiser, based upon experience, should be used because we have very unique properties to sell. Mr. DeAngelo stated that we do have appraised values and insurance values for these properties.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Miller stated that the Finance Committee Meeting has been moved to Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the LGI Room.

Mr. Buckman stated that he does not have email, and would appreciate any messages be sent to him via text messaging. He stated that he cannot respond, but can receive incoming text messages. Mr. Ferrara stated that he will check with Mr. Myat to see if any messages sent via email can be sent to Mr. Buckman via text messaging.

Mr. Profy recommended the following motion be made by the Board for approval, which was ratified by Mr. DeWilde:

***The Board approved a motion*** to settle pending 2010 and 2011 tax year assessment appeal, Village Mall Inc., #24-001-001, to establish the tax year assessment in 2010 in the amount of \$865,000, and the tax year assessment in 2011 in the amount of \$865,000, and authorize the solicitor to sign the stipulation to said effect on part of the School District as discussed in Executive Session.

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

- PA Career Link  
Mr. Ferrara stated that he had the opportunity to solicit some responses from other HR Directors about how they use their services. He stated that a lot of people use PA Career Link, look at some of the applicants, but basically use them for support services. Mr. Ferrara stated that the key thing is that they come through the school system, whether its Board approved or not, and the accounts are set up. Mr. Ferrara stated that if our Board wishes to use PA Career Link or some other system, if it's not a huge expense, it would become part of the advertising for vacancies. Mr. Ferrara stated that we also have membership in the Chamber of Commerce, and there would also be an opening to Career Link through them, so we could also use that link for vacancies.

Ms. Kartal stated that she would like to have the school have a PA Career Link, which could be used at any time in the future for any vacancies. She stated that she feels that it is a good resource to reach individuals who are looking for a job.

Mr. DeWilde asked if there is a cost to the District for the PA Career Link. Ms. Kartal stated that there is no cost for this link. She stated that you set up the account and then you get approval from the State, and once approval is received from the State, you can post any job openings when there is a vacancy.

Mr. Buckman stated that the Board has to be careful when speaking. He stated that making statements, using a person's name that is at the meeting, is not proper for the Board to say the name of that person if it is a negative statement. Mr. Buckman stated that in his mind, using the person's name for a positive statement is okay. Mr. Buckman warned the Board that if this were to continue, the person who is doing this could be censored under the Law. He stated that he would not like to see any Board member is censored, but if people make these kinds of statements about people from the public, this would be possible.

Mr. Parker stated that he did make a mistake by saying it from up here, and if there were to be any legal action it would be a personal matter. He stated that the individual has been doing this on a continuous basis, and the reason for him being upset with her was the fact that she held up a picture of an automobile that children drive around in and read out the address of where this vehicle is parked. Mr. Parker stated that this was not stating the address of any Board member, but it was of a personal vehicle that has nothing to do with the School Board and was meant as an intimidation gesture to the School Board member that that vehicle was owned by. Mr. Parker stated that continuously we hear from other Board members where they defend this person's actions. Mr. Parker stated that for whatever reason, she has a personal vendetta against one of the Board members here and she has yet to cease these personal attacks. Mr. Parker stated that today's example of this Board condoning this former Board members actions is the vote on the minutes. Mr. Parker stated that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the video tape and what transpired in this room. He stated that the fact that we sweep it under the rug is very shameful and those that voted yes for the minutes should be ashamed of themselves.

Ms. Kartal stated that a member of our community asked about the video on our Cable Channel, and asked if we could check this video to be sure it is up and running. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the video plays in his office regularly and there seems to be no problems. Mr. Miller also stated that

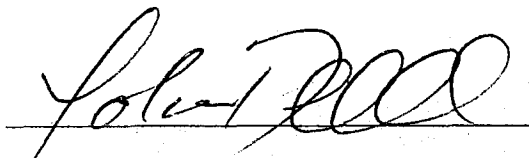
he has recently watched the video on the Cable Channel and has seen no problems. Mr. Miller stated that he has not been able to see the Borough Channel.

Mr. Miller stated that the one thing we need to work on is a better sound quality, because from what he has seen from the video he watched, the sound quality was poor. He stated that you can't hear the people at the microphone, and despite the Board members talking into microphones at the meetings, there is only one microphone going to the camera. Mr. Miller stated that he would love to be able to help out to help provide a better sound quality for the people who are not able to attend the meetings and watch them at home. Mr. DeAngelo asked Mr. Miller to talk to Joe Myat at their next meeting because he is already planning in the summer to work on the sound quality and also a better quality for the presentations made at the Board meetings so that it is not a video of a video.

## **12. Adjournment**

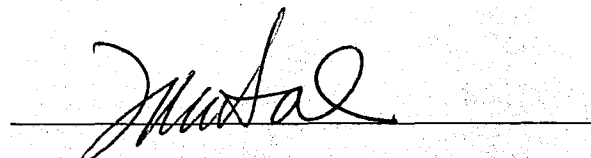
*The Board approved a motion* to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 pm.

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



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John DeWilde, President



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Wanda Kartal, Secretary