

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 26, 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, February 26, 2014, after due notice of this meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 and Ms. Reithmeyer

Quorum Present:

Also attending this evening's meeting were Mr. William Ferrara, Superintendent; Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; Mr. Anthony Gesualdi, Special Education Advisor; 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, collective bargaining, litigation and real estate matters.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

- **Teacher – Drew King (FBLA – Accomplishments)**
Mr. King discussed the accomplishments of FBLA at the regional level. Mr. King stated that we have 3 students that qualified for the State level. Present this evening were students, Bria Brown and Krista Mullaney and they talked about their projects for FBLA. The other student, Verna Wang, was unable to attend this evening's meeting. Mr. King stated that all of the students worked very hard, took the initiative on their own to

work on the courses at home, and we are very proud of them. The State competition will take place on April 7th, 8th and 9th.

- **Coach – Kevin Jones (Winter Award Winning Athletes)**
Mr. Jones recognized the Co-ed Bowling Team, some of whom were present at tonight's meeting, and announced the following league honors:
Alex Musella 1st Team
Tahjasia Davis 2nd Team
Maddie Castillo Honorable Mention
Bria Brown Honorable Mention
Sarah Kremer Honorable Mention
Brittany Farmer Honorable Mention

Mr. Jones thanked the team for their hard work and dedication, and also thanked Coach Kramer for his assistance with the team.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Representative to the Board – (Morrisville High School)

Jarion Campos, student representative for the Morrisville High School, gave a report which can be found in Attachment A to these minutes.

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

Jenna Redmond, student representative for the Bucks County Technical High School, gave a report which can be found in Attachment B to these minutes.

Bucks County Technical High School Report – Mr. Gilleo

Mr. Gilleo stated that a meeting took place this past Monday at 7:30 p.m. At this meeting, they discussed the following:

- Approval of substitute teachers, office staff and custodians
- School year calendar changes
- Budget
- The next meeting will be Monday the 24th

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

→ **This week in our Schools**

Mr. Ferrara - Superintendent

Mr. Ferrara's read his report which can be found in Attachment C to these minutes.

Mr. DeAngelo – Business Administrator

Mr. DeAngelo read his report which can be found in Attachment D to these minutes.

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

District Enrollments as of February 20, 2014			
<u>Student Population</u>			
Pre-Kindergarten	18		
Kindergarten	51	GRANDVIEW	296
Grade 1	72	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4-6)	<u>220</u>
Grade 2	78		516
Grade 3	77		
Grade 4	80	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (7-8)	147
Grade 5	72	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12	<u>220</u>
Grade 6	68		367
Grade 7	87		
Grade 8	60	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	38
Grade 9	72	HOME SCHOOLED	16
Grade 10	43	CHARTER SCHOOLS	36
Grade 11	63	Regular Ed	28
Grade 12	42	Special Ed	8
		OUT OF DISTRICT	48
		Regular Ed	9
		Special Ed	39
TOTAL ENROLLMENT			1021

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 Item 7.1 on tonight's agenda regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with the Borough of Morrisville regarding the School Resource Officer. He stated that he hopes that the Board will approve this motion tonight, as he feels it is a good program for the District and Borough. Mr. Parker thanked those involved.

Mr. Miller stated that in future, copies of Board minutes to be approved will be sent to Board members via email. He asked if any Board members would need a hard copy and no Board members requested a hard copy.

Mr. Miller asked any Board members that gave their committee reports to please send copies of those reports to Ms. McQuillan so that they can be included in the minutes.

INFRASTRUCTURE

2. INFRASTRUCTURE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:

2.1 Approval, Grasscutting and Snow Removal Bid

The Board approved a motion to approve the release of the Grasscutting and Snow Removal Bid.

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

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

Motions 3.1a. and 3.1.b were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

3.1 Approval, Resignations

3.1.a *The Board approved a motion* to accept, with regret, the resignation of Amber Gonzalez, Personal Care Assistant, effective February 6, 2014.

3.1.b *The Board approved a motion* to accept, with regret, the resignation of Tarisa Rorick, Varsity Cheerleading Coach, effective February 7, 2014.

Motions 3.2.a and 3.2.b were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Perry, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

3.2 Approval, Appointments

3.2.a *The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of Vincent Paravecchia as a Personal Care Assistant (replacing Amber Gonzalez), effective 2/27/14, at the rate of \$12.42/hr. per Policy.

3.2.b *The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of the 21st Century Hires as follows:

Abby Merck Site Monitor \$9/hr.

3.3 Approval, School Psychologist Intern 2014-15

The Board approved a motion to approve the hiring of School Psychologist Intern, Evangelina Maragouthankis, for the Pupil Services Department for the 2014-15 school year at a stipend of \$10,000.

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

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

• **Finance Report (Informational Item)**

Expenditures - January

Budget 2013-14	Period Expended	Y-T-D Expended	Balance
\$17,504,284	\$1,057,295	\$8,545,195	\$8,959,089

Revenues - January

Budget 2013-14	Period Amount	Y-T-D Amount	Balance
\$17,504,284	\$386,999	\$13,293,649	\$4,210,635

Mr. Dingle stated that we are faced with a deficit, we need to make cuts, and improve revenues.

ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 Approval, IU #22 Program and Services Budget for 2014-15

The Board approved a motion to approve the Bucks County IU #22 Program and Services Budget for 2014-15.

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

4.2 Approval, Pitney Bowes Lease (Mail Machine)

The Board approved a motion to approve the 5-year lease for the mail machine with Pitney Bowes.

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

4.3 Approval, Acceptance of Donations

4.3.a *The Board approved a motion* to accept the donation of 20 Merchant of Venice books to be used in Ms. Bramble's English class.

4.3.b *The Board approved a motion* to accept the donation of three Pallet Jacks.

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

Mr. Ferrara stated that the donation of books was made by a community member who would like to remain anonymous, and wanted to give back to the District for helping her daughter out through a difficult time. Mr. Ferrara thanked the community member.

Mr. Miller thanked a local company for the donation of the three pallet jacks.

4.4 Approval, Budget Transfers

The Board approved a motion to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$945,852.58.

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

Motions 4.5 and 4.6 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.5 Approval, Treasurer's Report

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

4.6 Approval, Investment Report

The Board approved a motion to approve the Investment Report.

4.7 Approval, Payment of Bills

The Board approved a motion to approve payments of bills as listed below, subject to final audit by the Business Administrator:

Miscellaneous (1/23/14 - 2/26/14)	\$ 651,711.85
Hill Wallack (2/26/14)	\$ 6,986.76
Athletic Fund (1/23/14 - 2/20/14)	\$ 4,745.00
Cafeteria Fund (2/26/14)	\$ 39,720.36
Capital Projects	\$ -0-
Capital Reserve (1/30/14)	\$ <u>50,000.00</u>
TOTAL BILLS	\$ 753,163.97

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

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

5.1 Approval, High School Cyber Education Curriculum

The Board approved a motion to approve Apex as the High School Education Curriculum at a cost of \$25 per student, and \$2,200 for three professional development days. The total cost of the proposal will be \$12,100.

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

Mr. Ferrara stated that this is a great opportunity for the Morrisville students in grades 9-12 to have higher level courses and differentiated instruction. Mr. Ferrara explained the program, curriculum and how it will be run.

Mr. Miller stated that he would like to have an opportunity prior to the end of the school year to have a demonstration of this program for the community.

Mr. Ferrara stated that tomorrow beginning at 8:00 a.m. he will be here for the Superintendent's Roundtable and he can answer questions about this program. He stated that he will try to have something set up for the March meeting where we will be able to walk through a course and see what it will look like.

Mr. Stoneburner asked if there has been a phone blast or any general information sent to the parents so they are aware of this program. Mr. Ferrara stated that he would like to have several phone blasts sent out to inform them of the demonstration to take place at the March meeting.

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

6.1 Approval, 1st Reading of Policy #113.1 – Behavior Support

The Board approved a motion to approve the 1st reading of Policy #113.1 – Behavior Support.

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

6.2 Approval, 1st Reading of Policy #006.1 – Attendance at Meetings

The Board approved a motion to approve the 1st reading of Policy #006.1 – Attendance at Meetings.

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

The Board members and Mr. Truelove discussed telephone participation at meetings and quorum requirements, number of times to be able to participate remotely per year, and notification timelines when participating in this manner.

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

The meetings will be held in the LGI
Wednesday, March 19, 2014.....Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 26, 2014.....Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Approval, Memorandum of Understanding

A *MOTION* is in order to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Borough of Morrisville regarding the School Resource Officer, based upon the solicitor's review.

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

Mr. Truelove will be reviewing the MOU to be sure that all responsibilities are spelled out and that we covered on all bases regarding student, family, District and Borough rights.

Mr. Ferrara discussed the benefits of having a School Resource Officer within our District. He also discussed the Grant, length of the Grant involved, other possible Grants that we can apply for, and stated that this position will be need to be approved on a yearly basis by the Board.

Mr. Miller stated that the Borough will be approving the agreement at their meeting tomorrow evening. Even after the MOU is approved by both parties, changes can still be made to the wording in the agreement.

Mr. Ferrara stated that this MOU needs to be approved by the 28th by the Borough and our District.

Mr. Perry discussed General Liability costs involved with the creation of this position.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/announcements took place by the Board members on the following topics:

- PTO Special Someone Dance this Friday night from 7-9 pm in the gymnasium and all Board members are invited.
- Cinderella's Closet will have a dress, shoes, jewelry, etc. drop off this Friday evening at the high school at the end of E-Hall from 6-8 pm, and again on Saturday morning from 10-12 am.
- Emergency procedures on the website
- Football update and other extra-curricular activities in the sports department - Needs/interest assessment and/or survey
- Stipends for the coaches

PUBLIC SESSION #2

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

9. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

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

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary