

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Work Session – Wednesday, September 21, 2011

LGI Room – 7:30 pm

Morrisville Middle/Senior High School

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE

Morrisville, Pennsylvania

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The regular monthly agenda meeting of the Morrisville Board of School Directors was held in the LGI Room located in the Morrisville Intermediate/Senior High School, 550 West Palmer Street, Morrisville, Pennsylvania on September 21, 2011, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Bill Hellmann, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The following members present on roll call:

Messrs. Buckman, Hellmann, DeWilde, Radosti, Stout, and Mrs. Ruthrauff.

Members absent were:

Mr. Worob, Mrs. Mihok and Mrs. Heater.

Quorum Present:

Also attending this evening's meeting was Mr. William Ferrara, Superintendent; Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; Mr. Donald Harm, Assistant Principal; and Thomas J. Profy IV, Esq., Solicitor; media, MEA and members of the community.

There were no student representatives to the Board present at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Profy reminded everyone that in accordance with the Board policy, public comment will be limited to those items which appear on the pre-printed agenda.

Mr. Ferrara introduced Ms. Mattie Thompson, CFO, and Mr. Corey Howard, Transportation Manager, both from Delaware Valley High School, who discussed the current problems with the transportation provided by Delaware Valley High School of our students to the Bucks County Technical High School and the solution to these problems. Mr. Ferrara stated that any parents who would like to meet with Ms. Thompson and Mr. Howard after tonight's agenda meeting to discuss any further matters regarding this transportation may do so in Room A10. Any unanswered questions may be brought up at the regular Board meeting next week. Mr. Hellman stated that Delaware Valley High School will be given one more chance, and if the transportation is not provided as agreed upon, it would be considered a breach of contract.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Miller – Mr. Miller discussed the resignation of the Guidance Counselor and asked if this position would be filled with another individual.

Mr. Robinson – Mr. Robinson discussed the Assistant Football Coach position and the dedication of Mr. Bresnen currently in this position, and asked the Board to reconsider his resignation.

Mr. Neely – Mr. Neely discussed the Assistant Football Coach position currently held by Mr. Bresnen and his dedication to our students and the efforts he puts forth in his coaching position. He asked that the Board refuse his resignation and reinstate him immediately.

Mr. McIntyre – Mr. McIntyre, accompanied by several members of the football team, discussed Mr. Bresnen's dedication to our students and his coaching position and asked that the Board refuse his resignation and that he be brought back immediately.

Ms. Colon - Ms. Colon discussed the way the Board and Administration handled the matter involving the Assistant Football Coach situation last week. She did not feel that this matter was handled properly and asked that the Board reconsider Mr. Bresnen's resignation.

Ms. Piscopo - Ms. Piscopo discussed the way the matter was handled involving Mr. Bresnen's coaching techniques and the request for him to resign from his coaching position. She stated that Mr. Bresnen has always had the students' best interest at heart.

Mr. Colon – Mr. Colon thanked the Board for taking care of the transportation problems involving the students being transported to the Tech School. He also expressed his support for Mr. Bresnen.

Ms. Sesar – Ms. Sesar expressed her support for Mr. Bresnen and stated her concerns in the way this matter was handled. She asked that Mr. Bresnen be reinstated as the Assistant Football Coach.

Mr. Tansley – Mr. Tansley expressed his support for Mr. Bresnen and asked that his resignation be rescinded.

Mr. Ferrell - Mr. Ferrell discussed the dedication and responsibilities which are involved in coaching and asked that the Board discard the rumors circulating regarding Mr. Bresnen and sit down and discuss this matter and reinstate him as Assistant Football Coach.

Ms. Doan – Ms. Doan asked the Board to stand behind the members of the Morrisville community, listen to what they are saying, and to do the right thing and not let rumors stand in the way of making the right decision regarding Mr. Bresnen.

Response to Public Comments

Mr. Hellmann stated that after listening to everyone's comments, he moved that Item 1a (Resignation of Assistant Football Coach), and 2a (Appointment of Assistant Football Coach) be removed from the agenda for further discussion. This motion was seconded by Mr. DeWilde and moved by a unanimous voice vote. Mr. Hellmann stated that he would like to personally speak with Mr. Bresnen when he gets the chance.

Mr. DeWilde stated that he feels that the Board needs to speak to Mr. Bresnen as a group and he stated that he would like more information regarding this matter.

Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation – MOEF

INFRASTRUCTURE/FINANCIAL/HUMAN RESOURCES

INFRASTRUCTURE

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Board action is requested to rescind the Pennsbury Rental Van cost of \$65/day for approximately 2 months.
2. Board action is requested to approve the cost of a bus rental from First Student at the cost of \$75/day (2 days a week) for approximately 2 months.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

HUMAN RESOURCES

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Board action is requested to approve resignations as follows:
 - a. PCA
 - b. Learning Support Paraprofessional
 - c. Guidance Counselor

Mr. Ferrara stated that we currently have one Guidance Counselor for grades 6-12 and have approximately 350 to 400 students in those grades. He stated that we are looking into contracting with a Social Worker to deal with some of the issues that are non-academic, rather than hiring another Guidance Counselor to fill this vacancy.

2. Board action is requested to approve the following appointments:
 - a. 21st Century Hires
 - b. Social Worker through Delta T (Access Funded)
 - c. PCA @ Grandview
 - d. Long-term substitute (Kindergarten) @ Grandview
 - e. Learning Support Paraprofessional @ Grandview
 - f. Long Term Elementary Floating Substitute
 - g. Chorus Director
 - h. French Teacher (.4)
 - i. Van Driver
 - j. Aesop Substitutes
3. Board action is requested to FMLA.
4. Board action is requested to approve the Business Administrator's Contract.
5. Board action is requested to approve an Administrative Disability Contract.
6. Board action is requested to approve tuition reimbursement.

FINANCIAL/BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Ivin's House 2010-11 Audit Report (Informational Only)

Mr. DeAngelo stated that this information will be provided to the Board members in their Friday packet.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Board action is requested to approve the 7th and 8th grade cheerleading account.
2. Board action is requested to approve the Treasurer's Report.
3. Board action is requested to approve Payment of Bills.
4. Board action is requested to approve Excess Items.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

POLICY COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ferrara discussed the previously approved matter regarding hiring someone to work with the district regarding Medical Access and bringing funds into the district. This position was originally approved at the cost of \$2000. He stated that we have secured this individual through ARIA Hospital at no cost to the district and that this item can now be removed. Mr. Ferrara suggested that a Memo of Understanding between ARIA Hospital and the School District be drawn up by Mr. Profy.

NEW BUSINESS

- Donation of (20) book bags with supplies from United Way.
- Donation of (21) book bags with supplies and lunchboxes from St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mr. Buckman asked if a discussion would be taking place to discuss the two items removed from tonight's agenda (Item 1a and 2a). Mr. Hellmann stated that an Executive Session would take place following tonight's meeting to discuss these items. Mr. Buckman stated that he agrees that his matter should be investigated further before any decision are made.

Mr. DeWilde asked that the Board make a commitment to the groups that have come forward asking about fund raising funds being used for improvements to the auditorium and to allow them to proceed with their suggestions.

A request was made by a community member to be allowed to make comments. Mr. Hellmann permitted her to speak at this time.

Ms. Haug – Ms. Haug discussed the limitations and by-laws regarding donations, etc. that are non-educational.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

William Hellmann, President

Marlys Mihok, Secretary