

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**Board Meeting** – Wednesday, April 23, 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, April 23, 2014, after due notice of this meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 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; 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 Human Resources and real estate.

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

- **Teacher: Kevin Jones – Photography Club**  
Mr. Jones introduced students from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant Photography Club, and the students presented the Video Project that they worked on and took first place in the Bucks County Computer Fair in the Middle School Animation Category. Students at tonight's meeting were as follows: Riley Gilleo, David Kowalick, Jordan Keaton, Aidan Newill, and Jeff Ketchum, all of whom are in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

- **Teacher: Lauren Bischoff – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students and their opinion pieces on our KidBlogs website**  
Ms. Bischoff stated that they have been implementing the new Common Core Standards, and one of the standards is to have students publish their work in various digital forms. Two of her students read their reports at tonight's meeting while the digital form was being displayed.

### **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. Gileo**

Mr. Gileo stated that no meeting has taken place since his last report; therefore, there is nothing new to report at this time.

### **1. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

→ **This week in our Schools**

#### **Mr. Ferrara - Superintendent**

Mr. Ferrara reported on the following:

- High School Secondary Report (See Attachment A to these minutes)
- Superintendent's Report (See Attachment B to these minutes)

#### **Mr. DeAngelo – Business Administrator**

Mr. DeAngelo reported on the following:

- 2013-14 Budget
- Special Budget Meeting on 5/21/14 immediately following the Agenda Meeting
- Food Service RFP was approved by PDE

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

<b>District Enrollments as of April 15, 2014</b>			
<u>Student Population</u>			
Pre-Kindergarten	18		
Kindergarten	51	GRANDVIEW	293
Grade 1	72	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4-6)	<u>217</u>
Grade 2	75		<b>510</b>
Grade 3	77		
Grade 4	78	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (7-8)	149
Grade 5	71	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12	<u>224</u>
Grade 6	68		<b>373</b>
Grade 7	86		
Grade 8	63	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	39
Grade 9	68	HOME SCHOOLED	17
Grade 10	43	CHARTER SCHOOLS	35
Grade 11	69	Regular Ed	27
Grade 12	44	Special Ed	8
		OUT OF DISTRICT	54
		Regular Ed	10
		Special Ed	44
<b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT</b>			<b>1028</b>

**Presentations**

- Snipes Farm – Grandview Garden  
 Melanie Snipes of Snipes Farm and Tom Mack, VP of Morrisville/Yardley Area Rotary Club, made a presentation at tonight’s meeting regarding the Grandview Garden. (See Attachment C to these minutes)

Mr. Miller stated that this area has been a major concern of this Board since the modulars were removed from that area at Grandview. Mr. Miller thanked Ms. Snipes and Mr. Mack for their efforts in trying to find ways to accomplish this project.

Other Board members also thanked Ms. Snipes and Mr. Mack for their efforts. Mr. Stoneburner, Chairman of the Facilities Committee, asked that he be emailed on all correspondence regarding this project and invited them to attend the May 14<sup>th</sup> committee meeting or contact him to schedule another more convenient time.

- Youth Orchestra of Bucks County

Mr. Miller explained that the YOBC is interested in leasing the Manor Park School to run a string program, hopefully starting as early as next year with grades 4-8.

Mr. Hochreiter, President of the Youth Orchestra of Bucks County, discussed their programs involving musical education and instruction for students. He also discussed their plans for the lease of the Manor Park School and how it will be utilized. Mr. Hochreiter thanked the School Board members for expressing an interest in helping out with the music program and they look forward to building a relationship with the Morrisville Borough.

Mr. Miller stated that there are other parties interested in using the Manor Park School. None of this has been worked out and who will eventually end up using this property. He thanked Mr. Hochreiter for reaching out to our school and feels that the program being offered by YOBC would be very beneficial to our students and the community.

**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)***

Mr. Miller stated that Public Session #1 is for discussion of only items that are on the agenda, but tonight an exception will be made since there are many students present who would like to speak regarding the football program.

Approximately 20 students attended this evening's meeting and expressed their interest, commitment and dedication to the football program and stated that they hope that the Board will vote to continue to support the football program.

Mr. Colon stated that it was so nice to see how many students showed up to show their dedication to having a football program. He stated that this is entirely up to the student's by showing up at practices to show their dedication.

Mr. Miller stated that August 22, 2014 will be the cutoff date to determine how many students have been showing up for practice and showing commitment. Mr. Miller also stated that this commitment will need to continue during football season by the students keeping up with their grades and continuing to go to all practices. The Board will allow a football coach to be hired to allow practices to start, but it will be up to the students if the football program will continue.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **2. INFRASTRUCTURE** **INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:** **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **2.1 Approval, Transportation Bid**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Transportation Bid with First Student.

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

#### **2.2 Approval, Grass and Snow Removal Bid**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Grass and Snow Removal Bid with WDB.

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

#### **2.3 Approval, Trash and Recycling Bid**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Trash and Recycling Bid with Waste Management.

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

**2.4**     **Approval, Copier Proposal from Xerox**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Copier Proposal from Xerox in the amount of \$1,701.13 per month for five (5) years for the following equipment per PEPM Pricing:

- 55 page per minute for Special Education
- 75 page per minute for F-Hall
- 75 page per minute for D-Hall
- 75 page per minute for Grandview

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

**2.5**     **Approval, Magic Cottage Lease Agreement**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Lease Agreement with Magic Cottage. (See Attachment D to these minutes for a copy of the lease agreement)

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

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

**3.1**     **Approval, Leave**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the extension of Michelle McCann's leave granted under SB Policy #439 to January 23, 2015.

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

**3.2**     **Approval, Tuition Reimbursement**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve tuition reimbursement for the following individual:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>College</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mike Teefy	School Community and Family Culture	Univ. Of Phoenix	3	\$600

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

**3.3 Approval, Resignation**

*The Board approved a motion* to accept the resignation of Breanna Jackman as the Assistant Varsity Softball Coach effective March 28, 2014.

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

**3.4 Approval, Appointment**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of Kelly Stout as the Assistant Varsity Softball Coach (taking the place of Breanna Jackman who was approved in October of 2013) in the amount of \$1950 (pro-rated).

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 - February**

Budget 2013-14	Period Expended	Y-T-D Expended	Balance
\$17,504,284	\$1,413,098	\$9,958,293	\$4,441,779

**Revenues - February**

Budget 2013-14	Period Expended	Y-T-D Expended	Balance
\$17,504,284	\$646,832	\$13,974,958	\$3,529,326

Mr. Dingle stated that the above figures are misleading. Mr. DeAngelo stated that in future Board reports, encumbrances could also be included. Mr. Dingle stated that they will discuss this further at the Finance Committee meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**4.1 Approval, Actuary Study with PA Trust and Conrad Siegel**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Actuary Study with PA Trust and Conrad Siegel for GASB 45 compliance, not to exceed \$4950.

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

**4.2**     **Approval, Resolution Opposing Restricting Federal MA Reimbursement**  
*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Resolution opposing restricting Federal MA Reimbursement.

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

*Motions 4.3 and 4.4 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.*

**4.3**     **Approval, Treasurer's Report**  
*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**4.4**     **Approval, Investment Report**  
*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Investment Report.

**4.5**     **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 (3/27/14 - 4/23/14)	\$ 431,471.00
Legal (4/23/14)	\$ 8,263.38
Athletic Fund (4/3/14 - 4/17/14)	\$ 1,100.00
Cafeteria Fund (4/23/14)	\$ 45,138.16
Capital Projects (4/23/14)	<u>\$ 3,470.00</u>
 TOTAL BILLS	 \$ 489,442.54

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

Mr. Miller questioned several checks written in the payment of bills and what was purchased, paid for, etc. Mr. Miller would like to see the Finance Committee look into what vendors we are using, are they best ones that we should be using, and ways that we can save money. Mr. Miller asked for clarification on several of the payments made and Mr. DeAngelo stated that he would get this information to the Board members in their Friday packet.



Mr. Worob expressed his concerns regarding the amount being paid for legal services. Mr. Ferrara and Mr. Miller explained the legal matters that we are currently involved in which we are being billed for and the amounts being charged. Mr. Truelove gave a detailed description of the various endeavors that his firm is currently involved in with the Morrisville School District.

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

**5.1 Approval, Special Education Plan 2014-2017**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Special Education Plan for 2014-2017.

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

Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Gesualdi, his staff, members of the administration, and all those involved in writing such a detailed report regarding what our District offers for those students that are deemed special needs.

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

**6.1 Approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Policy #006.1 – Attendance at Meetings**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy #006.1 – Attendance at Meetings.

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

*Future Meetings and Items of Interest*

The meetings will be held in the LGI  
Wednesday, May 21, 2014.....Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m. \*  
***\*Business/Budget Meeting to immediately follow the Agenda Meeting***  
Wednesday, May 28, 2014.....Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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and Channel 28 on your Local Cable***

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 Approval, Pre-K for PA Resolution**

***The Board approved a motion*** to pass the Pre-K for PA Resolution. Mr. Miller read the resolution.

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

Since this new motion was added to the agenda, Mr. Miller asked if anyone from the public would like to comment on the added motion. There were no speakers.

**8.2 Approval, Waiver of Expulsion**

***The Board approved a motion*** to approve a waiver of expulsion for Student X for possession of a weapon in violation of School Policy 218.1, for one (1) year from April 17, 2014 to April 16, 2015.

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

The Board authorized administration to begin the process of hiring a football coach. Mr. Ferrara stated that the position will be posted and hopefully they will have a qualified candidate to be approved at next month's Board meeting.

## ***PUBLIC SESSION #2***

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

### **9. Adjournment**

*The Board approved a motion* to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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

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Damon Miller, President

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Wanda Kartal, Secretary