

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE
Morrisville, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Work Session—Wednesday, May 20, 2015
Large Group Instruction Room
Morrisville Intermediate/Senior High School

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 May 20, 2015, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The following members were present:

Messrs. Dingle, Perry, Worob, Stoneburner, Miller and Ms. Kartal and Ms. Reithmeyer

Members absent: Messrs. Colon and Gilleo

Quorum Present:

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

Mr. Miller stated that both Mr. Colon and Mr. Gilleo contacted him to let him know that they would not be able to attend tonight's meeting.

Mr. Miller stated that an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's Agenda Meeting in regards to personnel, negotiations, and real estate.

Mr. Miller stated that the following areas will be covered at next week's Business Meeting:

Student Spotlight

- Jen Sullivan/Rick Sabol – Teachers
Presentation by 4th and 5th graders pertaining to their E Mission – Moon, Mars and Beyond
- Drew King – Teacher/FBLA Advisor
Recognition of the FBLA Team that attended the FBLA State Competition in Hershey, PA

Reports

- Student Representatives to the Board
- Bucks County Technical High School

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

1. SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

- This week in our Schools (Reports from Superintendent and Administration)
- Enrollment Report

PUBLIC SESSION #1 (Agenda Items Only)

There were no speakers for Public Session #1.

Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation/MOEF Report – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle stated that MOEF met this evening and discussed the following:

- MOEF will be supporting a trip for ELL Students (Grades 8-12) to historical Philadelphia
- Raptor project funding
- Funding for a presentation by Dr. Wallace regarding Science and Physics

PTO Report – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle reported on the following:

- Barnes and Noble Night was very successful
- Chick Fil-A Night
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Field Day will be held this Friday and there is a need for volunteers
- Market Day pickup

Joint Borough Council/School Board Report – Ms. Kartal

Ms. Kartal stated that the last meeting was held on May 6th and they discussed the following:

- Update on School Zone
- Summer Crew work
- Crossing Guard assignment review
- The next meeting will be held on June 3rd

Public Relations/Communications Report – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller stated that the committee met on June 6th and discussed the following:

- Newsletter is on the District website
- Letter to be sent to parents in the community at the beginning of the school year – community input would be helpful to address all concerns or areas of interest. Email can be sent to Mr. Miller at dmiller@mv.org or Ms. Kartal at wkartal@mv.org

Bucks County Intermediate Unit Report – Ms. Kartal

Ms. Kartal stated that there was a dial-in meeting last evening due to the election and they discussed the following:

- Retirement of Dr. Galasso and his replacement, Mr. Hoffman was voted into office as Director of the Bucks County IU #22
- The next meeting will be held on June 16th

PSBA/Legislative Report – Mr. Perry

Mr. Perry discussed the following:

- State Budget process – deadline is June 30th
- House passed Property Tax Reform Bill
- Pension Reform increased costs

M. R. Reiter Repurposing Report – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller discussed the following:

- The Borough Council is in the process of getting an appraisal done
- There will be a motion on next week's agenda to extend the negotiation period for an additional 3 months

At this time, State Representative, Steve Santarsiero, recognized our Science Symposium students for their participation and awareness of conservation and preserving our environment. Representative Santarsiero presented teacher, Elizabeth Glaum-Lathbury, Coordinator of the Wheelabrator's Summer Program and Advisor of the Environmental Club and Science Symposium, with a citation from the PA House honoring her as the 2015 Conservation Educator of the Year by the Bucks County Conservation District. Ms. Glaum-Lathbury thanked Wheelabrator for the opportunity to participate in the programs they offer and also thanked the PA House for awarding her this citation. She gave an update on the upcoming events for the Science Symposium students. Ms. Kartal asked everyone to check the website and Facebook page for updates on the events and activities that this club and all other events happening within our District.

Mr. Gilleo arrived at the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

State Representative Santarsiero gave an update on the budget process in the State.

Mr. Miller stated that the following motions will be on the agenda at next week's Business Meeting for approval:

ACTION ITEMS:

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 ***A MOTION*** is in order to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2015 Agenda Meeting.

2.2 ***A MOTION*** is in order to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2015 Business Meeting.

**3. INFRASTRUCTURE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Facilities Committee – Mr. Stoneburner

Mr. Stoneburner stated that a meeting was held on May 13th at which time they discussed the following:

- Summer projects
- RFP for getting the gym floor redone
- Grass and snow bids
- July 24th – Clean up day at the A-Field
- Recycling Program
- Next meeting will be held on June 10th

Mr. Miller stated that the following motions will be on the agenda at next week's Business Meeting for approval:

ACTION ITEMS:

3.1 Approval, Blackboard Agreement (Website)
A MOTION is in order to approve the Blackboard Agreement (Website) for 2015-16 in the amount of \$5,065.90 (same rate as 2014-15).

3.2 Approval, Genesis Student Information System

A MOTION is in order to approve the Genesis Student Information System for 2015-16 in the amount of \$15,425 (same rate as 2014-15).

3.3 Approval, CDW-G – Trend Micro Anti-virus

A MOTION is in order to approve the CDW-G Trend Micro Anti-virus for 2015-16 in the amount of \$5,250 (same rate as 2014-15).

3.4 Approval, Apex Learning on-line Learning Program for Grades 9-12

A MOTION is in order to renew the Apex Learning on-line Learning Program for Grades 9-12 enrollment subscription in the amount of \$12,100.00.

3.5 Approval, Grass and Snow Removal Contract

A MOTION is in order to approve the Grass and Snow Removal Contract with WBD for a three year period, as presented.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES

INFORMATONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Human Resource Committee – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle stated that the committee met and discussed the following:

- Ongoing negotiations with MEA

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:

4.1 Approval, Agreement with Special Education Advisors, Inc.

A MOTION is in order to approve the agreement with Special Education Advisors, Inc., as a consultant for special education to the District for the 2015-16 school year, effective July 1, 2015, at the rate of \$62 per hour, not to exceed \$125,000 yearly.

4.2 Approval, Resignations

4.2.a **A MOTION** is in order to approve and accept, with regret, the resignation of Carol Lang (Personal Care Assistant), effective June 13, 2015.

4.2.b **A MOTION** is in order to approve and accept, with regret, the resignation of Linda Henry (Personal Care Assistant), effective May 1, 2015.

4.2.c *A MOTION* is in order to approve and accept, with regret, the resignation of Angel Stamps (Paraprofessional), effective June 13, 2015.

4.3 Approval, Appointments

4.3.a Paraprofessionals – Instructional

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of the following Paraprofessionals (Instructional) per Policy for the 2015-16 school year:

Alan Benjamin

Nicole White

Melissa Pilla

Amanda Matika

Donna Colon

Ana Ramirez

Pat Evans

Jamie Ratti

Colleen Nay

Georgette Davis

Marcy Cohen

Lisa Castillo

Maria Woolston

Vince Paravecchia

Kara Meshanko

Jayne Fritsch

Katie Klausner

One New Hire (replacing Angel Stamps)

4.3.b Paraprofessionals – Non-Instructional

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of the following Paraprofessionals (Non-Instructional) per Policy for the 2015-16 school year:

John Hubiak

Beth Tusina

One New Hire (replacing Patti Ebert)

4.3.c Personal Care Assistants

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of the following Personal Care Assistants per Policy for the 2015-16 school year (these positions are contingent upon need for such a service):

Christine Sullivan

Jay Patel

Laura Fekete-Colon

2 New Hires (replacing Carol Lang and Linda Henry)

4.3.d Summer Work Crew

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of the Summer Work Crew at the rate of \$7.25 per hour as listed below:

PAINTERS

Denise Sacco
Mike Sacco
Joe Lipski
Jordan Neal
Emmanuel Bamfo

IT TECHS

Chris Rivera
Liam Getty

SUBSTITUTES

Prince Farley
Kevin Culver

4.3.e Part-time Nurse's Aide

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of Judith McClusky as the part-time Nurse's Aide (2 hours per day) for the 2015-16 school year.

4.3.f Nurse's Aide

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of Mary Bracken as a 7 hour per day Nurse's Aide for the 2015-16 school year.

4.3.g Floater Substitute

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of Erica Schabert, Floater Substitute, for the 2015-16 school year.

4.3.h Class Advisors – 2015-16 School Year

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of the following Class Advisors for the 2015-16 school year:

<i>Cindy Hasness</i>	<i>Senior Class of 2016</i>	<i>Stipend \$1,875</i>
<i>Jim Gober</i>	<i>Junior Class of 2017</i>	<i>Stipend \$1,500</i>
<i>Mike Teefy</i>	<i>Sophomore Class of 2018</i>	<i>Stipend \$1,000</i>

4.4 Approval, Tenure

A MOTION is in order to approve tenure for Summer Branche.

4.5 Approval, Extended School Year (Summer Program)

A MOTION is in order to approve an ESY Program in the Morrisville School District for the summer of 2015 at the cost of \$6,150.

In lieu of sending ten (10) students to IU/Neighboring District placements for Extended School Year for the total cost of \$35,000-\$40,000. The District will operate its' own program at Morrisville High School for a total cost of \$6,150 (this includes 1 Teacher, 1 Paraprofessional, Transportation and light snacks).

5. 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 stated that the committee met last week and they discussed the following items:

- Proposed budget for the 15-16 school year
- Overall financial situation for the District

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

ACTION ITEMS:

5.1 Approval, Donation

A MOTION is in order to approve and accept the donation from Patricia Pordash, Tax Collector, in the amount of \$11,000.

5.2 Approval, Extension of Negotiation Period between the Morrisville School District and Morrisville Borough for the Borough to acquire the M. R. Reiter Property

A MOTION is in order to approve an extension of the negotiation period for an additional three (3) months between the Morrisville School District and the Morrisville Borough for the Borough to acquire the M. R. Reiter property.

5.3 Approval, 2015-16 Final Food Service Budget

A MOTION is in order to approve the 2015-16 Final Food Service Budget in the amount of \$443,429.60.

5.4 Approval, Treasurer's Report

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

5.5 Approval, Investment Report

A MOTION is in order to approve the Investment Report.

5.6 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. EDUCATION COMMITTEE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Education Committee – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller stated that the committee met as they always do on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the LGI and they discussed the following:

- Scheduling and class sizes for the 15-16 school year
- Possible changes to elementary programs
- Update on merger and responses from other districts
- Follow up with PDE regarding the merger
- Possible poll or survey with community members to see if they want the Board to pursue the possibility of a merger with the District's that have shown interest

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

ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Approval, Graduating Class of 2015

A MOTION is in order to approve the Graduating Class of 2015.

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

Policy Committee Report – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller stated that no meeting has taken place. They will be discussing changes to the Student Handbook for next year. Mr. Kopakowski stated that he would like to schedule a meeting after graduation to begin the review of the Student Handbook.

ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

8. OLD BUSINESS (if needed)

None at this time.

9. NEW BUSINESS (if needed)

PUBLIC SESSION #2

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Miller recessed the Agenda Meeting at 8:45 p.m., which was then followed by a Special Business/Board Meeting.

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary