

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 16, 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, August 16, 2017, after due notice of this meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Dingle, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance

The following members were present on roll call:

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

Members absent: Messrs. Colon and Miller and Ms. Getty and Ms. Kartal

Quorum Present:

Also attending this evening's meeting were Mr. Jason Harris, Substitute Superintendent; Colleen Gartland, Substitute Business Manager; Katrina Homel, Esq., Solicitor; media, MEA representation, and members of the community.

Mr. Dingle stated that Mr. Miller, Mr. Colon, Ms. Getty and Ms. Kartal had all reached out to advise him that they would not be able to attend this evening's meeting.

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

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

Student Spotlight (There is no Student Spotlight for August)

Reports

- Student Representatives to the Board (There are no Student Representatives for August)
- Bucks County Technical High School

LIASION REPORTS

Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation/MOEF Report – Ms. Grau

Ms. Grau stated they will not be meeting until September; therefore, there is nothing to report at this time.

PTO Report – Ms. Getty

Ms. Getty was not in attendance this evening; therefore, there was no report.

Joint Borough Council/School Board Report – Ms. Kartal

Ms. Kartal was not in attendance this evening; therefore, there was no report.

Public Relations/Communications Report – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was not in attendance this evening; therefore, there was no report.

M. R. Reiter Repurposing Committee Report – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was not in attendance this evening; therefore, there was no report.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

1. SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

- This week in our Schools (Reports from Superintendent and Administration)
- Enrollment Report

Mr. Dingle stated that the following motions will be on the agenda at next week's Business Meeting for approval:

ACTION ITEMS:

2. Approval of Minutes

- 2.1 A MOTION** is in order to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2017 Agenda Meeting.

- 2.2** ***A MOTION*** is in order to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2017 Business Meeting.
- 2.3** ***A MOTION*** is in order to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2017 Agenda Meeting.
- 2.4** ***A MOTION*** is in order to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2017 Business Meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION #1 (Agenda Items Only)

There were no speakers for Public Session #1.

At this time, the Board voted on Agenda Item 4.12

4.12 **Approval, Extension of Leave**

The Board approved a motion to approve the extension of a leave of absence for Michael Kopakowski, Superintendent, until September 20, 2017, or sooner if medically released to return to work.

Moved by Mr. Dingle, seconded by Ms. Grau, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 5 ayes.

3. **INFRASTRUCTURE**
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Facilities Committee – Mr. Gileo

Mr. Gileo stated that the committee met last Wednesday and discussed the following:

- Trees and pruning done at the A-Field
- Operational tones and bells at the high school
- Update and status of the media room and art room
- Cost for debt service
- A-Field Boy Scout Project will not be done
- Gate to be installed at the A-Field

ACTION ITEMS:

3.1 Approval, Joint Purchasing Programs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018

A MOTION is in order to approve and authorize participation in and accept the current and subsequent bids and awards of the joint purchasing programs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018; BCIU Cooperative Purchasing Group, CoStars, Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN), National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), PA, DGS State Contracts, PEPPM, The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN), and US Communities.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES

INFORMATONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Human Resource Committee

Mr. Harris stated that there is no committee report although we do have resignations and appointments, and with the exception of hiring a Secretary at Grandview, we will be fully staffed come the first day of school.

At next week's Board meeting Mr. Harris stated that the following motions will be on the agenda under the Human Resource Section:

ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 Approval, Resignations

4.1.a

A MOTION is in order to approve and accept the resignation of Karen Crossen, School Secretary, effective 9/1/17.

4.1.b

A MOTION is in order to approve and accept the resignation of Megan Preedy, Science Teacher, effective 8/1/17.

4.1.c

A MOTION is in order to rescind the approval and appointment on July 26, 2017 of Melanie Johnnidis as a Paraprofessional effective 8/30/17.

4.2 Approval, Appointments

4.2.a

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of _____ as School Secretary (replacing Karen Crossen), effective _____, at a yearly salary of _____, per MESPA Contract.

4.2.b

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of Christine Altomari as a Science Teacher (replacing Megan Preedy), effective 8/28/17, at a yearly salary of \$46,471, per MEA Contract.

4.2.c

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of JoAnn Pica as a Paraprofessional (replacing Maria Woolston), effective 8/30/17, at an hourly rate of \$14.93, per MESPA Contract.

4.3 Approval, Stipend Revision for Extra Curricular Position

A MOTION is in order to revise the stipend for the following individual to the Extra Curricular Position for the 17-18 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Beth Coleman	Newspaper Advisor (Elementary)	\$1,300

4.4 Approval, Appointment – Extra Curricular Positions

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Extra Curricular Positions for the 17-18 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Erica Norris	Band Director (Elementary)	\$1,100
Erica Norris	Band Director (Secondary)	\$3,200
Donald Osborne	Asst. Varsity Football Coach	\$1,400
Tanya Argueta	Varsity Basketball Coach (Girls)	\$3,700

4.5 Approval, Student Teachers/Practicum Student

4.5.a

A MOTION is in order to approve Allison Kollmer as a Student Teacher for Summer Branche during the 2017-18 school year, at no cost to the District.

4.5.b

A MOTION is in order to approve Sarah Goodyear as a Student Teacher for Laura Dyer during the 2017-18 school year, at no cost to the District.

4.5.c

A MOTION is in order to approve Lucas Thompson as a Practicum Student with Gina Leary during the 2017-18 school year, at no cost to the District.

4.6 Approval, Tuition Reimbursement

A MOTION is in order to approve tuition reimbursement as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Shirley Mallino	Math Works	Lourdes Ohio	3	\$425
	Learners Edge			
Nellie Plummer	Online CPE	BCIU	2	\$300
	Credited Course			

4.7 Approval, Sick Days for Act 93 Employees

4.7.a

A MOTION is in order to approve the following adjustment to prior accrued sick days from 2012 as follows:

Dave May (34 days)

Cliff Yuen (40.5 days)

Joe Myat (60 days)

Karen McQuillan (41 days)

These days will be rolled into their current accrued account for sick days.

4.7.b

A MOTION is in order to approve payment to Joe Myat for an additional 3.5 accrued sick days from 2012 for a total amount of \$525.00 into his TSA Account.

4.8 Approval, In-District Employment

A MOTION is in order to approve the in-district employment for students in the Life Skills Program.

4.9 Approval, New Teacher Mentors

A MOTION is in order to approve the following mentors to the new teachers at the stipend listed below, per MEA contract:

<u>New Teacher/Position</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Debra Phelan – Kindergarten	Lauren Cunningham	\$750
Denise McDevitt – Emot. Support	Kim Connell	\$750
Lindsey McCormack – Spanish	Elizabeth Glaum-Lathbury	\$750
Heather Sherlock – Guidance	Gina Leary	\$750
Makenna Altomare – Humanities	Gloria Bramble	\$750
Kristy Jackowicz – Health & PE	Dave Vaccaro	\$750
Erica Norris – Music	Mike Scott	\$750
Christine Altomari - Science	John Eriksson	\$750

4.10 Approval, Ratification of Extra Days at Per Diem Rate

A MOTION is in order to approve and ratify Michelle Argenti to work up to 5 days during the summer at the per diem rate per MEA Contract.

4.11 Approval, Ratification of Extra Days at Hourly Rate

A MOTION is in order to approve and ratify Alan Benjamin to work up to 22 hours during the summer at his hourly rate per MESPA Contract to assist with the Library maintenance.

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

- **Finance Report (Informational Item)**
Numbers to be provided in next week’s Business Meeting Agenda

Finance Committee Report

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

Mr. Perry stated that the next Finance Committee meeting will be held on September 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the LGI.

At next week's Board meeting Mr. Harris stated that the following motions will be on the agenda under the Business Operations/Finance Section:

ACTION ITEMS:

5.1 Approval, Disposal of Excess Items

A MOTION is in order to approve for the disposal of excess items, as presented.

5.2 Approval, 2017-18 PA Pre-K Counts Partnership Agreement between Morrisville School District and Lower Bucks Family YMCA – Morrisville Branch

A MOTION is in order to approve the 2017-18 PA Pre-K Counts Partnership Agreement between Morrisville School District and Lower Bucks Family YMCA – Morrisville Branch in the amount of \$472,500.00.

5.3 Approval, 2017-18 Pre-K Counts Coordinator

A MOTION is in order to approve Patricia Miller as the Pre-K Counts Coordinator for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$16,000.00, per the Pre-K Counts Agreement.

5.4 Approval, Treasurer's Report

A MOTION is in order to approve the Treasurer's Report for the months of July and August 2017.

5.5 Approval, Investment Report

A MOTION is in order to approve the Investment Report for the months of July and August 2017.

5.6 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 for July and August 2017)

5.7 Approval, Appointment of Morrisville School District Management Trustee to the Bucks and Montgomery County Schools Health Care Consortium

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of Jason Harris to serve as the Morrisville School District Management Trustee to the Bucks and Montgomery County Schools Health Care Consortium for the time period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

5.8 **Approval, Amendment to Agreement with the Bucks County IU (Ombudsman Alternative School)**

A MOTION is in order to approve an amendment to the agreement with the Bucks County IU (Ombudsman Alternative School) as follows:
2017-18 School Year - From 3 slots to 4 slots @ \$10,561 per slot (Total \$42,244)

5.9 **Approval, Settlement Agreement**

A MOTION is in order to approve the Settlement Agreement regarding Student X for an out of district placement at ATG Academy for the 2017-18 school year, at an annual cost not to exceed \$39,000.

5.10 **Approval, Settlement Agreement**

A MOTION is in order to not accept the recommendation to expel Student Y, subject to the conditions that he disenroll from the Morrisville School District prior to the commencement of 2017-18 school year, and that no attempt to re-enroll him will occur on or prior to May 9, 2018. Should any attempt to re-enroll the student occur on or before May 9, 2018, the student would be deemed expelled through May 9, 2018, and that student and his parents agree to waive all claims against the district, whether known or unknown, from the beginning of time to the execution of an Agreement, setting forth these terms.

5.11 **Approval, Transfer of Funds**

A MOTION is in order to approve transfer remaining funds in the Class of 2017 account equally, subject to final reconciliation, to the classes below:
Sophomore Class of 2018
Junior Class of 2019
Senior Class of 2020

5.12 **Approval, Title I Agreement with Bucks County IU #22 (Non-Public Schools)**

A MOTION is in order to approve the Title I and Title IV Agreement with Bucks County IU #22 for non-public services in the amount of \$8,023.00 (Title I), and \$1,910.23 (Title IV).

5.13 **Approval, Grants for 2017-18**

5.13.a Title I

A MOTION is in order to approve the Title I Grant for 2017-18 in the amount of \$182,668.00.

5.13.b Title II

A MOTION is in order to approve the Title II Grant for 2017-18 in the amount of \$38,114.00.

5.13.c Title IV

A MOTION is in order to approve the Title IV Grant for 2017-18 in the amount of \$10,000.00.

5.14 Approval, Cohort 9 Grant

A MOTION is in order to approve the Cohort 9 Grant, effective 10/1/17 through 9/30/20 (three year Grant) in the amount of \$399,600.00 per year.

5.15 Approval, BCIU Supervision of Cohort 8 and Cohort 9 – PA 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant

A MOTION is in order to approve the agreement with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 to evaluate the Cohort 8 and Cohort 9 of the PA 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, in the amount of \$20,000 each.

6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Education Committee

Mr. Harris stated that Education Committee met on the 3rd and discussing the following:

- Biology Teacher
- Band Camp Start Date
- Update on number of students registered for kindergarten
- Pre-K Grant and Award and how that is structured
- Laptops and relocation of desk tops
- Installation and completion of the intercom project
- Reviewed back to school letters from Mr. Haines and Ms. Palumbo
- Substitute Teachers
- Test Score analysis done for Keystones



Grades K-2 (Grandview)	September 7, 2017	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Grades 3-5 (Intermediate)	September 12, 2017	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Grades 6-12 (High School)	September 28, 2017	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

- 6.1 Approval, 2017-18 Revised Student Handbooks (Grades K-5 and Grades 6-12)**
A MOTION is in order to approve the 2017-18 revised Student Handbooks (Grades K-5 and Grades 6-12).

7. POLICY COMMITTEE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Policy Committee Report

No report.

At next week's Board meeting Mr. Dingle stated that the following motion will be on the agenda under the Policy Section:

ACTION ITEMS:

- 7.1 Approval, Second Reading of Policy**
A MOTION is in order to approve the second reading of the following policy:
- Policy #916, School Volunteers

8. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

PUBLIC SESSION #2

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dingle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. This motion was seconded by Ms. Grau, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 5 ayes.

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary