

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
**Board Meeting** – Wednesday, February 22, 2017  
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 22, 2017, after due notice of this meeting had been given as required by law.

- Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present on roll call:

In attendance: Messrs. Gilleo, Perry, Stoneburner, Dingle, Miller and Ms. Getty and Ms. Grau

Members absent: Mr. Colon and Ms. Kartal

*Quorum Present:*

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

Mr. Miller stated that an Executive Session was held prior to this evening's meeting to discuss litigation matters and HR issues.

## **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

- **Mr. Howell – Basketball Coach**

This evening, Gabrielle Fogg was recognized for her accomplishment of reaching the landmark of 1000 points in her basketball career here at the Morrisville School District. Mr. Howell stated that she has been the Captain of the Girls Basketball Team for the past three years, set a goal for herself and worked hard until she reached that goal. He stated that she will be sorely missed and that we are all very proud of her.

## **ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

Student Representative, Patrick Getty, discussed many items which can be found in Attachment A to these minutes.

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

There was no Student Representative from the Bucks County Technical High in attendance at tonight's meeting.

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

Mr. Gileo stated that they will not be meeting until next Monday; therefore, there is nothing to report at this time.

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

→ **This week in our Schools**

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

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

### **Mr. Harris – Business Administrator**

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

Mr. Miller stated that Ms. Kartal had contacted him to let him know that she would not be able to attend the meeting this evening. Mr. Colon also contacted him stating he has been delayed and is not sure if he will make it to tonight's meeting.

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

<b>District Enrollments as of February 17, 2017</b>			
<u>Student Population</u>			
Pre-Kindergarten	18		
Kindergarten	60	GRANDVIEW (K-2)	228
Grade 1	77	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (3-5)	<u>217</u>
Grade 2	73		<b>445</b>
Grade 3	63		
Grade 4	72	MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)	218
Grade 5	82	HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)	<u>225</u>
Grade 6	77		<b>443</b>
Grade 7	67		
Grade 8	74	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	44
Grade 9	52	HOME SCHOOLED	29
Grade 10	65	CHARTER SCHOOLS	50
Grade 11	58	Regular Ed	38
Grade 12	50	Special Ed	12
		OUT OF DISTRICT	50
		Regular Ed	6
		Special Ed	44
<b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT</b>			<b>1061</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.

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

None at this time.

**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 Laura Sonnentag, per MEA Contract, effective April 28, 2017 through the second marking period of the 2017-18 school year.

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

**3.2 Approval, Appointments**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of the following individual as a Spring Coach at the stipend listed below, pending receipt of all required paperwork and verification of all clearances:

<i>Chris Romano</i>	<i>Intermediate Baseball Coach</i>	<i>\$2300</i>
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Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Perry, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

**3.3 Approval, Resignation/Retirement**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept, with regret, the resignation/retirement, of Maria Woolston, Paraprofessional, effective June 30, 2017.

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

Mr. Miller stated that Ms. Woolston has a great rapport with our students and that she will be sorely missed.

**3.4 Approval, Tuition Reimbursement**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve tuition reimbursement as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Gina Leary	Raise the Bar	Learners Edge	3	\$425.00

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

*Motions 3.5 through 3.7 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.*

**3.5 Approval, Dean of Students Job Description**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the job description for Dean of Students.

**3.6 Approval, Posting for Dean of Students Position**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the posting for the Dean of Students position.

Mr. Miller stated that this is a ratification of this motion because this position was already posted. He stated that the HR Committee stated that it was okay to post this position prior to tonight's business meeting so that we could appoint a candidate at tonight's meeting and get things rolling as soon as possible.

**3.7 Approval, Appointment Dean of Students**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of Sean Haines as Dean of Students, per MOU between the School District, MEA, and employee, pending hiring of a long-term substitute to fill in his position as Physical Education/Health Teacher.

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

• **Finance Report (Informational Item)**

**Expenditures**

Budget 2016-17	Y-T-D Encumbrances	Y-T-D Expended	Available Balance
19,276,833	6,094,772	10,586,231	2,595,828

**Revenues**

Budget 2016-17	Y-T-D Amount	Balance
19,276,833	15,463,407	3,813,425

**ACTION ITEMS:**

*Motions 4.1 through 4.3 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Perry, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.*

**4.1 Approval, Treasurer’s Report**

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

**4.2 Approval, Investment Report**

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

**4.3 Approval, Payment of Bills**

*The Board approved a motion to approve payment of bills as listed below, subject to final audit by the Business Administrator:*

Miscellaneous	\$	116,303.30
Legal	\$	11,160.50
Athletic Fund	\$	5,835.00
General Fund	\$	578,396.55
Capital	\$	-0-
Cafeteria Fund	\$	<u>105,352.75</u>
 TOTAL BILLS	\$	 817,048.10

**5. EDUCATION**  
**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**  
**ACTION ITEMS:**

None at this time.

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

*Motions 6.1 through 6.7 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Grau, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.*

**6.1 Approval, Second Reading Policy #202 (Eligibility of Non-Resident Students) and Administrative Regulations 202-AR-0, 202-AR-1, 202-AR-2, 202-AR-3**  
*The Board approved a motion* to approve the second reading of Policy #202, Eligibility of Non-Resident Students, and Administrative Regulations 202-AR-0, 202-AR-1, 202-AR-2, and 202-AR-3.

**6.2 Approval, Second Reading Policy #251, Homeless Students**  
*The Board approved a motion* to approve the second reading of Policy #251, Homeless Students.

**6.3 Approval, Second Reading Policy #255, Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care**  
*The Board approved a motion* to approve the second reading of Policy #255, Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care.

**6.4 Approval, First Reading Policy #203, Immunizations and Communicable Diseases**  
*The Board approved a motion* to approve the first reading of Policy #203, Immunizations and Communicable Diseases.

**6.5 Approval, First Reading Policy #203.1, HIV Infection and Administrative Regulation 203-AR-0 (Diseases to be reported to the Department of Health)**  
*The Board approved a motion* to approve the first reading of Policy #203.1, HIV Infection and Administration Regulation 203-AR-0 (Diseases to be reported to the Department of Health).

**6.6 Approval, First Reading of Policy #210, Use of Medications and Administrative Regulation 210-AR-0 (Medication Administration)**  
*The Board approved a motion* to approve the first reading of Policy #210, Use of Medications and Administrative Regulation 210-AR-0 (Medication Administration).

**6.7 Approval, First Reading of Policy #210.1, Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers-Epinephrine Auto Injectors**  
*The Board approved a motion* to approve the first reading of Policy #210.1, Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers-Epinephrine Auto Injectors.

**6.8 Approval, First Reading of Policy #218, Student Discipline and Administrative Regulations 218-AR-0 and 218-AR-1**  
*The Board approved a motion* to approve the first reading of Policy #218, Student Discipline and Administrative Regulations 218-AR-0 and 218-AR-1.

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

**6.9 Approval, First Reading of Policy #218.1, Weapons**  
*The Board approved a motion* to approve the first reading of Policy #218.1, Weapons.

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

Ms. Grau questioned the wording in this policy where it states on page 2 that the “Board” shall expel the student for a period for not less than one year. She feels that it should state that the “District” shall expel the student for a period for not less than one year. Mr. Truelove stated that this is the first reading of this policy and that they see if there is a better way to word this section. He stated that ultimately it is the Board that has the responsibility to make the decision, unless the parent waives their right to a hearing. Mr. Truelove stated that it is the State that mandates the one year expulsion.

Mr. Miller is looking for suggestions from the Board members on how they can receive the revisions to the policies.



**6.10 Approval, First Reading of Policy #218.2, Terroristic Threats-Acts**  
*The Board approved a motion* to approve the first reading of Policy #218.2, Terroristic Threats-Acts.

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

**Future Meetings and Items of Interest**

Wednesday, March 15, 2017.....Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 22, 2017.....Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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and Channel 28 on your Local Cable*

**7. OLD BUSINESS (if needed)**

None at this time.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 Approval, Expulsion of Student X**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the expulsion of Student X for a period of one calendar year, commencing January 19, 2017.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Perry, and passed by a roll call vote of 5 ayes and 2 nays. Members voting aye were Ms. Getty, Ms. Grau, Mr. Perry, Mr. Dingle and Mr. Miller. Members voting nay were Mr. Gilleo and Mr. Stoneburner.

**8.2**     **Approval, Leave of Absence**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve a leave of absence for John Eriksson effective February 7, 2017 through February 20, 2017.

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

**8.3**     **Approval, Posting for Long-Term Substitute for Physical Education/Health Teacher Position**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the posting for a long-term substitute for a Physical Education/Health Teacher position (filling in for Sean Haines).

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

*Motion 8.4 was added to the agenda at this time.*

**8.4**     **Approval, Early Retirement Incentive for Members of the MEA**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve an Early Retirement Incentive for members of the Morrisville Education Association (MEA), based upon Solicitor's review.

Since this motion was added to the agenda, Mr. Miller opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Harris explained what this Early Retirement Incentive Plan would consist of for the MEA members. Mr. Perry stated that we are obligated to make this offer under the current MEA contract.

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

## ***PUBLIC SESSION #2***

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

*The Board approved a motion* to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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

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Damon Miller, President

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Wanda Kartal, Secretary