

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Board Meeting – Wednesday, January 22, 2014

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, January 22, 2014, after due notice of this meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. with the following members present on roll call:

- Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance: Messrs. Colon, Dingle, Gilleo, Perry, Worob, Stoneburner, Miller and Ms. Kartal

Quorum Present:

Also attending this evening's meeting were Mr. William Ferrara, Superintendent; Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; David Truelove, Esq., Solicitor; media, MEA representation, and members of the community.

Mr. Miller stated that there was an Executive Session this evening in regards to personnel and real estate matters.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

- There was no Student Spotlight due to the school being closed today.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Representative to the Board – (Morrisville High School)

No student representative was present at tonight's meeting.

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

No student representative was present at tonight’s meeting.

Bucks County Technical High School Report – Mr. Gilleo

Nothing to report at this time. A meeting will take place on Monday at which time assignments will be handed out.

1. SUPERINTENDENT’S/ADMNISTRATOR’S REPORTS

→ **This week in our Schools**

Mr. Ferrara - Superintendent

Mr. Ferrara’s recognized the School Board members, discussed weather days, the secondary course selection, and gave a high school cyber update. (See Attachment A to these minutes).

Mr. DeAngelo – Business Administrator

Mr. DeAngelo discussed the following:

- PDE 2028 open on website
- There will be a special Board meeting on February 5th

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

District Enrollments as of January 26, 2014			
<u>Student Population</u>			
Pre-Kindergarten	18		
Kindergarten	51	GRANDVIEW	297
Grade 1	72	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4-6)	<u>220</u>
Grade 2	78		517
Grade 3	78		
Grade 4	79	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (7-8)	147
Grade 5	71	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12	<u>226</u>
Grade 6	70		373
Grade 7	87		
Grade 8	60	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	38
Grade 9	73	HOME SCHOOLED	16
Grade 10	46	CHARTER SCHOOLS	34
Grade 11	65	Regular Ed	26
Grade 12	42	Special Ed	8
		OUT OF DISTRICT	47
		Regular Ed	9
		Special Ed	38
TOTAL ENROLLMENT			1025

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.

PUBLIC SESSION #1 (Only items on the agenda to be discussed)

Ted Parker – 109 Grandview Avenue

Mr. Parker discussed his resignation as a School Board member in order to accept his appointment into the Borough Council.

INFRASTRUCTURE

2. INFRASTRUCTURE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:

2.1 Approval, Head Start Settlement

The Board approved a motion to approve the settlement of the Head Start litigation for a total amount of \$50,000, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in a settlement agreement and release drafted by the District Solicitor's Office.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

Ms. Kartal thanked our solicitor for handling this situation and for doing such a great job. Mr. Perry stated that this could have been much worse. Mr. Miller thanked Head Start for their involvement with the District and in working together with the solicitor in coming to an agreement.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:

3.1 Approval, Tuition Reimbursement

The Board approved a motion to approve tuition reimbursement as follows:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Richard Boats	Using Assessment to Guide Instruction	Wilkes Univ.	3	\$1250
Summer Branche	Using Assessment to Guide Instruction	Wilkes Univ.	3	\$1250

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

3.2 Approval, Renewal of Superintendent's Contract

The Board DID NOT approve a motion to renew William Ferrara's contract, pending a review by the solicitor.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and voted down by a roll call vote of 6 nays and 2 ayes. Member voting nay were Messrs. Colon, Dingle, Perry, Stoneburner, Miller and Ms. Kartal. Members voting aye were Messrs. Gilleo and Worob.

Mr. Ferrara stated that he and the Board had discussed in the past him being able to re-apply for this position once it is posted and asked if this is still the wish of the Board. Mr. Miller said that the first thing to be done would be to post the position and that there is nothing excluding Mr. Ferrara from re-applying. Mr. Ferrara informed the Board members that he would be re-applying.

Motions 3.3.a and 3.3.b were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

3.3 Approval, Appointments

3.3.a *The Board approved a motion* to appoint Amanda Matika as a Special Education Paraprofessional (replacing Salvatore Mauro who resigned), effective January 23, 2014, at the rate of \$14.14 per hour per SB Policy.

3.3.b *The Board approved a motion* to appoint the following 21st Century Hires:

Jeffrey Cesari	Bucks Co. Technical H.S. Teacher	\$25/hr.
Shayla Panniell	Fitness Instructor (All sites)	\$15/hr.
Kathlynn Merk	Holy Trinity Site, Music Instructor	\$22/hr.
Janice Lyczak	Holy Trinity Site, Music Asst.	\$15/hr.
Abigail Merk	Holy Trinity Site, Site Monitor	\$9/hr.
Jenna Settino	CSL Site, Teacher	\$25/hr.
Erik Mazurkiewicz	Fitness Instructor (All sites)	\$15/hr.

3.4 Approval, Maternity Leave

The Board approved a motion to approve maternity leave for Lauren Behar, Personal Care Assistant, effective Friday, April 25, 2014 through the end of the 2013-14 school year.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

Motions 3.5.a and 3.5.b were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

3.5 Approval, Resignations

3.5.a *The Board approved a motion* to accept the resignation of Sean Haines as Soccer Coach effective November 1, 2013.

3.5.b *The Board approved a motion* to accept the resignation of Bill Quill as Varsity Football Coach effective January 16, 2014.

Ms. Kartal asked if these positions will be posted. Mr. Ferrara stated that there is no need to post the positions at this time since they are Fall positions, therefore, they will be posted at a later date.

**4. BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE COMMITTEE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

• **Finance Report (Informational Item)**

Expenditures - December

Budget 2013-14	Period Expended	Y-T-D Expended	Balance
\$17,504,284	\$1,561,948	\$7,487,901	\$10,016,383

Revenues - December

Budget 2013-14	Period Amount	Y-T-D Amount	Balance
\$17,504,284	\$811,211	\$12,906,650	\$4,597,634

• **Financial Statement Presentation 2012-13 – BBD**

Carl Hogan, Manager – BBD reviewed the results of the June 30, 2013 Audit Report.

Mr. Hogan stated that he would be more than happy to come back to the District to personally go over the Audit Report with the Board members if they have any questions once they have reviewed it. Mr. Miller invited the Board members to compile a list of questions they may have and work with the Finance Committee to either schedule a meeting with Mr. Hogan or email a list of any questions to be answered.

ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 Approval, 2012-13 Financial Statements

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2012-13 Financial Statements.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

4.2 Approval, Workers Comp Panel

The Board approved a motion to approve the Workers Comp Panel for 2014.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

4.3 Approval, Healthcare Consortium Additional Participants

The Board approved a motion to allow the Healthcare Consortium to permit community colleges to participate in the consortium.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a voice vote of 7 ayes and 1 nay. Member voting nay was Mr. Stoneburner.

Rebecca Malamis, representative from the BCIU#22, gave an overview of the Healthcare Consortium, the costs, and how it all works.

4.4 Approval, Donations

A MOTION is in order to approve the acceptance of donations.

There are no donations, therefore, this motion was not acted upon.

4.5 Approval, Release of Transportation RFP for 2014-15

The Board approved a motion to approve the release of the Transportation RFP for 2014-15.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

4.6 Approval, Release of Trash Removal RFP for 2014-15

The Board approved a motion to approve the release of the Trash Removal RFP for 2014-15.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Perry, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

4.7 Approval, Release of the Snow and Landscaping RFP for 2014-15

A MOTION is in order to approve the release of the Snow and Landscaping RFP for 2014-15 with alternate.

Mr. DeAngelo asked that this motion be tabled at this time in order for the District to look into some cost saving measures that could be incorporated into the RFP. The motion to table was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

4.8 Approval, Use of District Architect for Traffic Study

The Board approved a motion to approve the use of the District Architect for a traffic study (PENNDOT TE-112) – School Zone Speed Limit Engineering and Traffic Study in the amount of \$3600 (cost to be paid 50% [\$1800] by the Morrisville School District and 50% [\$1800] by the Borough of Morrisville).

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

Mr. Miller stated that the Council approved a motion last night to pay their half and he thanked them for their involvement and cooperation in this matter.

Motions 4.9, 4.10, and 4.11 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

4.9 Approval, November 2013 Treasurer's Report

The Board approved a motion to approve the November 2013 Treasurer's Report.

4.10 Approval, December 2013 Treasurer's Report

The Board approved a motion to approve the December 2013 Treasurer's Report.

4.11 Approval, December 2013 Investment Report

The Board approved a motion to approve the December 2013 Investment Report.

4.12 Approval, Payment of Bills

A MOTION is in order to approve payment of bills, as listed, subject to final audit by the Business Administrator in the amount of:

Miscellaneous/General Fund (12/12/13 - 1/22/14)	\$ 571,915.74
Hill Wallack (12/12/13)	\$ 6,198.24
Hill Wallack (1/22/14)	\$ 5,772.56
Begley, Carlin (12/19/13)	\$ 891.00
Athletic Fund (12/12/13 - 1/16/14)	\$ 5,195.00
Cafeteria Fund (1/22/14)	\$ 33,153.98
Capital Projects	\$ -0-
Capital Reserve	\$ -0-
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TOTAL BILLS	\$ 623,126.52

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

5. EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:

5.1 Approval, 2014-2015 School Calendar

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

The calendar will be posted on the website on the home page.

5.2 Approval, Expulsion

The Board approved a motion to approve an expulsion for Student X for one (1) year from November 22, 2013 for a violation of Board Policy 218.1, as recommended by a Committee of the Board after a January 7, 2014 hearing.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

6. POLICY COMMITTEE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

The meetings will be held in the LGI

Wednesday, February 5, 2014.....Special Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19, 2014.....Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m.

A Business/Budget Meeting will immediately follow the Agenda Meeting

Wednesday, February 26, 2014.....Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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Mr. DeAngelo pointed out that if the budget is adopted at the February 5, 2014 special meeting, there will be no need to have the business/budget meeting following the agenda meeting on February 19, 2014.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Kartal stated that the IU meeting last night was changed to a phone meeting. She was not able to vote since she has not been officially appointed by the Board for this position. Ms. Kartal stated that the budget is being sent to the Business Manager and she asked Mr. DeAngelo to inform her when it arrives so that it can be sent to the Board members for their review prior to voting on it.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Approval, Acceptance of Resignation

The Board approved a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Ted Parker as a Morrisville School Board member effective January 6, 2014.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by voice vote of 7 ayes and 1 nay. Member voting nay was Mr. Stoneburner.

8.2 Approval, Ratify the Advertisement of Vacant School Board Seat

The Board approved a motion to ratify the advertisement of the vacant School Board seat due to the resignation of Mr. Parker.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

Mr. Miller stated that the advertisement will be posted and letters of interest will be accepted until January 30, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Letters of interest can be mailed or hand delivered to the attention of Mr. Ferrara at the Morrisville High School. At the special meeting on February 5, 2014, we will be doing interviews as well as appointing a person at that meeting. Ms. Kartal added that anyone who applies for this position will be notified of the date and time of the interviews/meeting.

8.3 Approval, Appointment of Board Member as IU #22 Representative

Mr. Miller nominated Ms. Kartal as the IU #22 Representative. This nomination was seconded by Mr. Gilleo. There were no further nominations.

Motion to close nominations was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

The Board approved a motion to appoint Wanda Kartal as the IU #22 Representative, due to the resignation of Mr. Parker.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Perry, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

Motions 8.4 and 8.5 were added to the agenda. The motions were read and then the floor was open for public comment on these two items. There was no public comment.

8.4 Approval, Notice to Delaware Valley High School

The Board approved a motion to approve the notice to Delaware Valley High School that the Morrisville School District will not renew Alternative Education Services after June 30, 2014.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

8.5 Approval, Telephonic Participation of Board Member

The Board approved a motion to approve the telephonic participation of Board Member, Jon Perry, at the February 5, 2014 Special Meeting, consistent with prior practices and also applicable Pennsylvania Law.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, and passed by a voice vote of 7 ayes and 1 abstention. Member abstaining was Mr. Perry.

Mr. Perry stated that he would prefer to be at the meeting in person, but he will be out of town.

Mr. Miller stated that he feels that a Board policy should be instituted regarding telephonic participation by Board members at the Board meetings and the number of times this would be allowed during a certain time frame.

PUBLIC SESSION #2

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

9. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary