

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 28, 2016
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, September 28, 2016, 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 7:40 p.m. with the following members present on roll call:

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

Members absent: Ms. Grau

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 real estate, litigation and informational items.

Mr. Miller stated that Ms. Grau informed him that she would be unable to attend tonight's meeting.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

- **There was no Student Spotlight**

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 at tonight's meeting.

Bucks County Technical High School Report – Mr. Gileo

Mr. Gileo stated that a meeting was held Monday evening and they discussed the following:

- Discussion regarding progress of accommodations for transgendered students
- Reviewed Child Development Class Book which is up for adoption
- Healthcare Consortium updates
- The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 24th

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 stated that since he recently started here all banking relationships have been established, he has attended several meetings regarding the Healthcare Consortium, he has met with the auditors concerning audit controls, the audit has begun for the 15-16 school year, he has completed Compliance filings, met with all of Grant holders to discuss our responsibilities and required reporting, Alio training has begun for the Business Office, he has met with Mr. May and Mr. Myat to discuss facility and technology issues, met with Mr. Kopakowski to discuss finance and human resources, and lastly he discussed the cleanup of the field at the high school.

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

District Enrollments as of September 22, 2016			
<u>Student Population</u>			
Pre-Kindergarten	18		
Kindergarten	59	GRANDVIEW (K-2)	219
Grade 1	73	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (3-5)	<u>211</u>
Grade 2	69		430
Grade 3	62		
Grade 4	71	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (6-8)	217
Grade 5	78	HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)	<u>231</u>
Grade 6	82		448
Grade 7	63		
Grade 8	72	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	45
Grade 9	53	HOME SCHOOLED	29
Grade 10	67	CHARTER SCHOOLS	41
Grade 11	59	Regular Ed	31
Grade 12	52	Special Ed	10
		OUT OF DISTRICT	54
		Regular Ed	9
		Special Ed	45
TOTAL ENROLLMENT			1047

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, Tuition Contract Agreement

The Board approved a motion to approve the Tuition Contract Agreement with Fusion Academy for a student with a disability for the 2016-17 school year in an amount not to exceed \$66,450.

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

3.2 Approval, Tuition Reimbursement

At the August 2016 Board Meeting tuition reimbursements for the two individuals listed below were approved in the incorrect amounts. Therefore, a motion is now needed to approve the corrected amounts as follows:

The Board approved a motion to approve tuition reimbursement, per MEA Contract, as follows:

Name	Course	College	Credits	Amount
Lauren Cunningham	Comm Arts in Secondary Content	Cabrini Univ.	3	\$1488
Lauren Cunningham	Leadership for Literacy Learning	Cabrini Univ.	3	\$1488
Kyle Greenwood	History of Youth Literature	San Jose State Univ.	3	\$320
Kyle Greenwood	Research Methods in Library Science	San Jose State Univ.	3	\$-0-

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

3.3 Approval, Appointment – Extra Curricular Position

The Board approved a motion to approve the following individuals to the Extra Curricular Positions listed for the 2016-17 school year (stipends per MEA contract):

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Stipend</i>
Kevin Jones	World Language Coordinator	\$1500
Orick Smith	Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	\$3700
Dave Howell	Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	\$3700
Tanya Argueta	Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	\$2400
Kevin Jones	Co-Ed Varsity Bowling Coach	\$3200
Anthony Gencarelli	Intermediate School Boys Basketball Coach	\$2300
Anthony Gencarelli	Intermediate School Girls Basketball Coach	\$2300

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

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

3.4 Approval, Resignations

3.4.a *The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept, with regret, the resignation of Elie Belizaire, Paraprofessional, effective August 30, 2016.

3.4.b *The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept, with regret, the resignation of Lisa Colon-Rivera, Elementary Secretary at Grandview, effective Friday, September 16, 2016.

3.4.c *The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept, with regret, the resignation of Shomnik Gayles, Van Driver, effective September 22, 2016.

Mr. Miller wished all three individuals the best of luck.

3.5 Approval, Appointment – Long Term Substitute

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Nick Scramuzza as a long-term substitute (filling in for Carla VanDemark), effective August 30, 2016, per MEA Contract.

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

Motions 3.6.a and 3.6.b were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

3.6 Approval, Appointment – Paraprofessionals

3.6.a *The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of Jill Maurizzio as a paraprofessional (replacing Kara Meshanko), per MESPA Contract, effective September 19, 2016.

3.6.b *The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of Candice Williams as a paraprofessional (replacing Elie Belizaire), per MESPA Contract, effective October 4, 2016.

Motions 3.7, 3.8 and 3.9 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

3.7 Approval, Appointment – Long Term Substitute

At the August 2016 Board Meeting, a motion was approved for the appointment of Jenna Rendeiro as a long-term substitute (filling in for Kelly Marlin), effective August 30, 2016. The effective date was incorrect, therefore, a motion is needed to revise the date as follows:

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Jenna Rendeiro as a long-term substitute (filling in for Kelly Marlin), per MEA Contract, effective September 14, 2016.

3.8 Approval, Contractual Leave

At the August 2016 Board Meeting, a motion was approved for a contractual leave for Nicole White, per MESPA Contract, effective October 5, 2016 through January 29, 2017. The effective dates were incorrect, therefore, a motion is needed to revise the dates as follows:

The Board approved a motion to approve a contractual leave for Nicole White, per MESPA Contract, effective October 19, 2016 through February 3, 2017.

3.9 Approval, Leave of Absence

At the August 2016 Board Meeting, a motion was approved for a leave of absence for Carla VanDemark, per MEA Contract, effective the first day of the 16-17 school year. There was no return date, therefore, a motion is needed to include the return date as follows:

The Board approved a motion to approve a leave of absence for Carla VanDemark, per MEA Contract, effective August 30, 2016 through October 4, 2016.

Motions 3.10 and 3.11 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

3.10 Approval, Appointment - Elementary Secretary

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Karen Crossen as the Elementary Secretary at Grandview (replacing Lisa Colon Rivera), per MESPA Contract, effective October 10, 2016, pending verification of all clearances.

3.11 Approval, Appointment - Special Education Teacher

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Stephanie Price as a Special Education Teacher (replacing Linda Yonkin), per MEA Contract, effective the 46th day of the 2016-17 school year.

Mr. Miller stated that Ms. Price has been here for a while filling in for Ms. Yonkin. He stated that she does a phenomenal job with the students, and he has only heard good things about her and feels she does a fantastic job.

MOTION 3.12 WAS TABLED *Motion to table was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.*

3.12 Approval, Appointment of Mentor

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of Anthony Gesualdi as mentor to Stephanie Price at a stipend in the amount of \$750, per MEA Contract.

Since Mr. Gesualdi is not part of the MEA Contract, motion 3.12 was tabled for further clarification.

3.13 Approval, Funding for Additional Crossing Guard

The Board approved a motion to approve the funding for an additional Crossing Guard at an annual cost not to exceed \$6000.

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

Mr. Miller stated that this Crossing Guard will be placed in the front of the high school in the mornings and also in the afternoons for approximately one hour.

3.14 Approval, Appointment Van Driver

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Natara Nesbitt as a Van Driver, per MESPA Contract.

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

3.15 Approval, Appointment of 21st Century Hires

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of the following 21st Century hires for the Challenge Zone:

Name	Position	Rate
<i>Cindy Hofmann</i>	<i>Grandview Center Monitor</i>	<i>\$15/hr.</i>
<i>Emily Sharp</i>	<i>Grandview Center Monitor</i>	<i>\$15/hr.</i>
<i>Karen McQuillan</i>	<i>Grandview Center Monitor</i>	<i>\$15/hr.</i>
<i>Veronica King</i>	<i>Intermediate Center Monitor</i>	<i>\$15/hr.</i>
<i>Mercedes Rodriguez</i>	<i>Middle School Center Monitor</i>	<i>\$15/hr.</i>

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

4. BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

• **Finance Report (Informational Item)**

Expenditures

Budget 2016-17	Year to Date Encumbrances	Y-T-D Expended	Available Balance
\$19,276,833	\$8,569,166	\$1,752,298	\$8,955,367

Revenues

Budget 2016-17	Y-T-D Amount	Balance
\$19,276,833	\$5,906,615	\$13,370,217

ACTION ITEMS:

Motions 4.1.a, 4.1.b and 4.1.c were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Getty and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

4.1 Approval, Donations

4.1.a *The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept the donation of a Yamaha Keyboard, Music Stand and sheet music from John and Carol McDonough of Morrisville, PA, in memory of their son, Carl Strock. This donation has a value of approximately \$300.

4.1.b *The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept the donation of school supplies from St. John's Lutheran Church. This donation has an approximate value of \$250.

4.1.c *The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept the donation of school supplies from the Vacation Bible School at the United Methodist Church. This donation has an approximate value of \$250.

Mr. Miller thanked everyone for their donations.

Motions 4.2 through 4.6 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

4.2 Approval, American Risk Management Services, Inc.

The Board approved a motion to approve American Risk Management Services, Inc. to review and request refund of workman's compensation claims per the presented agreement, at no cost to the District.

4.3 Approval, Treasurer's Report

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

4.4 Approval, Investment Report

The Board approved a motion to approve the Investment Report.

4.5 Approval, Disposal/Storage of Excess Items

The Board approved a motion to approve the disposal/storage of the excess items as presented.

Mr. Harris stated that items that are in good condition will be placed in storage or reallocated.

4.6 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 (8/24, 8/31, 9/16)	\$	59,922.20
Legal (9/28)	\$	14,044.79
Athletic Fund (8/30, 9/16, 9/20)	\$	2,625.00
General Fund (9/28)	\$	979,065.47
Capital	\$	-0-
Cafeteria Fund	\$	-0-
TOTAL BILLS	\$	1,055,657.46

5. EDUCATION
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:

5.1 Approval, Addition to Course of Studies

The Board approved a motion to approve the addition of weighted Advanced Placement courses to the Districts Course of Studies.

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

Motions 5.2.a, 5.2.b and 5.2.c were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

5.2 Approval, First Grade Einstein Academy Program

5.2.a First Grade Einstein Program Establishment and Funding

The Board approved a motion to establish and fund a first grade Einstein Academy Program at a cost not to exceed \$7560 (teacher and paraprofessional salaries).

5.2.b First Grade Einstein Program Personnel

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Kelly Marlin-Peroni as teacher of the first grade Einstein Academy Program, effective October 4, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$5400. Jenna Rendeiro will take Kelly's place as the teacher for Einstein while Kelly is on leave.

5.2.c

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Raquel Hillman as paraprofessional of the first grade Einstein Academy Program, effective October 4, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$2160.

Motions 5.3.a and 5.3.b were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

5.3 Approval, Establishment of 6th through 12th Grade Art Club

5.3.a *The Board approved a motion* to approve the establishment of a 6th through 12th grade Art Club.

5.3.b *The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of Wendy Apice-Craig as Art Club Advisor at a stipend of \$1400.

6. POLICY
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Approval, Second Reading Policy #121, Field Trips

The Board approved a motion to approve the second reading of Policy #121, Field Trips.

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

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

Wednesday, October 19, 2016.....Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 26, 2016.....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

8.1 Approval, Attendance at PSBA Conference in Hershey, PA

8.1.a ***The Board approved a motion*** to approve Jason Harris' attendance at the PSBA Conference on October 13-15, 2016, in Hershey, PA, including the School Law Workshop, at a cost not to exceed \$1500.

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

8.1.b ***The Board approved a motion*** to approve up to two School Board members to attend the PSBA Conference on October 13-15, 2016, in Hershey, PA, at a cost not to exceed \$1500 per attendee.

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

Mr. Perry and Mr. Colon expressed interest in attending the conference, but stated that they need to check their schedules and availability.

PUBLIC SESSION #2

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

Mr. Miller stated that the Youth Ministry Council of the Morrisville Presbyterian Church reached out to him, asking for his attendance at a meeting this Monday night to discuss ways in which they could help in the District in any way. Mr. Miller is asking the community and Board members for suggestions or comments regarding ways that they could help such as tutoring, after school programs, etc. He stated that they are trying to gear this more toward students in high school grades. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Truelove for legal aspects regarding this matter. All information should be directed to Mr. Miller prior to Monday's meeting.

Ms. Kartal reminded everyone that the All Years' Reunion will be held this Saturday from 12-4 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary