

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Special Business/Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 18, 2015
Large Group Instruction Room
Morrisville Middle/Senior High School
Immediately following the Agenda Meeting

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 18, 2015, after due notice of this meeting had been given as required by law. This meeting began at 8:15 p.m. following a short recess at the completion of the Agenda Meeting.

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. Michael Kopakowski, Superintendent; Mr. Michael Braun, Business Administrator; Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; David Truelove, Esq., Solicitor; media, MEA representation, and members of the community.

Mr. Miller asked, and the Board members agreed, to change motions numbered 8.3.a, 8.3.b, and 8.3.c and make them motions numbered 2.2.a, 2.2.b, and 2.2.c on the agenda this evening.

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

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.

Sharon Hughes – 121 Mercer Avenue

Ms. Hughes, President of the Morrisville Historic Society, discussed the sale of the M. R. Reiter property. Ms. Hughes also informed everyone of the upcoming events at Somerset.

Christopher Zawodniak – 121 Chambers Street

Mr. Zawodniak discussed the sale of the M. R. Reiter property.

Paul Karsevar – 122 W. Palmer Street

Mr. Karsevar discussed the sale of the M. R. Reiter property.

Bill Setzer – 806 Crown Street

Mr. Setzer discussed the sale of the M. R. Reiter property.

Ted Parker – 109 Grandview Avenue

Mr. Parker discussed the sale of the M. R. Reiter property.

Debbie Smith – 221 W. Maple Avenue

Ms. Smith discussed the sale of the M. R. Reiter property.

Mr. Miller read several emails from residents of Morrisville regarding the sale of the M. R. Reiter property. The emails can be found in Attachment A to these minutes. Mr. Miller commented on several of the questions asked during public session regarding the M. R. Reiter property.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motions, 1.1.a through 1.1.f were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

1. Approval of Minutes

1.1.a

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2014 regular monthly business meeting.

1.1.b

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014 regular monthly agenda meeting.

1.1.c

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2014 regular monthly business meeting.

1.1.d

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014 re-organization meeting.

1.1.e

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014 regular monthly agenda meeting.

1.1.f

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2014 regular monthly business meeting.

INFRASTRUCTURE

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

2.1 **Approval, Resolution – Sale of Bristol Township Properties (Red Cedar)**

The Board approved a motion to approve the resolution regarding the sale of Bristol Township Properties in Red Cedar.

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

2.2 **a.** **Approval, Commence Negotiations with Morrisville Borough for the sale of M. R. Reiter Property to the Borough**

The Board approved a motion to commence negotiations with Morrisville Borough for the sale of M. R. Reiter property to the Borough, for a period not to exceed three (3) months, with the ability to extend.

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

b. **Approval, Develop an RFP for the Sale of M. R. Reiter Property to include proposals for Residential Development Uses**

The Board TABLED a motion to approve the development of an RFP for the sale of M. R. Reiter property to include proposals for residential development uses.

Motion was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Kartal. Ms. Reithmeyer made a motion to table this item, which was moved by Mr. Stoneburner, and passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 9 ayes.

c. Approval, Develop an RFP for the Sale of M. R. Reiter Property to include proposals for Non-Residential Development Uses

The Board TABLED a motion to approve the development of an RFP for the sale of M. R. Reiter property to include proposals for non-residential development uses.

Motion was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Gilleo. Ms. Reithmeyer made a motion to table this item, which was moved by Mr. Stoneburner, and passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 9 ayes.

Mr. Miller thanked all members of the re-purposing committee. He stated that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the School Board to take this step for this property involving the historic nature. Mr. Miller commended this School Board for having the guts to move forward and make a decision for this property and, hopefully, it will be for the betterment of the community.

Ms. Reithmeyer stated that in ten years no one will remember the names of the School Board members who went through with this. She stated that in 25 years they are not going to remember that it was once school owned property, and in 50 years someone will probably be complaining about the taxes for the upkeep of the open space park; but this Board has to done what they feel is best now and they are hoping that the open park is what is best and she hopes it works out for everybody.

Ms. Kartal stated that many of the current Board members went to M. R. Reiter School and her children also went to M. R. Reiter. She stated that it was difficult to see that building not operating all these years. Ms. Kartal discussed the many steps and discussions the Re-Purposing Committee went through regarding the M. R. Reiter property, and to her, Somerset is very important and she looks forward to see what will become of the M. R. Reiter property and she is glad to be a part of it.

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

3.1 Approval, Leave of Absence

The Board approved a motion to approve a leave of absence for Katherine Klausner effective January 26, 2015 through Friday, May 8, 2015.

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

3.2 Approval, Salary Adjustment

The Board approved a motion to adjust the salary of Stephen Lee, D.C., to reflect credit for graduate course work successfully completed, consistent with a starting rate commensurate with a professional who has completed a Master's Degree, plus 30 hours, retroactive to September 4, 2014, for a total annual increase of \$4,853, with the stipulation that Mr. Lee will be eligible, prospectively only, for coursework necessary to maintain his employment in the Morrisville School District. It is further agreed by and between Mr. Lee, the MEA and the District that this resolution does not establish a precedent for any other matters in which Step Placement is at issue.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a voice vote of 8 ayes and 1 nay. Member voting nay was Mr. Gilleo.

3.3 Approval, Appointments

3.3.a Long-Term Substitute Paraprofessional

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Robin Jennings as a long-term substitute paraprofessional effective January 29, 2015 through Friday, May 8, 2015, per Group II Contract (filling in for Katherine Klausner).

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a voice vote of 8 ayes and 1 abstention. Member abstaining was Mr. Gilleo.

3.3.b Full-Time Personal Care Assistant

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Laura Fekete-Colon as a full-time Personal Care Assistant assigned to a Morrisville student that attends a program in Edgewood Elementary School in the Pennsbury School District, per Group II Contract, effective January 29, 2015.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a voice vote of 8 ayes and 1 abstention. Member abstaining was Mr. Colon.

3.4 Approval, Acceptance of Resignations

Motions 3.4.a and 3.4.b were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

3.4.a *The Board approved a motion* to accept, with regret, the resignation of Joshua Cooperstein, Band Director, effective January 22, 2015.

3.4.b *The Board approved a motion* to accept, with regret, the resignation of Gerrie Eagan, effective January 28, 2015.

4. **FINANCIAL/BUSINESS**
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 *The Board approved a motion* to adopt the 2015-16 Proposed Budget (PDE 2028) in the amount of \$277,746.

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

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

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 16 Spencer binocular field microscopes which were donated by E. Todd Weber, Ph.D., Chair and Professor of Biology, Rider University.

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

4.3.b *The Board approved a motion* to accept the donation of \$2500 from Morrisville PTO, to be split evenly between Grades K-5 for class trips.

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

4.4 **Approval, Child and Adult Food Care Program - Morrisville YMCA**

The Board approved a motion to approve the request from Jim Donovan to serve meals to the children who attend the YMCA through the cafeteria of Morrisville Borough School District who would be the host sponsor, which should be at the least a break even program and most likely, a way to help reach the goal to break even the entire Dining Services budget, with a monthly review by the Business Office to monitor progress which could result in the continuation or termination of the program.

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

4.5 **Approval, Resolution for 2015-16 IU Programs and Services and IMRS Budget**

The Board approved a motion to approve the resolution regarding the Bucks County Intermediate Unit's 2015-16 Programs and Services and Instructional Materials and Research Services Budget.

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

Motions 4.6 and 4.7 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.6 **Approval, Treasurer's Report**

The Board approved a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 1/28/15.

4.7 **Approval, Investment Report**

The Board approved a motion to approve the Investment Report as of 1/28/15.

4.8 **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 (12/10/14 - 1/21/15)	\$145,494.79
Legal (12/11/14 - 1/21/15)	\$ 17,356.60
Athletic Fund (12/11/14 - 1/21/15)	\$ 8,840.00
General Fund (1/21/15)	\$474,073.62
Capital	\$ -0-
Cafeteria Fund (November & December)	\$ 76,035.57
TOTAL BILLS	\$721,800.58

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

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

None at this time.

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

None at this time.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Approval, Ratify and Re-affirm all Motions and official actions taken at the January 18, 2015 Special Board Meeting

The Board approved a motion to ratify and re-affirm all motions and official actions taken at the January 18, 2015 Special Board Meeting, as if the same were originally enacted on January 18, 2015, those items listed as follows:

The Board approved a motion to approve the “Intent to Adopt” the proposed Preliminary 2015-16 Budget and authorize advertisement. Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a roll call vote of 8 ayes and 1 nay. Members voting aye were Messrs. Colon, Dingle, Gilleo, Perry, Stoneburner and Miller, and Ms. Kartal and Ms. Reithmeyer. Member voting nay was Mr. Worob.

The Board approved a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Learning Support Teacher position for Grades 3, 4, and 5; salary and benefits per MEA Contract. Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

The Board approved a motion authorizing the advertisement of a Learning Support Teacher position for Grades 3, 4, and 5. Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

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

8.2 Approval, Authorize Dumack Engineering to survey property at Grandview Elementary

The Board approved a motion to authorize Dumack Engineering to survey the property at Grandview Elementary which formally contained modular units for the purpose of restoring the property, at a cost not to exceed \$1000.

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

PUBLIC SESSION #2

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary