

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Special Business/Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 5, 2014
Large Group Instruction Room
Morrisville Middle/Senior High School

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE
Morrisville, Pennsylvania

This meeting was recorded for televising

The special business/board 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, February 5, 2014, after due notice of this meeting had been given as required by law. This meeting began at 7:34 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members in attendance: Messrs. Colon, Dingle, Gilleo, Perry (via telephone), Stoneburner, Miller and Ms. Kartal

Member absent: Mr. Worob

Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Worob contacted him to inform him that he would not be able to attend this evening's meeting due to the storm.

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.

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

There were no speakers for Public Session #1.

INFRASTRUCTURE

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

HUMAN RESOURCES

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Superintendent Search Survey
Mr. Miller stated that starting tomorrow at 9 a.m. on our website, www.mv.org, a Superintendent Search Survey will be posted. We are being assisted with this survey by the Bucks County IU #22. Mr. Miller stated that we are interested in hearing from the community in regards to the strengths, challenges, goals and personal attributes that will help determine the candidate who will be the best fit for our District. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete, which will help our Board to move forward, and all responses are anonymous and confidential. The survey will close at 11:50 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2014. The Board is requesting that each person responds only one time and they thank the community for their effort in helping the Board with this task. If anyone would like a paper copy of the survey, they will be available in the front office of the high school and also at the Grandview office, and at each location there is a collection box for the completed surveys. Any comments should be attached to your survey.
- Interviews for new School Board Member
Interviews for the open School Board Member position took place, and the following individuals applied and were interviewed:
Mr. William Larison
Robin Reithmeyer

ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Miller opened the floor for nominations for a new School Board Member to serve until December 7, 2015.

Mr. Dingle nominated Ms. Reithmeyer. This was seconded by Mr. Gilleo.

Mr. Colon nominated Mr. Larison. This was seconded by Mr. Stoneburner.

There were no further nominations.

1. Approval, Motion to Appoint new School Board Member to serve until December 7, 2015

The Board approved the motion to appoint Ms. Robin Reithmeyer as the new School Board Member to serve until December 7, 2015.

Moved by Mr. Dingle, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, and passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 7 ayes.

The Board members thanked Mr. Larison for applying and congratulated Ms. Reithmeyer and welcomed her as a Board member.

FINANCIAL/BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval, Adoption of the 2014-15 Proposed Budget (PDE 2028)

The Board approved the motion to adopt the 2014-15 Proposed Budget (PDE 2028).

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

Ms. Kartal reminded the public that this is an extremely preliminary budget. There is still much work to be done and the Board appreciates public input.

Mr. DeAngelo reviewed the expenditures and revenues in the budget, and explained the process needed to take place regarding PDE 2028 and the balancing of the budget. He explained the exceptions that we will be applying for which could lower the budget. A discussion took place regarding millage rates, tax increases, funding, and grants.

2. Approval, Filing and Advertisement of Exceptions

The Board approved a motion to approve the filing and advertisement of exceptions.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

POLICY COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. DeAngelo stated that with the approval at tonight's meeting of the 2014-15 Proposed Budget, we can cancel the special meeting scheduled to follow the agenda meeting on February 19, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

PUBLIC SESSION #2

Kevin Larison – 587 Rosemar Drive

Mr. Larison discussed the increase in dues for use of the field by the Little Bulldogs.

Mr. Stoneburner stated that the Facilities Committee has not set any rates at this time. They are currently working on redoing the contracts and rates. The committee is looking

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to offset all of the costs incurred for any facility usage. The next Facility Committee meeting will be held next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the LGI, and Mr. Stoneburner invited Mr. Larison to attend to discuss this further.

Ted Parker – 109 Grandview Avenue

Mr. Parker commended the Board for voting for the filing of the exceptions. He stated that we need this money to fill the gaps and that we shouldn't close our options.

Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary