

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
**Board Meeting** – Wednesday, September 27, 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, September 27, 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 7:28 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

Member absent: Ms. Kartal

*Quorum Present:*

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

Mr. Miller stated that there was an Executive Session held prior to this evening's meeting at which time they discussed personnel, informational items and litigation.

## **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT (There was no Student Spotlight)**

Mr. Miller announced that on September 5, 2017, Bruce Campbell passed away. Mr. Campbell was a former Physical Education Teacher and Basketball Coach for many years for the Morrisville School District. A moment of silence was held in his honor.

## **ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

Student Representative, Alayjah Spruill, 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 School in attendance at tonight's meeting; therefore, there was no report.

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

Mr. Gilleo stated that the committee met this past Monday evening and discussed the following:

- Joint Committee approved Lower Moreland's request to pay tuition for an eleventh grade student to continue at the Tech School
- The Pennsbury School District has requested to have the Articles of Agreement opened which has been done. Mr. Gilleo asked our Board members to review the Articles and send to him in writing as soon as possible any changes that they may wish to have made.
- Capital Projects have been put on hold for a short time
- The next meeting will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mr. Miller announced that Ms. Kartal had contacted him prior to tonight's meeting stating that she would not be able to attend.

### **Bucks County Intermediate Unit Report – Ms. Kartal**

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

### **PSBA/Legislative Report – Ms. Kartal**

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

**1. SUPERINTENDENT’S/ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS**

→ **This week in our Schools**

**Mr. Harris – Substitute Superintendent**

Mr. Harris’s report can be found in Attachment B to these minutes.

**Ms. Gartland – Substitute Business Manager**

Ms. Gartland stated that the auditors were here this week and everything went extremely well. She met with Horace Mann, our new 403B Advisor, and she took a CEQ Class and also attended a Federal Program for Title I through Title IV at the Bucks County IU.

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

<b>District Enrollments as of September 22, 2017</b>			
<u>Student Population</u>			
Kindergarten	70	GRANDVIEW (K-2)	213
Grade 1	65	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (3-5)	<u>197</u>
Grade 2	78		<b>410</b>
Grade 3	64		
Grade 4	62	MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)	217
Grade 5	71	HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)	<u>229</u>
Grade 6	84		<b>446</b>
Grade 7	73		
Grade 8	60	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	45
Grade 9	61	HOME SCHOOLED	29
Grade 10	53	CHARTER SCHOOLS	52
Grade 11	60	Regular Ed	45
Grade 12	55	Special Ed	7
		OUT OF DISTRICT	59
		Regular Ed	9
		Special Ed	50
<b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT</b>			<b>1041</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:**

**PRESENTATION – Mr. Jamie Schlesinger of PFM Financial Advisors gave a presentation on the financing options for the proposed building projects.**

Board members and administration discussed the financing options, timelines, capital funds to be used to cover the cost of the loan, issues that the buildings have and projected building projects to be done.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**2.1 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 November 30, 2017.*

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Getty, and passed by a voice vote of 6 ayes and 2 nays. Members voting nay were Mr. Dingle and Ms. Grau.

**2.2 Approval, Proposal for Funds for the Grandview Gleaning Garden**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the proposal for funds for the Grandview Gleaning Garden, in an amount not to exceed \$2000.00.

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

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

**3.1 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>
Elizabeth Larcher	School Psychology Internship	Indiana U of PA	3	\$2,125
Kristy Jackowicz	Special Ed. Systems	Holy Family	3	\$1,362
Kristy Jackowicz	EDSP-575 SES Including Support Needs	Holy Family	3	\$1,362
Natara Nesbitt	Eng 102-069	Mercer Comm.	3	
	Eng Composition II	Mercer Comm.	3	\$ 500
Kelly Mott	Special Ed. Ethics	Penn State	3	\$2,559
Kelly Mott	Applied Behavioral Analysis	Penn State	3	\$3,412
Gina Leary	Reaching Success	Pacific Lutheran	3	\$ 425

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

**3.2 Approval, Rescind Appointment**

*The Board approved a motion* to rescind the approval and appointment on June 28, 2017 of Darlene Hawkins as a Personal Care Assistant/Paraprofessional, effective 8/30/17.

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

**3.3**     **Approval, Revision of Motion**

*The Board approved a motion* to revise the motion (last name only) approved on August 23, 2017, for the appointment of Felicity Wright as a Paraprofessional. Her last name should be changed to Johnson.

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

*Motions 3.4 through 3.7 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.*

**3.4**     **Approval, Rescind and Reinstate**

**3.4.a** *The Board approved a motion* to rescind the resignation approved on May 24, 2017 of Christine Sullivan as a Personal Care Assistant/Paraprofessional effective June 15, 2017.

**3.4.b** *The Board approved a motion* to reinstate the appointment of Christine Sullivan as a Personal Care Assistant/Paraprofessional, effective 9/7/17, at an hourly rate of \$16.29, per MESPA Contract.

**3.5**     **Approval, School Psychologist Intern**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve Melissa Montgomery as an IU placed School Psychologist Intern to work 2 days per week through December 2017, at no cost to the District.

**3.6**     **Approval, Transfer**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve and ratify the transfer of Melissa Pilla from a Kindergarten general education paraprofessional to a 6<sup>th</sup> grade general education paraprofessional.

**3.7**     **Approval, Tenure**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve and grant tenure to temporary professional employee, Stephen Lee, effective 8/25/17, due to successful completion of a three year probationary period.

**3.8 Approval, Abolish Position**

*The Board approved a motion to abolish the position of Floater Substitute.*

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

*Motions 3.9 and 3.10 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Colon, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.*

**3.9 Approval, Appointment of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Hires under Cohort 9 Grant**

*The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of the following 21<sup>st</sup> Century hires under the Cohort 9 Grant:*

- Stephanie Bolduc
- Kyle Greenwood
- Kelly Marlin-Peroni
- Kevin Jones
- Marcy Cohen
- Lisa Castillo
- Robin Jennings
- Kathleen Ridolfino

**3.10 Approval, Appointment to Extracurricular Positions**

*The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Extracurricular positions as listed below, per MEA Contract:*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Anthony Gencarelli	Middle School Girls Basketball Coach	\$2,300
Anthony Gencarelli	Middle School Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,300
Kevin Jones	Co-Ed Varsity Bowling Coach	\$3,200
Darryl Rogers	JV Basketball Coach – Boys	\$2,400
Orick Smith	Varsity Basketball Coach – Boys	\$3,700

**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
20,382,185	12,558,220	2,189,154	5,634,811

**Revenues**

Budget 2016-17	Y-T-D Amount	Balance
20,018,139	8,475,847	11,542,291

**ACTION ITEMS:**

*Motions 4.1 through 4.5 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Grau, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.*

**4.1 Approval, Disposal of Excess Items**

*The Board approved a motion to approve for the disposal of excess items, as presented.*

**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, 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 (8/22, 8/29, 8/31, 9/1, 9/7, 9/14/17)	\$321,737.98
Athletic (8/24, 9/6, 9/13/17)	\$ 2,700.00
Pharmacy (9/11/17)	\$ 1,340.11
Legal (9/28/17)	\$ 12,696.05
Cafeteria (9/12, 9/18/17)	\$ 73,042.49
Capital (9/19/17)	\$155,610.00
General Fund (9/27/17)	<u>\$127,409.54</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$694,536.17</u>

**4.5 Approval, Donations**

**4.5.a**

*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.*

**4.5.b**

*The Board approved a motion to approve and accept the donation of school supplies from The Birches, an assisted living community in Newtown. This donation has an approximate value of \$250.*

**4.5.c**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept the donation of school supplies from Waste Management. This donation has an approximate value of \$300.

**4.5.d**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept the donation of books from the Palmer Farm Community of Yardley.

Mr. Miller thanked all of organizations for their donations.

**4.6 Approval, Settlement Proposal**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Settlement Proposal regarding the MEA Grievance and the Morrisville School District, effective 8/16/17.

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

**4.7 Approval, Attendance at PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve Colleen Gartland to attend the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference on October 18 – 20, 2017, in Hershey, PA, at a cost not to exceed \$1500.

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

**4.8 Approval, Attendance at PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve up to two School Board members to attend the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference on October 18-20, 2017, in Hershey, PA, at a cost not to exceed \$1500 per attendee.

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

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

*The Board approved a motion* to approve an amendment to the agreement with the Bucks County IU (Ombudsman Alternative School) as follows:

*2017-18 School Year – From 4 slots to 5 slots @ \$10,561 per slot (Total \$52,805)*

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

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

**5.1**     **Approval, Revised 2017-18 Program of Studies**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the revised 2017-18 Program of Studies.

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

**5.2**     **Approval, Agreement and Waiver of Formal Expulsion Hearing**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept the agreement and waiver of formal expulsion hearing for Student X, as agreed to and signed by Student X's parent.

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

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

None at this time.

**Future Meetings and Items of Interest**

Wednesday, October 18, 2017.....Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 25, 2017.....Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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

None at this time.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 Approval, Resignation**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept the resignation of JoAnn Pica, Paraprofessional, effective September 20, 2017.

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

**8.2 Approval, Appointment**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of Erica Schabert as a Paraprofessional (replacing JoAnn Pica), effective September 25, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$15.97, per MESPA Contract.

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

**8.3 Approval, Complete Waiver of Fee for Facility Usage**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the complete waiver of fee for facility usage (Grandview Cafeteria) on November 11, 2017.

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

**8.4 Approval, Proposed Building Projects from Schrader Group Architecture, LLC**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the scope of the building projects at Grandview Elementary School and the Morrisville High/Middle School at a cost of approximately \$6.8 million as proposed by Schrader Group Architecture, LLC in its proposal dated September, 2017, a copy of which is presented at this meeting and made a part of the proceedings of this meeting, and to authorize the District's administration to take such actions necessary to execute the projects.

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

**8.5 Approval, Financing for Building Projects**

*The Board approved a motion* to authorize and direct the District's administration and its financial advisor, PFM Financial Advisors ("PFM"), to concurrently pursue and investigate bank loan and public offering financial options (i) set forth in the schedule of financing provided by PFM dated September 27, 2017, a copy of which is presented at this meeting and made a part of the proceedings of this meeting, and (ii) in accordance with the financing structure presented by PFM dated September 27, 2017 for a borrowing by the District in an amount of approximately \$7,025,000, a copy of which is presented at this meeting and made a part of the proceedings of this meeting, which authorization shall include, but not be limited to, soliciting requests for proposals for the bank loan option and a request for information for the public offering option, all in furtherance of making a recommendation to the Board at a future Board meeting as to the financing option which is in the best financial interests of the District in its efforts to finance the building projects at Grandview Elementary School and the Morrisville High/Middle School.

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

**~~8.6 Approval, First Reading – Policy #801, Public Records~~**

~~A *MOTION* in order to approve the first reading of Policy #801, Public Records.~~

Motion 8.6 was removed from the agenda.

Motion 8.7 was added to the agenda as follows:

**8.7 Approval, Purchase of Gymnasium Mats**

*The Board approved a motion* for the purchase of gymnasium mats in an amount not to exceed \$7000.

Since Motion 8.7 was added to the agenda, Mr. Miller opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments from the public.

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

***PUBLIC SESSION #2***

**Jennifer Truitt – 20 Green St. Apt. #3**

Ms. Truitt discussed her concerns with bullying in our schools.

**Kyle Greenwood**

Mr. Greenwood, Library Media Specialist in the Morrisville District, thanked the Board and administration for their help regarding his salary. He thanked the Board for sharing their vision with him for the District library program, and also thanked the maintenance crew for the work they did during the summer in setting up the new library/media centers. Mr. Greenwood discussed the upcoming program at Barnes and Noble.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

*The Board approved a motion* to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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

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Damon Miller, President

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Wanda Kartal, Secretary