

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 19, 2014

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, November 19, 2014, after due notice of this meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. with the following members present on roll call:

- Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance: Messrs. Colon, Dingle, Gilleo, Perry, Stoneburner, Miller and Ms. Reithmeyer and Ms. Kartal

Members absent: Mr. Worob

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 there was an Executive Session this evening in regards to personnel, collective bargaining and litigation.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

- **Middle School Soccer Team**
Mr. King and some of the members of the 2014 Morrisville Middle School Soccer Team were in attendance at tonight's meeting. Mr. King discussed their accomplishments for the year.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Representative to the Board – (Morrisville High School)

Student Representative, Kimberly Martin's items of discussion 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 at tonight's meeting from the Bucks County Technical High School.

Bucks County Technical High School Report – Mr. Gilleo

Mr. Gilleo stated that the committee met last night and discussed the following:

- Honored four students that achieved their Eagle Scout over the past year
- Voted on and approved a new three year teacher contract
- Next meeting will be held on December 6th

Bucks County IU Report – Ms. Kartal

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

MOEF Report – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle reported that the committee met this evening and he reported on the following:

- KidFest
- Winterfest
- Donation received from Waste Management in the amount of \$7000

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

→ **This week in our Schools**

Mr. Kopakowski - Superintendent

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

Mr. Braun – Business Administrator

Mr. Braun stated that his items of discussion are covered on the agenda this evening.

Presentation – Carl Hogan, BBD

Mr. Hogan gave a presentation on the final audit results for 2013-14 school year.

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

District Enrollments as of November 14, 2014			
<u>Student Population</u>			
Pre-Kindergarten	18		
Kindergarten	66	GRANDVIEW	286
Grade 1	57	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4-5)	<u>151</u>
Grade 2	73		437
Grade 3	72		
Grade 4	80	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (6-8)	217
Grade 5	71	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12	<u>246</u>
Grade 6	68		463
Grade 7	68		
Grade 8	81	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	44
Grade 9	63	HOME SCHOOLED	18
Grade 10	63	CHARTER SCHOOLS	43
Grade 11	48	Regular Ed	35
Grade 12	72	Special Ed	8
		OUT OF DISTRICT	46
		Regular Ed	7
		Special Ed	39
TOTAL ENROLLMENT			1051

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)

Tricia Coscia – 800 N. Pennsylvania Avenue

Ms. Coscia thanked Mr. King for his role as Coach of the Middle School Soccer Team and for all of his hard work with the members of the soccer team. She thanked Mr. King for keeping all 27 members engaged and for giving each one playing time and for being such a model of sportsmanship and for showing what it should all be about. Ms. Coscia thanked the Board members for supporting these kinds of things for the students of Morrisville.

ACTIONS ITEMS

2. INFRASTRUCTURE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

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

Motions 3.1 and 3.2 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Reithmeyer, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

3.1 Approval, FMLA

The Board approved a motion to approve FMLA for Cindy Hasness effective 12/3/14 through 12/22/14.

3.2 Approval, Long-Term Substitute Extension

The Board approved a motion to approve the extension of Royce Repka's long-term substitute position through 12/22/14 (filling in for Cindy Hasness).

Motions 3.3.a through 3.3.d were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

3.3 Approval, Appointments

3.3.a Long-Term Substitute

The Board approved a motion 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).

3.3.b 21st Century Hires (Einstein's Intervention)

The Board approved a motion 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>

3.3.c Certified School Nurse

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Michelle Argenti as a Certified School Nurse, effective January 5, 2015, per MEA Contract.

3.3.d Varsity/JV Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Marc Greenfield as the Varsity/JV Assistant Boys Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$2,325.

Motions 3.4.a and 3.4.b were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Perry, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

3.4 Approval, Resignations

3.4.a *The Board approved a motion* to approve, with regret, the resignation of Ann Shrewsbury, effective 10/30/14.

3.4.b *The Board approved a motion* to approve, with regret, the resignation of Stephen Lee as the National Honor Society Advisor, effective 11/5/14.

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

• **Finance Report (Informational Item)**

Expenditures - October

Budget 2014-15	Year to Date Encumbrances	Y-T-D Expended	Available Balance
\$17,397,770	\$5,260,852	\$4,547,678	\$7,589,240

Revenues -October

Budget 2014-15	Y-T-D Amount	Balance
\$17,397,770	10,896,375	\$6,501,395

ACTION ITEMS:

Motions 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

4.1 Approval, Budget Transfers

The Board approved a motion to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$639,415.33.

4.2 Approval, Treasurer's Report

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

4.3 Approval, Investment Report

The Board approved a motion to approve the Investment Report.

4.4 Approval, 2014-15 Homestead Exclusion Notices

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

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

4.5 Approval, Attendance at 2014-15 PASBO Conference

The Board approved a motion to approve Michael J. Braun's attendance at the Annual PASBO Conference in Hershey on March 10, 2015 to March 13, 2015.

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

4.6 Approval, Tax Re-assessment Refund

The Board approved a motion to approve a tax re-assessment refund, due to fire damage, in the amount of \$3,481.45 regarding Parcel #24-008-450-001.

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

4.7 Approval, School-Based Access Program 2012-2013 Cost Settlement Appeal Retainer Agreement

The Board approved a motion to approve the School-Based Access program 2012-2013 Cost Settlement Appeal Retainer Agreement with Hill Wallack LLP in the amount of \$5000. The cost of transcripts, copying, and filing fees will be billed separately.

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

Since the wording in motion 4.7 was changed to read as above, Mr. Miller opened up Public Session for anyone who wished to discuss this change only. There were no speakers.

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 (10/23/14 - 11/13/14)	\$ 372,788.80
Legal (11/19/14)	\$ 8,539.20
Athletic Fund (10/23/14 - 11/13/14)	\$ 2,490.00
General Fund (11/19/14)	\$ 490,706.88
Capital	\$ -0-
Cafeteria Fund (11/30/14)	<u>\$ 50,544.34</u>
 TOTAL BILLS	 \$ 925,069.22

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, Attendance at Bucks County Superintendent's Retreat

The Board TABLED a motion 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.

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

Once costs for this retreat are obtained, it will be placed on the agenda for the re-organization meeting in December.

5.2 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.

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

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

6.1 Approval, Second Reading – Policy #215 - Promotion and Retention

The Board approved a motion to approve the second reading of Policy #215 - Promotion and Retention.

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

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

The meetings will be held in the LGI

Monday, December 1, 2014.....Reorganization Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Monday, December 1, 2014.....Monthly Agenda Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10, 2014.....Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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visit our community website www.mv.org
and Channel 28 on your Local Cable*

7. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Miller discussed an email he received from a representative of the Morrisville Student Loan Fund. This fund provides the graduates of Morrisville an interest free loan and they also provide scholarships. The Student Loan Fund is looking to find ways to help advertise their program. Mr. Miller discussed the details of the program and our request to offer three scholarships for high students who will attend BCCC for dual enrollment classes in the amount of \$500 each, which they will be offering as a pilot program. Details will be forthcoming. Mr. Miller thanked the Student Loan Representatives for finding ways to help our current students and also our graduates. Mr. Miller stated that proceeds from the Thanksgiving Day breakfast will help fund this program and urged everyone to come out for this worthwhile event.

PUBLIC SESSION #2

Ted Parker – 109 Grandview Avenue

Mr. Parker discussed the feasibility study and questioned how this study will be funded.

Mr. Miller stated that PDE is willing to assist with this funding and explained the details.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Perry discussed the response from Pennsbury regarding the possible merger, and stated that they are not happy with the path that Pennsbury has decided to take. They stated that we will continue to meet with other districts that have expressed interest regarding the merger.

Ms. Reithmeyer discussed the upcoming Winterfest and gave a detailed schedule of the events to take place. She reminded everyone of the upcoming fundraiser for the Winterfest this Saturday evening at Georgine's. Tickets are \$20 each and anyone interested can contact Ms. Reithmeyer, Wanda Kartal or Donna Wilson.

Mr. Miller wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

9. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary