

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**Board Meeting** – Wednesday, February 25, 2015

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 25, 2015, 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. Dingle, Gilleo, Perry, Worob, Stoneburner, Miller and Ms. Reithmeyer and Ms. Kartal

Members absent: Mr. Colon

*Quorum Present:*

Also attending this evening's meeting were Mr. Michael Kopakowski, Superintendent; Mr. Michael Braun, Business Administrator; David Truelove, Esq., Solicitor; media, MEA representation, and members of the community.

Mr. Miller stated that no Executive Session took place prior to this evening's meeting.

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

- **Middle School Girls' Basketball Team**

Mr. Donovan and some of the members of the 2014 Morrisville Middle School Girls' Basketball Team were in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Donovan discussed their accomplishments for the year, their upcoming trip to the University of PA Palestra, introduced the team, and the captains of the team spoke.

## **ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION**

### ***Student Representative to the Board – (Morrisville High School)***

There was no student representative in attendance at tonight's meeting.

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

There was no student representative in attendance at tonight's meeting.

### **Bucks County Technical High School Report – Mr. Gilleo**

Mr. Gilleo stated that the committee met on Monday and discussed the following:

- The phone-in policy for Board members
- Budget review meetings will start on 3/2/15
- Voted on salary raises for coordinators and secretaries
- The next meeting will take place on March 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

→ **This week in our Schools**

### **Mr. Kopakowski - Superintendent**

Mr. Kopakowski's report can be found in Attachment A to these minutes.

### **Mr. Braun – Business Administrator**

Mr. Braun stated that the Preliminary Budget was submitted to PDE. Exceptions were accepted for retirement in the amount of \$128,027.

➔ **Enrollment Report**

<b>District Enrollments as of February 19, 2015</b>			
<u>Student Population</u>			
Pre-Kindergarten	18		
Kindergarten	69	GRANDVIEW	294
Grade 1	58	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4-5)	<u>157</u>
Grade 2	75		<b>451</b>
Grade 3	74		
Grade 4	82	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (6-8)	217
Grade 5	75	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12	<u>247</u>
Grade 6	67		<b>464</b>
Grade 7	67		
Grade 8	83	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	43
Grade 9	66	HOME SCHOOLED	19
Grade 10	61	CHARTER SCHOOLS	38
Grade 11	49	Regular Ed	30
Grade 12	71	Special Ed	8
		OUT OF DISTRICT	50
		Regular Ed	9
		Special Ed	41
<b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT</b>			<b>1065</b>

**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.

**ACTIONS ITEMS**

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

None at this time.

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

*Motions 3.1.a and 3.1.b were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Perry, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.*

**3.1 Approval, Acceptance of Resignation**

**3.1.a** *The Board approved a motion* to accept, with regret, the resignation of Lauren Behar, effective February 19, 2015, as a Personal Care Assistant.

**3.1.b** *The Board approved a motion* to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mariah Hixson, effective February 13, 2015, as a Personal Care Assistant.

**3.2 Approval, Vacant Position Postings/Advertisements**

*The Board approved a motion* to post and advertise the following positions:

1. Custodial Staff
2. Substitute Van Drivers
3. Maintenance

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

**3.3 Approval, Appointments**

**3.3.a Long-Term Substitute Custodian/Maintenance**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of Joseph Somaine, effective February 5, 2015, as a long-term substitute Custodian/Maintenance until the position can be posted and filled.

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

**3.3.b Special Education Teacher**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of Jason Czerniak, effective February 26, 2015, as a Special Education Teacher, benefits and salary per MEA Contract.

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

**3.3.c Personal Care Assistant**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of Linda Henry, replacing Lauren Behar, effective February 26, 2015, as a Personal Care Assistant, per SB Policy, pending verification of all clearances.

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

**3.3.d Long-Term Substitute Teacher Position**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the position of a long-term substitute teacher, per SB Policy, effective February 26, 2015.

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

**3.4 Approval, Spring Pool of Coaches**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the following Spring Pool of Coaches:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Lisa Colon-Rivera	Varsity Softball Head Coach	\$2,625.00
Kelly Stout	Varsity Softball Asst. Coach	\$1,950.00
Julie Habel	Middle-School Softball Coach	\$1,950.00
Steve Cavin	Varsity Baseball Head Coach	\$2,625.00
Matt Rensom	Varsity Baseball Asst. Coach	\$1,950.00
Mike Rush	Middle-School Baseball Coach	\$1,950.00

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

**3.5 Approval, Rescind Motion**

*The Board approved a motion* to rescind the October 12, 2012 Board action terminating the employment of Thomas Turbert and to correct his employment status so that no break in service is reflected for any and all purposes, including but not limited to, PSERS and any other employment-related information under and pursuant to the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

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

• **Finance Report (Informational Item)**

Expenditures

Budget 2014-15	Year to Date Encumbrances	Y-T-D Expended	Available Balance
\$17,397,770	\$3,633,991	\$8,093,829	\$5,669,949

Revenues

Budget 2014-15	Y-T-D Amount	Balance
\$17,397,770	\$13,426,032	\$3,971,737

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**4.1 Approval, Acceptance IDEA Section 619 Funds**

*The Board approved a motion* to accept the IDEA Section 619 Funds in the amount of \$507.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureau of Early Intervention Services (BEIS).

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

**4.2 Approval, Acceptance of Donation**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the acceptance of a \$500 grant from Exxon Mobil, to be split equally between the Science and Math Departments.

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

**4.3 Approval, Renewal of United Concordia ASO Dental Contract**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the renewal of the Administrative Services Only (ASO) Dental Contract with United Concordia for the policy period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

*Current ASO Fee: \$2.90 per person      Renewal ASO Fee: \$2.90 per person*

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

*Motions 4.4 and 4.5 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.*

**4.4 Approval, Treasurer's Report**

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

**4.5 Approval, Investment Report**

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

**4.6 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	\$	43,450.63
Legal	\$	10,367.32
Athletic Fund	\$	5,835.00
General Fund	\$	386,927.61
Capital	\$	-0-
Cafeteria Fund	\$	<u>46,783.48</u>

TOTAL BILLS \$ 493,364.04

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

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

**5.1 Approval, Revision of 2014-15 School Calendar**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the revision to the 2014-15 School Calendar.

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

**5.2 Approval, 2015-16 Morrisville School District Calendar**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 2015-16 Morrisville School District Calendar.

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

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

None at this time.



*Future Meetings and Items of Interest*

The meetings will be held in the LGI  
Wednesday, March 18, 2015.....Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 25, 2015.....Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**7.1 Approval, Extension of Einstein Intervention Program**

*The Board approved a motion* for the extension of the Einstein Intervention Program to May 1, 2015 at an accrued cost not to exceed \$15,000.

Funds for this program in the amount of \$15,000 were approved at the October 22, 2014 Board meeting, to be effective November 3<sup>rd</sup> for a period up to three months. Since we have not used the budgeted amount of \$15,000, the period of time is being extended.

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

The floor was opened for public comment since this was an item added to the agenda. Public comment was as follows:

**Kevin Jones – 393 McKinley Avenue**

Mr. Jones discussed the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant Programs stating that those programs only run until the beginning of May each year. Mr. Miller stated that he would like to run the Einstein Intervention Program through the end of the school year in case any students may need some extra help. Mr. Perry asked how much of the \$15,000 budgeted amount has been used. Mr. Braun stated that he would get that information to the Board members. The Board members discussed the length of time to run this program and they determined that they would run it until May 1, 2015, and, if at that time, there is any of the \$15,000 left and there is a student

need for this program it would be brought before the Board to vote on another extension.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 Approval, Nomination of Member to serve on the Intermediate Unit #22 Board of Directors**

Mr. Miller nominated Wanda Kartal. There were no further nominations.

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the nomination of Wanda Kartal to serve on the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 Board of Directors.

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

**8.2 Approval, Class Trips**

**8.2.a French Trip**

*The Board approved a motion* approve a trip for 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade French students (all current 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students that are taking French or have taken French) to Montreal-Quebec City, Canada from March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, at no cost to the District.

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

**8.2.b Science Symposium Trip**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve a trip for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science Symposium students to Baltimore, Maryland from May 4<sup>th</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (100% of the trip will be paid for by Wheelabrator).

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

***PUBLIC SESSION #2***

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

**9. Adjournment**

*The Board approved a motion* to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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

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Damon Miller, President

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Wanda Kartal, Secretary