

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Board Meeting – Wednesday, December 11, 2013

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, December 11, 2013, 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, Parker, Perry, Worob, Miller and Ms. Kartal

Member absent: Mr. Stoneburner

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 Mr. Stoneburner notified the Board last week and also reminded him today that he would be unable to attend tonight's meeting.

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

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

- Teacher Kevin Jones
Mr. Jones and four of his students in his Woodworking Class displayed and discussed toys that they make each year for the Toy Drive at the Ivin's House for needy children. This is the ninth year of their program and each year their goal is to make 50 toys.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Representative to the Board – (Morrisville High School)

Present at tonight's meeting was Jarion Campos, student representative from the Morrisville High School. His report can be found in Attachment A to these minutes.

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

There was no student representative present tonight from the Bucks County Technical High School.

Bucks County Technical High School Report – Ms. Kartal

Nothing to report at this time.

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

→ **This week in our Schools**

Mr. Ferrara - Superintendent

Mr. Ferrara's discussed the following:

- Superintendent's Roundtable to be held on December 18th
- Donation from Exxon Mobil Company for \$750
- Interim reports distributed today for students in grades 7-12
- Early dismissal on Friday, December 20th
- Updated on School Performance Grades

Mr. Ferrara wished the students, staff, faculty and administrative team a safe and happy holiday season.

Mr. DeAngelo – Business Administrator

Mr. DeAngelo discussed the following:

- Thanked the Departmental Chair Personnel for the completion of the first review of the 2014-15 budget

➡ **Enrollment Report**

District Enrollments as of December 5, 2013			
<u>Student Population</u>			
Pre-Kindergarten	18		
Kindergarten	53	GRANDVIEW	302
Grade 1	73	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4-6)	<u>224</u>
Grade 2	79		526
Grade 3	79		
Grade 4	82	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (7-8)	147
Grade 5	72	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12	<u>229</u>
Grade 6	70		376
Grade 7	87		
Grade 8	60	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	38
Grade 9	75	HOME SCHOOLED	16
Grade 10	45	CHARTER SCHOOLS	32
Grade 11	67	Regular Ed	24
Grade 12	42	Special Ed	8
		OUT OF DISTRICT	48
		Regular Ed	10
		Special Ed	38
TOTAL ENROLLMENT			1036

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)

There were no speakers for Public Session #1.

INFRASTRUCTURE

2. INFRASTRUCTURE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Facilities Committee Report

Mr. Colon discussed the following:

- Estimates for appraisals of M. R. Reiter
- Getting phone numbers for demolition companies for M. R. Reiter

ACTION ITEMS:

2.1 Approval, ePlus Meraki Wireless Options

The Board approved a motion to approve the ePlus Meraki Wireless Options – PEPPM Pricing \$10,227.20 – Wireless Access Points (8) points plus (2) switches.

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

2.2 Approval, Participation in Additional Legal Services

The Board approved a motion 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.

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

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>
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

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

Motions 3.2.a and 3.2.b were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

3.2 Approval, Appointments

3.2.a 21st Century Hires

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of the following 21st Century Hires:

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

3.2.b AESOP Substitutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the following AESOP Substitutes:
Kristen Poinsett

3.3 Approval, Extension of Childrearing Leave

The Board approved a motion to approve the extension of the childrearing leave for Christie Schmidt until August 2014 as per SB Policy #439 (Uncompensated Leave).

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

3.4 Approval, Extension of Long-Term Substitute

The Board approved a motion to approve the extension of Stephanie Price's long-term substitute position through June of 2014.

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

3.5 Approval, Tenure

The Board approved a motion to grant tenure for Dennis Cox.

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

3.6 Approval, Mentor Teacher

The Board approved a motion 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.

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

3.7 Approval, Act 93 Increases

The Board approved a motion to approve Act 93 increases per contract effective January 1, 2014.

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

3.8 Approval, Resignation

The Board approved a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Sal Mauro as a Paraprofessional, effective December 20, 2013.

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

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

Finance Committee Report – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle stated that the Finance Committee has not yet met this month. The next meeting will be held on December 17th.

Finance Report (Informational Item)

Expenditures - November

Budget 2013-14	Period Expended	Y-T-D Expended	Balance
\$17,504,284	\$1,017,649	\$5,933,653	\$11,570,631

Revenues - November

Budget 2013-14	Period Amount	Y-T-D Amount	Balance
\$17,504,284	\$215,657	\$11,655,975	\$5,848,309

ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 Approval, 2014 Monthly Meetings for the Board of School Directors and Committee Meetings

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2014 monthly meetings for the Board of School Directors and Committee Meetings and to also advertise these meetings.

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

4.2 Approval, Treasurer's Report

A MOTION is in order to approve the Treasurer's Report.

This motion was tabled until the January Business Meeting. Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

Motions 4.3 and 4.4 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

4.3 Approval, Investment Report

The Board approved a motion to approve the Investment Report.

4.4 Approval, Grant Transfers

The Board approved a motion to approve grant transfers in the amount of \$435,475.00.

Motions 4.5.a and 4.5.b were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

4.5 Approval, Acceptance of Donations

4.5.a PTO Donation

The Board approved a motion to accept the donation of \$5000 from PTO for the intermediate playground.

4.5.b Kevin Jones Donation

The Board approved a motion to accept the donation of \$50 from Kevin Jones for the Auditorium.

4.6 **Approval, Ordinary and Necessary Payments**

The Board approved a motion to approve ordinary and necessary payments by the Business Administrator during the months of December 2013 and January 2014.

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

4.7 **Approval, Payment of Bills**

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

Miscellaneous/General Fund (11/21/13 - 12/11/13)	\$ 367,935.20
Legal - Begley, Carlin & Mandio	\$ 945.00
Athletic Fund (11/21/13 - 12/11/13)	\$ 640.00
Cafeteria Fund (12/11/13)	\$ 36,862.89
Capital Projects	\$ -0-
Capital Reserve	\$ <u>-0-</u>
 TOTAL BILLS	 \$ 406,383.09

Mr. Miller discussed the amount of legal bills paid to date and the projected amount to be spent for rest of the 13-14 school year.

Mr. Dingle suggested that the Board have on each Board report something similar as is done under the Finance Report with expenditures and revenues, a listing of the categories under bill payments showing where we are and if we are on target, etc. Mr. Dingle will discuss this addition to the Board report with the Finance Committee.

After further discussion, it was decided that legal bills, other than the bill from Begley, Carlin & Mandio, would be tabled until the January Business Meeting.

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

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

5.1 Approval, 2014-15 High School Program of Studies

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2014-15 High School Program of Studies.

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

Mr. Ferrara discussed the Cyber Courses that will be offered. He thanked the secondary coordinators for their assistance with the Program of Studies.

Mr. Perry discussed corrections, changes, etc. to be made in the Program of Studies.

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

6.1 Approval, Second Reading of Policy #429

The Board approved a motion to approve the second reading of Policy #429 (Substitute Compensation).

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

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

The meetings will be held in the LGI

Wednesday, January 15, 2014.....Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 22, 2014.....Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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7. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Approval, Waiver for Expulsion

The Board approved a motion to approve a waiver for expulsion for Student X, an eighth grade student, for violating applicable school policies regarding bringing controlled substances to the school, for a 45 day placement in the Cyber School Program.

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

Ms. Kartal handed out brochures to the Board members regarding the National Conferences that will be taking place in Nashville and New Orleans.

Mr. Miller discussed a letter that he received from Philadelphia Soul, an indoor Football Team, regarding having an assembly pertaining to nutrition and physical activity.

Mr. Miller also discussed an email he received from a parent regarding National Computer Science Week. In this email information was given regarding a website that offers free programs for students, teachers and parents (K-12). The website is code.org/educate/districts.

PUBLIC SESSION #2

Mr. Stout – 129 S. Delmorr Avenue

Mr. Stout discussed the possibility of having hearing devices at the Board meetings for anyone from the public that may be hearing impaired. He also discussed legal fees, legal services, and the Right to Know procedures.

Mr. Miller discussed the legal fees to date and the amount budgeted for the current school year for legal fees. Mr. Miller also discussed the Right to Know procedures.

Mr. Perry discussed some of the various cases and areas that our Solicitor is involved in, some of which were passed onto the Solicitor from the previous Board and Solicitor.

9. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary