

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE  
Morrisville, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
**Work Session**—Monday, December 2, 2013  
Large Group Instruction Room  
Morrisville Intermediate/Senior High School  
8:00 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 December 2, 2013, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

There was no roll call as this meeting immediately followed the Reorganization Meeting tonight at which time roll call was taken.

*The following members were present:*

Messrs. Colon, Dingle, Gilleo, Parker, Perry, Worob, Stoneburner, Miller and Ms. Kartal

*Quorum Present:*

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

The following areas will be covered at next week's Business Meeting:

**Student Spotlight (to be done at next week's meeting)**

- Teacher - Kevin Jones

**Student Representatives to the Board**

**Superintendent/Administrator's Reports**

**Bucks County Technical High School Report - Ms. Kartal**

**Enrollment Report**

# PUBLIC SESSION #1 (Agenda Items Only)

There were no speakers for Public Session #1.

## **Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation – MOEF – Mr. Dingle**

Mr. Dingle reported on the following:

- Winterfest to be held this weekend. Donations are still being accepted.

## **PTO Report – Mr. Dingle**

Mr. Dingle reported on the following:

- Holiday Shop and movie night
- Market Day pickup
- PTO December meeting is cancelled
- Future meetings
- Holiday Classroom Parties
- Fall Fundraiser Donation in the amount of \$5000 - to be added to next week's Business Meeting agenda for approval of acceptance of this donation.

Mr. Ferrara stated that we have been informed that we have received a Grant in the amount of \$10,200, through the efforts of MOEF, to purchase Achieve 3000 Software for Grades 2 and 3. This program will improve reading comprehension.

Mr. Miller stated that last year there were Board members who donated to the Winterfest Silent Auction. He stated that he is planning on doing so again this year and if there are any other Board members who wish to donate to please see him after tonight's meeting.

## **Joint Borough Council/School Board Report – Ms. Kartal**

Ms. Kartal stated that no meeting was held, therefore, there was nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Miller discussed the Traffic Study.

## **Public Relations/Communications Report – Mr. Miller**

Mr. Miller discussed the following:

- The review of the website is almost complete

## **Bucks County Intermediate Unit**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **PSBA**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (to be done at next week's meeting)**

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

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

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

Mr. Stoneburner stated that they have not met since the last meeting; therefore, there was nothing to report at this time. The next meeting will be held this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the LGI.

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

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Approval, ePlus Meraki Wireless Options**  
**A MOTION** is in order to approve the ePlus Meraki Wireless Options – PEPPM Pricing \$10,227.20 – Wireless Access Points (8) points plus (2) switches.
2. **Approval, Participation in Additional Legal Services**  
**A MOTION** is in order to approve participation in additional legal services offered by the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 and Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams, LLP, at a cost of \$780.00.

Mr. Stoneburner stated that he will not be at next week's Business Meeting and stated that someone else from the Facilities Committee will need to give his report.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **INFORMATONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### **Human Resource Committee**

Nothing to report.

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Approval, Tuition Reimbursement**

**A MOTION** is in order to approve tuition reimbursement as follows:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Julie Habel	Classroom Management for Elementary Teachers	LaVerne	3	\$315
Julie Habel	Becoming a More Effective Teacher	LaVerne	3	\$315
Julie Habel	Colonial Spirit and the Settling Of North America	LaVerne	3	\$315

2. **Approval, Appointments**

**a. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Hires**

**A MOTION** is in order to approve the appointment of the following 21<sup>st</sup> Century Hires:

Cindy Hasness	After School Math Tutor	\$25/hr.
Demetrius Roberts	After School Credit Recovery Coor.	\$25/hr.
Beatrice Avege	Site Monitor	\$9/hr.
Jamie Barron	Office Staff	\$15/hr.
Marcy Cohen	Teacher	\$22/hr.

**b. AESOP Substitutes**

**A MOTION** is in order to approve the following AESOP Substitutes:

Kristen Poinsett

3. **Approval, Extension of Childrearing Leave**

**A MOTION** is in order to approve the extension of the childrearing leave for Christie Schmidt until August 2014 as per SB Policy #439 (Uncompensated Leave).

4. **Approval, Extension of Long-Term Substitute**

**A MOTION** is in order to approve the extension of Stephanie Price's long-term substitute position through June of 2014.

5. **Approval, Tenure**

**A MOTION** is in order to grant tenure for Dennis Cox.

6. **Approval, Mentor Teacher**

**A MOTION** is in order to rescind the appointment of Wendy Craig as the Mentor Teacher for Christine Klockner and appoint Gloria Bramble to that position retroactive to the date of Wendy Craig's appointment.

7. **Approval, Act 93 Increases**

**A MOTION** is in order to approve Act 93 increases per contract effective January 1, 2014.

**BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **Finance Report (Informational Item)**  
Numbers to be provided in next week's Business Meeting Agenda

**Finance Committee – Mr. Dingle**

Mr. Dingle discussed the following:

- Revenues and Expenditures
- Budget Transfers
- Reviewed Legal Bills
- Boiler Bids
- Increase in pay for Tax Collector
- Next budget meeting on 12/17 at 7:00 p.m. – all members of the Board are encouraged to attend

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Approval, 2014 Monthly Meetings for the Board of School Directors**  
**A MOTION** is in order to approve 2014 monthly meetings for the Board of School Directors.
2. **Approval, Treasurer's Report**  
**A MOTION** is in order to approve the Treasurer's Report.
3. **Approval, Investment Report**  
**A MOTION** is in order to approve the Investment Report.
4. **Approval, Budget Transfers**  
**A MOTION** is in order to approve budget transfers.
5. **Approval, Payment of Bills**  
**A MOTION** is in order to approve payments of bills as listed below, subject to final audit by the Business Administrator:  
(Numbers to be provided in next week's Business Meeting Agenda)
6. **Approval, Acceptance of Donation**  
**A MOTION** is in order to accept a donation from PTO.
7. **Approval, Acceptance of Donation**  
**A MOTION** is in order to accept a donation from Mr. Kevin Jones.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that due to the early date of the December Business Meeting, the figures for the Treasurer's Report and the Investment Report may not be available. If the figures are not available, these items for approval may need to be tabled.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Education Committee – Mr. Miller**

Mr. Miller stated that next Tuesday, December 10, 2013, the next meeting of the Education Committee will take place. At this meeting there will be a discussion regarding future meeting dates and cyber options.

Mr. Ferrara gave updated information regarding cyber options, the curriculum, concepts and costs.

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Approval, 2014-15 High School Program of Studies**  
***A MOTION*** is in order to approve the 2014-15 High School Program of Studies.

Mr. Ferrara stated that each Board member received a copy of the Program of Studies. This is something that is approved on a yearly basis by the School Board.

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Policy Committee – Mr. Miller**

Nothing to report.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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

1. **Approval, Second Reading of Policy #429**  
***A MOTION*** is in order to approve the second reading of Policy #429 (Substitute Compensation).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Regarding the item on the agenda for approval of Act 93 increases, Mr. DeAngelo stated that per their contract, these increases occur in the middle of the school year. A spreadsheet of the increases will be provided to the Board members for their review.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Miller stated that there will be a Board Retreat in the LGI on Saturday, January 11, 2014, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Mr. Perry thanked everyone for coming out tonight to attend the swearing in ceremony for the newly elected Board members and that he looks forward to serving on the Board.

## **PUBLIC SESSION 2**

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. This motion was seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

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Damon Miller, President

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Wanda Kartal, Secretary