

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 22, 2017
Large Group Instruction Room
Morrisville Middle/Senior High School
7:30 p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE
Morrisville, Pennsylvania

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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, March 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 7:33 p.m. with the following members present on roll call:

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

Quorum Present:

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

Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Harris, Business Administrator, is attending the PASBO Conference in Pittsburgh and was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Mr. Miller stated that there was no Executive Session held prior to this evening's Board meeting.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

- **Teacher: Ms. Worrell – Kindness Club**

Ms. Worrell and five students from the Kindness Club were in attendance at this evening's meeting. The students explained the mission of the Kindness Club and various ways that they are trying to prevent bullying and other ways in which they make our students feel good about themselves and make our schools a safe environment so the students feel free to be themselves.

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)

Student Representative, Noah Eisengrein, discussed many items which can be found in Attachment B to these minutes.

Bucks County Technical High School Report – Mr. Gileo

Mr. Gileo stated that they met on February 27th and discussed the following:

- Basic run of the mill things were taken care of
- The Authority will be getting more involved and have more meetings as the need to fix and upgrade the school gets closer
- The next meeting will be held on March 27th

Mr. Haug, Morrisville's Bucks County Technical High School Representative, reported on the following from recent meetings:

- Newly elected officers
- Approval of minutes
- Agreement between all 3 Bucks County Technical Schools, Bucks County Community College, and Bloomsburg University to share information. Next year they are looking to include Thaddeus Stevens.
- Secured entrance to Tech School
- Approved payment of bills
- Architectural Study for maintenance of the Tech School – what needs to be repaired, replaced, etc. and possibly taking out a bond to cover these expenses (a copy of the Architectural Study will be given to our Board members for their review)

Bucks County Intermediate Unit Report – Ms. Kartal

Ms. Kartal stated that they held a meeting last evening and discussed the following:

- The Student Art Reception took place and our student, Antoine Johnson, had his charcoal drawing featured at this event, and it will also be showcased at the IU for the following year along with the other student's drawings from the other 13 Districts.
- Voted on Act 93 Contract
- Presentation from the Michener Museum regarding the School Art collection across PA
- Extended Dr. Mark Hoffman's contract for two years

PSBA/Legislative Report – Ms. Kartal

Ms. Kartal discussed the following:

- PA Budget
- Pension Reform
- House Bill 178, 202, 224, 250 and 758

Mr. Miller stated that in the President's Budget, one of the items that appears to be in danger of being cut is the 21st Century budget. He asked that everyone reach out to our Federal Representatives and Senators to talk about the need in keeping this worthwhile program within our schools.

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. Harris – Business Administrator

Mr. Harris's was not in attendance this evening; therefore, there is no report.

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

District Enrollments as of March 16, 2017			
<u>Student Population</u>			
Pre-Kindergarten	18		
Kindergarten	58	GRANDVIEW (K-2)	230
Grade 1	80	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (3-5)	<u>217</u>
Grade 2	74		447
Grade 3	63		
Grade 4	72	MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)	215
Grade 5	82	HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)	<u>224</u>
Grade 6	77		439
Grade 7	64		
Grade 8	74	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	44
Grade 9	52	HOME SCHOOLED	29
Grade 10	65	CHARTER SCHOOLS	50
Grade 11	56	Regular Ed	38
Grade 12	51	Special Ed	12
		OUT OF DISTRICT	59
		Regular Ed	14
		Special Ed	45
TOTAL ENROLLMENT			1068

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.

ACTION ITEMS:

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 *The Board approved a motion* to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2016 Business Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Perry, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

2.2 *The Board approved a motion* to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017 Agenda Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Perry, and passed by a voice vote 7 ayes and 2 abstentions. Members abstaining were Mr. Colon and Ms. Getty, due to the fact that they were not in attendance at this meeting.

3. INFRASTRUCTURE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

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

4.1 Approval, Leave of Absence

The Board approved a motion to approve a leave of absence for John Eriksson effective February 27, 2017 through March 15, 2017.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.2 Approval, Appointments

4.2.a

The Board approved a motion to rescind the motion approved at the January 18, 2017 Board meeting to appoint Jason Bresnen at a stipend of \$2100 as the Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Grau, and passed by a voice vote 8 ayes and 1 nay. Member voting nay was Mr. Colon.

4.2.b

The Board approved a motion to rescind the motion approved at the February 22, 2017 Board meeting to appoint Chris Romano at a stipend of \$2300 as the Intermediate Baseball Coach.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

The Board members discussed timelines to receive clearances.

4.2.c

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of the following individuals as Spring Coaches at the stipends listed below, pending receipt of all required paperwork and verification of all clearances:

<i>Chris Romano</i>	<i>Varsity Asst. Baseball Coach</i>	<i>\$2100</i>
<i>Drew King</i>	<i>Intermediate Baseball Coach</i>	<i>\$2300</i>

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.2.d

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Nicole Simon as a Long-term Substitute Teacher (filling in for Laura Sonnentag), pending receipt of all required paperwork and verification of all clearances.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.2.e

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Stephanie Bradberry as a Long-term Substitute Teacher (filling in for Ken Kelman), effective March 6, 2017.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Getty, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.2.f

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Patricia Krzywonos as Drama Director, at a stipend of \$850.00, pending receipt and approval of all clearances.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Perry, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.2.g

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Kristy Jackowicz as a Long-term Substitute Health and PE Teacher (filling in for Sean Haines), pending receipt and approval of all clearances.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Grau, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.3 **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>
Nicole Culnan	Motivating Students Who Don't Care	LaVerne	3	\$345
Nicole Culnan	I am So Stressed I Could Scream	LaVerne	3	\$345
Nicole Culnan	Understanding and Dealing with Difficult Parents	LaVerne	3	\$345
Nicole Culnan	Bullying	LaVerne	3	\$345
Nicole Culnan	Gang Awareness	LaVerne	3	\$345

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.4 Approval, Revision to Memorandum of Understanding

The Board approved a motion to approve the revised Memorandum of Understanding for Jim Gober as Dean of Students, between the District, Mr. Gober, and the Morrisville Education Association for the 2016-17 school year.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Getty, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.5 Approval, Memorandum of Understanding

The Board approved a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Sean Haines as Dean of Students, between the District, Mr. Haines, and the Morrisville Education Association for the 2016-17 school year.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

Mr. Miller stated that the appointment of Mr. Haines as the Dean of Students is part of our effort to address discipline problems within the school, as well as the coverage of peer assessments.

5. 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	4,151,351	13,429,508	1,695,973

Revenues

Budget 2016-17	Y-T-D Amount	Balance
19,276,833	16,230,646	3,046,186

ACTION ITEMS:

5.1 Approval, Attendance as PASBO Conference

The Board approved a motion to approve Jason Harris to attend the PASBO Conference in Pittsburgh from March 21, 2017 through March 24, 2017, per the Business Administrator's contract, at a cost not to exceed \$1600.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Grau, and passed by a voice vote of 8 ayes and 1 abstention. Member abstaining was Mr. Colon.

5.2 Approval, Settlement Agreement

The Board approved a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement in Jane Doe vs. Morrisville Intermediate School, with no financial obligation, and to authorize Mr. Kopakowski to sign the relevant documentation on behalf of the School District to effect settlement.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

5.3 Approval, 2017-18 School Year Special Education Services Agreement and Schedule of Projected Costs with the Bucks County IU #22

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2017-18 school year Special Education Services Agreement and Schedule of Projected Costs with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

Motions 5.4, 5.5 and 5.6 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

5.4 Approval, Treasurer's Report

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

5.5 Approval, Investment Report

The Board approved a motion to approve the Investment Report.

5.6 **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 (2/27, 3/2, 3/9, 3/15/17)	\$ 98,072.44
Athletic (2/24, 2/28, 3/8, 3/15/17)	\$ 3,365.00
Pharmacy (3/23/17)	\$ 1,356.18
Legal (3/15, 3/23/17)	\$ 20,213.77
Cafeteria (3/7/17)	\$ 84,545.89
Capital	-0-
General Fund (3/23/17)	<u>\$ 81,661.96</u>
 TOTAL	 \$289,215.24

Mr. Stoneburner stated that the legal bills are higher than they have been lately and asked if it was due to all of the hearings we have had to hold recently due to student suspensions/expulsions. Mr. Truelove stated that there have been six hearings, which is three times as many than they have had to handle in the previous four years in his experiences as the Solicitor for Morrisville.

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

The Board approved a motion to approve the renewal of the Apex Learning on-line Learning Program for Grades 9-12 enrollment subscription in the amount of \$5250.00.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

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

None at this time.

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

Motions 7.1 through 7.9 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

7.1 **Approval, Second Reading Policy #203, Immunizations and Communicable Diseases**

The Board approved a motion to approve the second reading of Policy #203, Immunizations and Communicable Diseases.

7.2 **Approval, Second Reading Policy #203.1, HIV Infection**

The Board approved a motion to approve the second reading of Policy #203.1, HIV Infection.

7.3 **Approval, Second Reading of Policy #210, Use of Medications**

The Board approved a motion to approve the second reading of Policy #210, Use of Medications.

7.4 **Approval, Second Reading of Policy #210.1, Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers-Epinephrine Auto Injectors**

The Board approved a motion to approve the second reading of Policy #210.1, Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers-Epinephrine Auto Injectors.

7.5 **Approval, Second Reading of Policy #218, Student Discipline**

The Board approved a motion to approve the second reading of Policy #218, Student Discipline.

7.6 **Approval, Second Reading of Policy #218.1, Weapons**

The Board approved a motion to approve the second reading of Policy #218.1, Weapons.

7.7 **Approval, Second Reading of Policy #218.2, Terroristic Threats-Acts**

The Board approved a motion to approve the second reading of Policy #218.2, Terroristic Threats-Acts.

7.8 Approval, First Reading of Policy #214, Class Rank

The Board approved a motion to approve the first reading of Policy #214, Class Rank.

7.9 Approval, First Reading of Policy #215, Promotion and Retention

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

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

Wednesday, April 19, 2017.....Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26, 2017.....Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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8. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Miller stated that there has been some discussion recently regarding the M. R. Reiter property. He stated that the Bucks County Historical Society has given their stamp of approval for the future project for this property, and they are asking for a sign to be created at the M. R. Reiter site, at no cost to the District. Mr. Miller passed out a sample of the type of sign they are requesting which would be some type of a montage of photos and text that would designate that particular spot with some of its history (the original M. R. Reiter School, Mr. Reiter, etc.). Mr. Miller stated that the Bucks County Historical Society is asking the School District for help in obtaining pictures, information regarding the history of this property, etc.

Mr. Miller stated that everything with the Morrisville Borough and the M. R. Reiter property should be settled by the end of April, but just in case Mr. Miller asked that the following motion be added to tonight's agenda:

8.1 **Approval, Extension of the Closing Date for the Agreement with the Morrisville Borough for the sale of the M. R. Reiter Property**

The Board approved a motion to approve the extension of the closing date for the Agreement with the Morrisville Borough for the sale of the M. R. Reiter property to May 30, 2017.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a voice vote 8 ayes and 1 nay. Member voting nay was Mr. Dingle.

Mr. Truelove and the Board members discussed how long this process has taken and the steps needed to complete the process.

Since this motion was added to the agenda, Mr. Miller opened the floor for public comment.

Ms. Diane Youells, 548 Barclay Avenue, discussed the sale of the M. R. Reiter property and stated that it is all of the bureaucracy that is holding it up and the Morrisville Borough is just as frustrated as we are.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 **Approval, Attendance at PAEOP Conference**

The Board approved a motion to approve Julie Shemelia to attend the PAEOP Conference in Hershey, PA from May 3, 2017 through May 5, 2017, at a cost not exceed \$600.00.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

9.2 **Approval, Resignation**

The Board approved a motion to approve and accept with regret the resignation of Kelly Dunn, Paraprofessional, effective April 4, 2017.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

9.3 Approval, Ratify the Addendum to original Agreement with the BCIU #22 to provide Business Office and Human Resource Staff and Services

The Board approved a motion to ratify and approve the addendum to the original agreement/contract with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 to provide Business Office and Human Resource Staffing Services from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Getty, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

9.4 Approval, Amendment to 2016-17 School Calendar

The Board approved a motion to approve an amendment to the 2016-17 school calendar moving the ½ day scheduled for March 15, 2017 to April 12, 2017, due to a snow closing. The ½ day will be a 1:00 p.m. closing for middle and high schools, and 1:30 p.m. for intermediate and elementary.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Getty, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

PUBLIC SESSION #2

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary