

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE
Morrisville, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Work Session—Wednesday, November 12, 2014
Large Group Instruction Room
Morrisville Intermediate/Senior High School
7:30 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 November 12, 2014, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Miller made a motion to have Mr. Braun as the Recording Secretary for tonight's meeting. This motion was seconded by Ms. Reithmeyer and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

The following members were present:

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

Members absent: Messrs. Gilleo and Worob

Quorum Present:

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

Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Gilleo had informed him that he was not able to attend this evening's meeting.

Mr. Miller stated that an Executive Session was held prior to this evening's meeting to discuss personnel matters and confidential items.

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

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

- Middle School Soccer Team

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 stated that MOEF will be meeting next week and at this time has nothing to report.

PTO Report – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle reported on the following:

- Joe Corbi's Fundraiser is completed and they estimate the profits to be around \$2000, which will be used towards this year's field trips for grades K-5
- Market Day pickup
- Pie Sale Profits
- The November PTO meeting will be held at 7 pm on 11/20/14 (location to be determined)
- Monthly pretzel sale
- Holiday Shop

Joint Borough Council/School Board Report – Ms. Kartal

Ms. Kartal's report can be found in Attachment A to these minutes.

Public Relations/Communications Report – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller reported on the following:

- Last meeting was held on November 5th
- The next meeting will be on December 3rd at 6:30 pm in the LGI
- Better utilizing the website and maintaining the website
- Phone blast information posted on website
- Newsletter from administration and School Board
- Advisory meetings with Superintendent

Bucks County Intermediate Unit – Ms. Kartal

Ms. Kartal stated that the meeting will not take place until next week, therefore, there was nothing to report at this time. She will give a report at next week's business meeting.

PSBA/Legislative – Mr. Perry

Mr. Perry discussed the following areas:

- House Bill 803 (Act 195) regarding EpiPen administration, training and procedures
- Elections

M. R. Reiter Repurposing Committee – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller stated that they are still working on going through all of the information regarding the properties, their history, and ownership. Hopefully, by the December meeting they will be able to move forward with the next step.

At next week's Board meeting Mr. Miller stated that the following items will be on the agenda for approval:

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Minutes

- 1.** ***A MOTION*** is in order to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2014 regular monthly agenda meeting.
- 2.** ***A MOTION*** is in order to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2014 regular monthly business meeting.

INFRASTRUCTURE

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Facilities Committee – Mr. Stoneburner

Mr. Stoneburner reported on the following:

- Met on November 5th
- Options for refinishing the gym floor
- Farm Market
- Grants for another emergency generator and other grants to benefit/upgrade the infrastructure of the high school
- Roof leaks at Grandview
- Rock Garden at Grandview

Board members discussed several of the items reported on by Mr. Stoneburner during his Facilities Committee update. Mr. Miller explained the procedures that need to be taken regarding the Rock Garden area at Grandview.

ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

HUMAN RESOURCES

INFORMATONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Human Resource Committee – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle stated that the Human Resource Committee has not met, therefore, there is nothing to report at this time.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Approval, FMLA**
A MOTION is in order to approve FMLA for Cindy Hasness effective 12/3/14 through 12/22/14.

- 2. Approval, Long-Term Substitute Extension**
A MOTION is in order to approve the extension of Royce Repka’s long-term substitute position through 12/22/14 (filling in for Cindy Hasness).

- 3. Approval, Appointments**
 - 3.a Long-Term Substitute**
A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of Stephanie Price as a long-term substitute teacher (filling in for Linda Yonkin), effective 10/23/14, per School Board Policy #429 (Substitute Compensation).

 - 3.b 21st Century Hires (Einstein’s Intervention)**
A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of the following 21st Century Hires (Einstein’s Intervention):

<i>Kelly Marlin-Peroni</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>\$22/hr.</i>
<i>Amanda Matika</i>	<i>Assistant</i>	<i>\$10/hr.</i>
<i>Laura Dyer</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>\$22/hr.</i>
<i>Georgette Davis</i>	<i>Assistant</i>	<i>\$10/hr.</i>

 - 3.c Certified School Nurse**
A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of Michelle Argenti as a Certified School Nurse, effective January 5, 2015, per MEA Contract.

4.4 Approval, Resignations

4.a *A MOTION* is in order to approve, with regret, the resignation of Ann Shrewsbury, effective 10/30/14.

4.b *A MOTION* is in order to approve, with regret, the resignation of Stephen Lee as the National Honor Society Advisor, effective 11/5/14.

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

- **Finance Report (Informational Item)**
Numbers to be provided in next week's Business Meeting Agenda
- **Presentation** – Carl Hogan, BBD (2013-14 Final Audit Results)

Finance Committee – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle discussed the following:

- The Finance Committee met on November 5th
- Review of Budget Transfers
- Life Insurance
- Regarding the possible tuitioning out or merge of our students in the future with neighboring school districts, they began to review what our finances would look like if this were to happen

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, Budget Transfers**
A MOTION is in order to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$639,415.33.
- 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, 2014-15 Homestead Exclusion Notices

A MOTION is in order to approve the agreement between the Bucks County IU and the School District of the Borough of Morrisville for the annual mailing of Homestead Exclusion Notices in December 2014.

<i>Processing Fee Per Parcel</i>	<i>\$.206</i>
<i>Postage Fee Per Parcel</i>	<i>\$.395</i>
<i>IU Coordination Fee Per Parcel</i>	<i>\$.021</i>
TOTAL COST PER PARCEL	<i>\$.622</i>
<i>(2013-14 Bill was \$421.54)</i>	

5. Approval, Attendance at 2014-15 PASBO Conference

A MOTION is in order to approve Michael J. Braun's attendance at the Annual PASBO Conference in Hershey on March 10, 2015 to March 13, 2015.

6. Approval, Tax Re-assessment Refund

A MOTION is in order to approve a tax re-assessment refund, due to fire damage, in the amount of \$3,481.45 regarding Parcel #24-008-450-001.

7. Approval, Payment of Bills

A MOTION is in order to approve payment of bills as listed below, subject to final audit by the Business Administrator:
(Numbers to be provided in next week's Business Meeting Agenda)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Education Committee – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller discussed the following:

- Meeting took place on November 6th
- Visitation to St. Clair and Pottsville School Districts to discuss their tuition plan and their possible merge
- 21st Century Grant Funding and alternate ways to fund tutoring and homework zone after school programs
- Merge and tuition program
- Blended learning environment
- Presentation regarding the merge and tuition plan (this presentation will be posted on the website)
- Meeting with representatives from the Pennsbury School District and future meetings to be held with other districts regarding a possible merge or tuition plan
- Next meeting will be held on December 4th at 7:00 pm in the LGI

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

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Approval, Attendance at Bucks County Superintendent's Retreat**
A MOTION is in order to approve Mike Kopakowski's attendance at the Annual Bucks County Superintendent's Retreat to be held from March 12, 2015 through March 14, 2015 in Hershey, PA.

- 2. Approval, Morrisville School District Comprehensive Plan**
A MOTION is in order to approve the Morrisville School District Comprehensive Plan dated 7/1/15 through 6/30/18.

POLICY COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Policy Committee – Ms. Reithmeyer

Ms. Reithmeyer stated that the committee has not met since their last meeting. They did vote to get the PSBA policy review and this process has started.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Approval, Second Reading – Policy #215 - Promotion and Retention**
A MOTION is in order to approve the second reading of Policy #215 - Promotion and Retention.

OLD BUSINESS (if needed)

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS (if needed)

None at this time.

PUBLIC SESSION #2

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

Ms. Reithmeyer stated that Morrisville will be celebrating Winterfest on Saturday, December 6th. She reviewed the activities that will take place at various locations throughout the day. A fundraiser to help supplement the activities will take place on Saturday, November 22nd at Georgine's Comedy Works, and the tickets cost \$20.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Stoneburner, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary