

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE  
Morrisville, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
**Work Session**—Wednesday, May 15, 2013  
Large Group Instruction Room  
Morrisville Intermediate/Senior High School  
7:30 p.m.

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

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 May 15, 2013, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Miller made a motion to appoint Mr. Paul DeAngelo as the Recording Secretary for tonight's meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. DeWilde, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

**ROLL CALL**

*The following members were present on roll call:*

Messrs. DeWilde, Stout, Miller, Stoneburner, Worob, Dingle, and Ms. Kartal

*Members absent:* Messrs. Buckman and Parker

*Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Buckman and Mr. Parker notified him that they would be out of town and would not be able to attend tonight's meeting.*

*Quorum Present:*

Also attending this evening's meeting was Mr. William Ferrara, Superintendent; Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; Mr. Donald Harm, Educational Advisor for Administration; Mr. Todd DuPell, Elementary Intern/Principal; Mr. Anthony Gesualdi, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services; David Truelove, Esq., Solicitor; media, MEA representatives and members of the community.

Mr. Miller stated that the following areas will be covered at the Business Meeting next week.

### **Student Spotlight**

- Teacher – Assunta Deliman  
Student presentation on Bullying in Schools

### **Student Representatives to the Board**

*Mr. Miller stated that starting next month, the committee reports will only be given during the agenda meetings and not at the business meetings. The MOEF, PTO and Liaison reports will also be given at the agenda meetings only.*

### **Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation – MOEF**

#### **PTO Report**

#### **Joint Borough Council/School Board Report**

Ms. Kartal stated that the last meeting was on May 1<sup>st</sup> at which time the parent/child teams reported what they found on their walking routes. They also discussed the installation of speed restriction signs to be installed at various locations. The next meeting will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> at which time they will be discussing the Resource Guide.

Mr. DuPell discussed the safety programs that are taking place at Grandview.

Ms. Kartal stated that there is a National Walk to School Day in October.

#### **Public Relations/Communications Report**

Mr. Miller stated that the May/June newsletter has had some technical issues, but should be out in a week or two. They are currently discussing how they will handle getting information out during the summer and how things will be handled for next year.

### **Superintendent/Administrator's Reports**

#### **Enrollment Report**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- January 16, 2013 Monthly Agenda Meeting
- January 23, 2013 Monthly Business Meeting

## **PUBLIC SESSION #1**

There were no speakers for Public Session #1.

## **FACILITIES/INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Facilities Committee – Mr. Stoneburner**

Mr. Stoneburner stated that the meeting was held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and the next meeting will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup>. At the May meeting they discussed the roof leak, air-conditioning in our schools, community involvement in some potential projects, and the Grandview playground/garden area. He also discussed upgrades for the athletic field, auditorium lighting and sound and other improvement projects for the auditorium.

Ms. Kartal discussed having a bike rack installed at Grandview for those students who ride their bikes to school, and also having the bike racks that we currently have at the high school painted this summer.

***At next week's Board meeting Mr. Stoneburner stated that the following items will be on the agenda under the Infrastructure Section:***

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

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

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Approval, Alio back-up plan (\$1,511.40 first year, \$911.40 estimated annual costs)
2. Approval, Global Connect for 2013-14 in the amount of \$2,000
3. Approval, Blackboard/Website Service for 2013-14 in the amount of \$4,918.35
4. Approval, Safari Montage for 2013-14 in the amount of \$500
5. Approval, Architect of Record

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **Human Resources Committee – Mr. DeWilde**

Mr. DeWilde stated that the form to be used for the evaluation of the Superintendent is being updated.

Mr. Miller stated that an Executive Session will be held next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

***At next week's Board meeting Mr. DeWilde stated that the following items will be on the agenda under the Human Resource Section:***

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Approval, Appointments
  - a) Summer Work Crew (names to be provided)
  - b) Summer Work Crew Supervisor (Kevin Jones)
  - c) Summer Maintenance (Dave May)
  - d) 21<sup>st</sup> Century Hires (names to be provided)

2. Approval, Resignations
  - a) Personal Care Assistant (Kathleen White)
  - b) Personal Care Assistant (April Doran)
3. Approval, Maternity/FMLA Extension (Megan Mason)
4. Approval, Rescind Motion (Maternity/FMLA - approved in March 2013 - Michelle McCann)
5. Approval, Maternity/FMLA (new motion to replace rescinded motion - Michelle McCann)

**BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE**

**Finance Committee – Mr. Dingle**

Mr. Dingle stated that the Finance Committee will be meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and at this time has nothing to report.

***At next week's Board meeting Mr. Dingle stated that the following items will be on the agenda under the Business Operations/Finance Section:***

**BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Approval, 2013-14 Budget - Fund 10 (PDE-2028)
2. Approval, 2013-14 Budget - Cafeteria
3. Approval, 2013-14 Budget - Athletics
4. Approval, 2013-14 Budget - Activities
5. Approval, 2013-14 Food Service Contract
6. Approval, Bucks/Montco Healthcare Consortium Stop Loss Coverage (\$150K or \$200K)
7. Approval, 2013-14 Bucks County Tech School Budget (roll call vote)
8. Approval, Homestead Resolution subject to millage rate approval
9. Approval, Tax Resolution subject to millage rate approval
10. Approval, Senior Scholarship Account
11. Approval, Excess Items
12. Approval, Treasurer's Report
13. Approval, Investment Report
14. Approval, Payment of Bills
15. Approval, 2013-14 Transportation Contract – First Student

At this time, Mr. DeAngelo gave a presentation on the 2013-14 budget and discussed the latest updates to the budget and the establishment of the millage rate. The Board members and the administration discussed the millage increase and gave their opinions on what the amount of the increase should be.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Education Committee – Mr. Miller**

Mr. Miller stated that the committee met last Tuesday and that the next meeting will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the LGI. At the meeting they discussed having a split schedule in our District. Mr. Miller stated that he would like to advertise that at the June meeting they will be going over the pros and cons of the Cyber options as well as the merge options.

Mr. DuPell discussed the evolution of our procedure for purchasing books (e-library) for our classrooms and library, and possible options and costs for this program. The Board members discussed reading levels, how the program would work and costs for this program.

Mr. Gesualdi discussed our district operated emotional support classrooms in the District, and for the 13-14 school year taking back the last IU run class (Grades 9-12), and also operating this class within our own District. This new class would also include tuition students from other Districts bringing more money into our District, and by having our students within our District and not placed out of district, we would save on transportation costs.

***At next week's Board meeting Mr. Miller stated that the following items will be on the agenda under the Education Section and Policy Section:***

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Approval, Title 1 Electronic Signature Resolution
2. Approval, Curtailment of Programs Resolution for 2013-14

### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Approval, Policy #702 (Gifts, Grants and Donations)
2. Approval, Policy #237 (Electronic Devices)
3. Approval, Policy #815 (Acceptable Use of Electronic Devices)

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- a. Lower Bucks County Vocational Educational School
- b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22
- c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

None at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Truelove gave an update on M. R. Reiter and the surrounding property, and will hopefully have a report at the meeting next week.

Mr. Truelove stated that by next week we should have a format to submit donations on the website.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Miller stated that he will be out of town for the June Business meeting and asked if there was anyway that he would be able to participate in this meeting telephonically. Mr. Truelove stated that this is possible as long as it is acceptable by the other participating Board members.

Mr. Ferrara stated that the Secondary Fine Arts Program will take tomorrow evening. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. to view the art work, and the concert starts at 7:00 p.m. He stated that he was able to attend the Elementary Fine Arts Program last evening, and the students and staff did an excellent job. Mr. Miller stated that he was also quite impressed with the Elementary Fine Arts Program.

## **PUBLIC SESSION #2**

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. This motion was seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

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Damon Miller, President

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Wanda Kartal, Secretary