

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE
Morrisville, Pennsylvania

The regular monthly meeting of the Morrisville Board of School Directors was held in the LGI located in the Morrisville Middle/Senior High School, 550 West Palmer Street, Morrisville, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. William Hellmann, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm with the following members present on roll call:

In attendance: Mr. Radosti; Mrs. Mihok; Mrs. Reithmeyer; Mr. Kemp; Mr. Hellmann; Mr. Buckman and Mr. Farrell.
Absent: Mrs. Worob and Mrs. Heater

Quorum Present.

Also attending this evening's meeting was Dr. Elizabeth Yonson, Superintendent; Mr. Tony Gesualdi, Supervisor of Special Education; Mr. William Ferrara, Secondary Principal; Michael Fitzpatrick, Esq., Solicitor; MEA representation, and media.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Representative to the Board – Jake Walbridge

- The field hockey team wrapped up their season with a 2-18 record. Congratulations to Kaylee White and Megan Johnson for being nominated first team B.A.L., and Katie Leather with an Honorable Mention.
- The football team has a game on Friday at 1:00 pm
- The soccer team will be hosting its senior night game on Monday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m.
- Bowling team held its first meeting last week.
- The SAT's were held on October 4 and the PSAT's were held here last Wednesday. Best wishes to all those students who participated.
- The Red Cross Blood Drive was held on October 6th.
- The 21st Century was involved in the lights after school program on the 16th of October.
- Student forum was held last Friday.

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- ⇒ Kids Voting Initiative – *Our district as is participating in this federal initiative to get students interested in the voting process. On Election Day you may see some of our students casting their votes at the polls.*
- ⇒ Traffic Concerns – *Dr. Yonson advised that a Grandview student had been hit by a car last week. The student is doing fine. However, she asked community members to be more vigilant when driving during school hours.*
- ⇒ Enrollment Report

District Enrollments as of October 17, 2008

Elementary Students.....	440
Secondary 6-12.....	433
Technical School.....	50
Home Schooled.....	17
Out-of-District Placements.....	NA
Total.....	NA

(NA students in out-of-district placements are housed in our district and are included only once in the total)

⇒ This week in our Schools

Elementary Report

- The Book Fair was held at Grandview Elementary School.
- Elementary staff worked on curriculum and hearing special education updates during the staff day.
- Elementary students have participated in the Morrisville Fire Company Poster Contest. Many primary classes have had the firemen and equipment visit them at M.R.Reiter.
- The PTO sponsored assembly “Aladdin” was presented by the Windy City Players. Their presentations are always tied to relevant social skills.
- Prior to the assembly at Grandview, Wesley Kartal was presented with his certificate and \$500 award for winning the eastern area poster contest sponsored by the LINKS Organization.

Secondary Report

- A pep rally was held on October 3rd in support of our team and homecoming events.
- The homecoming football game vs. St. Andrews was held on October 4th. The homecoming court members are Jami Demi, Janae Gonzalez, Jessica Jordan, Iris Rodriguez, Alina Sierra, Kevon Baxter, Tom Beyer, Chad Demi, Marty Murray, and Kyle Schnee. The Homecoming King and Queen are Alina Sierra and Tom Beyer.
- Picture day for underclassmen was held on October 6th.
- A blood drive was held on October 6th. The high school student government sponsored the blood drive and collected 26 pints of blood
- Schools were closed on October 9th for Yom Kippur.
- Staff Development was held on October 10th. The faculty and staff participated in professional development training. Presentations included Domain 1 and Learning about Special Education Accommodations.
- A parent advisory meeting was held on October 14th. There was an open forum with the principal. The meeting was well attended and many ideas were discussed.
- The Student Forum students’ meeting was held at the Bucks County IU this month. Our students attended with 18 additional schools. The students serve as a student voice on the county level discussing issues and concerns affecting education.
- PSAT’s were held on October 15th for juniors and sophomores. PSSA retake tests for seniors were held on October 20.
- The Student of the Month breakfast will be held on October 28th in the high school cafeteria honoring the October recipients.

PUBLIC SESSION – Agenda Related Items

Eric Christianson, W. Maple

- Mr. Christianson informed the board of the progress on the lighting survey.

Damon Miller, 249 W. Franklin

- Asked for an explanation of items 5.2.a and 5.2.b.
- Questioned 5.3.
- Cautioned use of budgeted special education funds.

Ann Perry, 43 Fairview

- What are plans to address traffic safety at Reiter Elementary.

ACTION ITEMS:

2.1. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2008 agenda meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Reithmeyer; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

2.2. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2008 monthly business meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a voice vote of 6 ayes; 1 abstention. Member abstaining was Mrs. Reithmeyer.

2.3. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2008 agenda meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a voice vote of 6 ayes; 1 abstention. Member abstaining was Mrs. Mihok.

**3. HUMAN RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE Mrs. Robin Reithmeyer,
Chairperson**

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS

3.1. Approval, Resignations

The Board approved a motion to accept the resignation, with regret, from
Bernie DerbyMiddle School Softball ~~Baseball~~ Coach..... effective 9/28/08
Danielle BliskoAsst. Var. Girls Basketball Coach effective 10/13/08

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

3.2. Approval, Tuition Reimbursements

The Board approved a motion to approve payment of tuition reimbursement to the individual as listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>College/School</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cheri Tabit	Support the Struggling Reader	Indiana Wesleyan	3	\$460

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

3.3. Approval, Appointments

3.3.a. A *MOTION* is in order to appoint _____ as Business Manager, effective _____ at a pro-rated salary of \$_____.

The Board agreed to adjourn to executive session later during tonight’s meeting to discuss item 3.3.a.

As a result of an executive session, the Board voted to **TABLE item 3.3.a.** and hold a special meeting on November 29, 2008 to address this motion. Motion to table moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

3.3.b. The Board approved a motion to appoint Laurie Ruffing as Acting Elementary Principal, effective October 27, 2008 until the leave affecting this position terminates. Compensation for this position will be \$65,000 pro-rated + \$7,682.92 (replaces Ms. Taylor). *Pending Principal certification*

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

3.3.c. The Board approved a motion to appoint Summer Branche as long term substitute, effective October 27, 2008_ until the leave affecting this position terminates. Compensation for this position will be as per teacher contract.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

3.3.d. The Board approved a motion to appoint Kevin Jones as stage manager for the 2008-2009 school year. Compensation for this position will be \$41.00/per event.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

3.3.e. The Board approved a motion for the hiring of per diem substitutes, as needed, during the 2008-2009 school year. Compensation will be in accordance with district policy #429.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

Lucinda Bouruet-Aubertot	Anita Chajkowsky	Graham Craig
Tom Crilley	William Denton	Elaine DeRosa
Amber Garcia	Alan Goldstein	Allegra Medges
Lauren Ivanchenko	Mary Beth Lawley	Jennifer Lee
Sharon Mastrosimone	Megan McInnes	Elizabeth Murphy
Hope Perera	Edward Richmond	Susan Sampson
Krista Taylor	Donna Tortu-Rueter	Hope Westphal
Kaitlin Wilson	Diana Young	John Dardes
Pamela Lawrence	Jane Leppo	Vincent Parauecchia
Charles Resch	Steven Sootkoos	Alfred Miller
Lorie Becker	Ryan Borusky	

Per diem rate is \$94 for the first 10 days in the school calendar year and increases to \$100 on the 11th day. Mrs. Mihok questioned why we pay our subs more than Bristol. Dr. Yonson will look into this for the board.

4. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS Joe Kemp, Chairperson

The Education Committee presents the following items for consideration.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

4.1. Approval, 2008-2009 Healthy Farms & Healthy School Grant

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2008-2009 Healthy Farms and Healthy School Grant in the amount of \$7,500.

Moved by Mr. Kemp; seconded by Mrs. Reithmeyer; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

Items 4.2 and 4.3 were moved by Mr. Kemp; seconded by Mrs. Reithmeyer; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

4.2. Approval, Senior Class Trip

The Board approved a motion to approve a senior class trip to Williamsburg, VA.

4.3. Approval, Class Trip to Mexico

The Board approved a motion to approve a class trip to Mexico in April 2009.

5. BUSINESS OPERATIONS Bill Hellmann, Chairperson

The Finance Committee presents the following items for consideration.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Contracts approved by the Board are available for viewing in the Business Office.

ACTION ITEMS:

5.1.a. Award of Electrical Bid *This item was deleted from the agenda.*

5.2. Approval, Agreements with Vitetta -- Upgrades at the Middle/Senior High School.

Mr. Hellmann amended this motion as noted.

5.2.a. The Board approved a motion to approve the October 3, 2008 (revised) proposal from Vitetta pertaining to infrastructure upgrades at the Middle/Senior High School.

Scope A fixed fee of \$220,950

Less scope of services #4 if board rejects the bid.

Reimbursable expenses cost as outlined in agreement

Additional services..... cost as outlined in agreement

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a voice vote of 6 ayes; 1 nay.
Member voting no was Mrs. Reithmeyer.

Mr. Hellmann advised that the \$220,950 is for engineering fees. It is not the cost of construction; strictly engineering fees to go out for spec work. Mr. Lastichen advised that this proposal is to replace classroom unit heating ventilators; isolate valves to units; install DDC automatic control system; repair flexible duct connection; investigate and estimate tinted reflecting film for windows. Based on very preliminary estimate it is anticipated the construction budget for this work will be in the \$2.5 million range.

Mr. Hellmann amended this motion as noted.

5.2.b. The Board approved a motion to approve the October 13 2008 Agreement with Vitetta pertaining to HVAC Upgrades at the Middle/Senior High School

Scope B

Piping Replacement\$54,000

Work Associated with Piping Replacement.....\$54,000

Less scope of services #4 if board rejects the bid.

Reimbursable expenses cost as outlined in agreement

Additional services..... cost as outlined in agreement

Mrs. Mihok advised that the lines are 50+ years old. Mr. Hellmann advised that the estimated cost for the replacement alone could be \$675,000. Mr. Lastichen outlined work covered under this proposal: install expansion tanks for boilers; replace H&V units; replace air handler; replace split system air conditioning units; replace heat pump unit; replace hot water heaters. This proposal is for the specs only.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a voice vote of 6 ayes; 1 nay.
Member voting nay was Mrs. Reithmeyer.

Mrs. Reithmeyer explained that her vote against these motions is because she does not feel it is in the best interest of the taxpayers of this district for this board to move forward without a plan. Additionally, by foregoing feasibility studies our district will not get any money from the state for any of these projects. So while wealthier school districts around us are reaping the benefits of our state tax dollars we are intentionally removing the possibility of any reimbursement by not getting a feasibility study done and following the plan outlined by the state.

5.3. Approval, Agreement with Vitetta – Grandview and Reiter Elementary Schools

The Board approved a motion to approve the October 13, 2008 (2nd revision) proposal from Vitetta related to Grandview and M.R.Reiter Elementary Schools.

Survey, data entry, report prep and presentation of the findings \$12,400
Reimbursable expenses..... cost as outlined in agreement (estimated at \$3,500)
Fees for additional consultants, if needed.....as outlined in agreement

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a voice vote of 6 ayes; 1 nay. Member voting nay was Mrs. Reithmeyer.

5.4. Acceptance of Donations

Items 5.4.a, 5.4.b, and 5.4.c were moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

5.4.a. The Board approved a motion to accept the donation of two strength training machines from the YMCA.

5.4.b. The Board approved a motion to accept the donation of twenty binders from Gail Haug.

5.4.c. The Board approved a motion to accept the donation of fifty metal file organizers from Janice O'Reilly.

5.5. Approval, Plan Documents for 403(b) Plan

The Board approved a motion to approve the Plan Documents for the 403(b) Plan

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

5.6. Payment of Bills

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

Miscellaneous Disbursement: (9/24/08 – 10/15/08)	\$673,644.32
Athletic Fund (9/29/08 – 10/20/08)	3,607.00
Cafeteria Fund: (September)	49,834.76
Accounts Payable (October 2008)	91,445.62
Capital Projects (10/2/08 – 10/23/08)	49,974.75
Capital Reserve	-0-
Procurement Cards (Sept. 2008)	1,980.09
Payroll & Benefits (Sept. 2008)	<u>883,790.32</u>
TOTAL BILLS	\$1,754,276.86

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

6. LIAISON REPORTS

- a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School – Mr. Buckman
 - *Mr. Parks, Director of Tech continues to recover from his accident.*
 - *Fall open house will be held 7-9 pm on Nov. 6*
- b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Mrs. Mihok
Mrs. Mihok did not attend this month's meeting since she attended interviews for the Business Administrator on the same evening.
- c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative – Mrs. Worob
Mrs. Worob was not in attendance.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- Mrs. Reithmeyer asked if any information is available related to the research on regional economics that Mr. Hellmann had asked Mr. Fitzpatrick to do several months ago. Mr. Fitzpatrick replied that he had no information in the last month; that he will put together a plan of action report and forward to Mr. Hellmann to be shared with the board.
- Mrs. Reithmeyer offered to share information regarding the Sunshine Law and Executive Sessions that she received from Mr. Fitzpatrick with board members.
- Mrs. Reithmeyer received an email from a parent related to student privacy and the re-registration process. She will share this information with Mr. Fitzpatrick for a response to the parent.
- Dr. Yonson advised that she had heard about the traffic mayhem at Reiter. In response, she has directed Mr. May to be at Reiter at those times. Additionally, Chief Jones and Mr. Seward have observed the situation. There is a definite traffic flow to be followed and the problem is that some parents are not complying with our requests. We will continue to monitor the situation. Mr. May reported that the problem on Hillcrest is that parents are abandoning their cars to walk the students

to the door. Mr. May has been directed to start reporting license numbers of individuals who do not follow the traffic flow. Mr. Radosti suggested a reversal of the traffic pattern. Dr. Yonson will be looking into his suggestion.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A meeting of the Joint Borough Council/School District will be held at Borough Hall on November 6 at 8:00 p.m.
- Mr. Hellmann, regarding your question as to the number of children living in a dwelling unit, I'm sure it can be discussed at the up coming meeting. My understanding is that you were told back on July 23rd when you and Mr. Fitzpatrick met with the Borough Manager, Code Enforcement officer and Council President, that basically nothing can be done. We *cannot* infringe on the civil rights of our residents by barging into their homes.

There is a process in place now, which I believe was shared with you back in July. The code enforcement officer gets a list of who is going to reside in the dwelling and issues a moving permit, if the tenant isn't forth right there is nothing that can be done.

I also believe back in July that you were told if you asked for a moving permit as part of the re-registration process the district would have been able to identify the very children you are so concerned about. But, I guess since neither re-registration nor your July 23rd meeting at Borough Hall were discussed publicly, there was never a chance to bring this out.

Please rest assured that it will be discussed at length at the November 6th meeting.

The Board adjourned for executive session to discuss personnel matters.

**A special meeting of the board will be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 29, 2008
To appoint a business manager, as well as any other business that may come before the board.**

PUBLIC SESSION – Non-Agenda Items

Ron Stout, S. Delmorr Ave.

- Board is doing good job keeping taxpayer money in check.
- What happened to Sony Playstations?

Jon Parry, 43 Fairview Ave.

- Why is board moving ahead without following PlanCon?
- Hopes lighting study is wrapped up soon.
- How many students did not re-enroll during re-registration process?
- No Board members attended recent CAP meeting.
- Hopes finding of CAP group are taken seriously.

Damon Miller

- Sony Playstations are one of the most compatible units for DVDs.
- Dr. Yonson advised that every child that did not re-register was accounted for through transfers to other districts.

- Following up on the board’s request, one eviction this month – no children enrolled in the school.
- Members on the CAP board are: Mrs. Worob, Mrs. Heater, Mr. Kemp and Mr. Buckman

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 6:30 pm – Infrastructure/Facilities Committee
..... 7:00 pm -- Finance Committee
Wednesday, November 12, 2008 6:30 pm – Policy Committee
..... 7:30 pm – Monthly Agenda Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 2008 6:30 pm – Education Committee
..... 7:00 pm – Human Resources/Negotiations Committee
..... 7:30 pm – Monthly Business Meeting
November 27 & 28 School Closed in observance of Thanksgiving

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and Channel 28 on your Local Cable

9. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.

William R. Hellmann, President

Marlys Mihok