

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE**  
**Morrisville, Pennsylvania**

A special meeting of the Morrisville Board of School Directors was held in the Auditorium located in the Morrisville Middle/Senior High School, 550 West Palmer Street, Morrisville, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, July 29, 2009, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Bill Hellmann, President called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm with the following members present on roll call:

In attendance: Mrs. Mihok; Mr. Buckman; Mr. Radosti; Mr. Hellmann Mrs. Heater, and Mr. Farrell.

Absent: Mr. Kemp, Mrs. Worob and Mrs. Reithmeyer

*Quorum Present.*

Also attending this evening's meeting was Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; Mr. William Ferrara, Secondary Principal; Michael G. Fitzpatrick, Esq., Solicitor; MEA representation, and media.

*Moment of Silence for the passing of Mrs. Karen Rue, former employee.*

**Mr. Anthony DiPaolo representing Vitetta presented an update on the bid for asbestos abatement and windows at Grandview Elementary.**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**Ron Stout, S. Delmorr Ave.**

Newspaper articles, progress in schools, keep up good work

**Diane Hughes, Osborne Ave.**

Renovations, thanks to board, fiscal responsibility, MRR safety study

**Jon Perry, Fairview Ave.**

Bid results, ASAP Camp, answers to MRR closing testimony, vandalism, building security, audio of meetings

**Kim Kane, Union St.**

Mrs. Karen Rue, renovations, fiscal work of board

**Damon Miller, W. Franklin St.**

Closing MRR, student separation in HS building, fiscal responsibility

**Sharon Hughes, Mercer Ave.**

Tax bills, MRR safety issues, renovations, board fiscally smart

**Gayle Haug, Harper Ave.**

Closing MRR, Renovations are overdue maintenance issues, hiring PR person

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2009 monthly Business Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a voice vote of 5 ayes; 1 nay. Mrs. Heater voted no because she had not reviewed the minutes.

**2. Approval, Acceptance of Retirement of Elementary Principal**

*The Board approved a motion* to accept and approve the retirement of Ms. Kate Taylor from the position of elementary principal, effective July 29, 2009.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

**3. Approval, Appointments**

**3.a.** *The Board TABLED a motion* to approve Ms. Tana Gunnett as a full time elementary teacher for a Kindergarten class, effective September 1, 2009. Salary will be in accordance with current collective bargaining agreement with placement on the salary schedule in Bachelor column, step OB = \$48,671. *This position is contingent upon enrollment of <70 students.*

Motion to table by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

*Mr. Hellmann would like more discussion on this item before voting.*

**3.b.** *The Board approved a motion* to approve Ms. Tarisa Rorick as a full time elementary teacher, effective September 1, 2009. Salary will be in accordance with current collective bargaining agreement in the Bachelor column; step 1 = \$45,597. *This appointment is contingent upon approval of PreK grant.*

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

**4. Approval, Revision to Request for Child Rearing Leave**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve a revision to Mrs. Cheri Tabit's maternity/child rearing leave – October 30, 2009 until September 2010.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

**5. Approval, Acceptance of Donation**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the acceptance of a donation of \$250 (stipend for serving as Board Treasurer) from Mrs. Brenda Worob.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

**6. Approval, Grandview Elementary School Window Replacement:**

**6.a.** *The Board approved a motion* to approve Architectural Window, as the General Contractor for Grandview Elementary School Window Replacement project in the amount of \$461,000.00, (Base Amount \$444,000.00 and Alternate # 1 \$17,000.00). Bids were received on July 28, 2009 as follows:

<b><u>Contractor</u></b>	<b><u>Base Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate #1</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate#2</u></b>
TEC Corporation	\$493,700.00	\$ 8,400.00	\$24,200.00
Newport Construction Corp.	\$797,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00
<b>Architectural Window</b>	<b>\$444,000.00</b>	<b>\$17,000.00</b>	<b>\$33,900.00</b>
Walter Brucker & Co., Inc.	\$524,700.00	\$ 6,700.00	\$22,800.00

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a voice vote of 5 ayes; 1 nay (Mrs. Heater). *Mrs. Heater voted no because she just received the information and has not had time to thoroughly review the information.*

*Alternate 1 will add usable classroom space.*

**6.b.** *The Board approved a motion* to approve Alliance Environmental Systems, as the Asbestos Contractor for Grandview Elementary School Window Replacement project in the amount of \$43,700.00. Bids were received on July 28, 2009 as follows:

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

<b><u>Contractor</u></b>	<b><u>Base Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate #1</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate#2</u></b>
USA Environmental Mgt	\$ 79,100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00
J.R. Contracting & Env.	\$142,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Alliance Environmental Sys</b>	<b>\$ 43,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Plymouth Environmental Co.	\$114,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,000.00

**7. Approval, 2009-2010 District School Configuration**

*The Board approved a motion* to determine the configuration of the school buildings of the School District of Borough of Morrisville for the 2009-2010 School Year as follows: Grades Pre-K to 3 will attend Grandview Elementary School at 80 Grandview Avenue, Morrisville, PA; Grades 4 to 8 will attend Morrisville Intermediate School at 550 West Palmer Street, Morrisville, PA; Grades 9 to 12 will attend Morrisville High School at 550 West Palmer Street, Morrisville, PA. M.R. Reiter will be closed.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

*Mr. Hellmann advised that this is not a permanent closing of M. R. Reiter. This is for the 2009-2010 school year. Engineering studies will be done including enlarging the community room at Grandview; adding classrooms to Grandview and fixing up Manor Park. Mr. DeAngelo added that the recommendation is that the HVAC system will be looked at for M.R. Reiter; that is the extent of the study.*

*Following a number of conversations with the Department, Mr. Fitzpatrick advised that this motion is at the request of the State Department of Education. They essentially want to know the number of buildings that will be open for the 2009-2010 school year. I worked on this motion with the state. This is the language they requested. This is not a decision on the permanent closure of Reiter. This is for the 2009-2010 school year only.*

**8. Approval, Employee Termination**

*The Board approved a motion to terminate Ms. Louise Lewis as classroom aide, effective May 28, 2009.*

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

**9. Approval, High School Principal Salary Adjustment:**

*The Board approved a motion to approve a salary adjustment in accordance with Act 93 Certified Agreement for William Ferrara, High School Principal, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 from \$101,430.00 (Contractual Salary increase for 2009-10 - 3.5% increase from \$98,000 to \$101,430 or \$3,430.00) to \$103,000.00. Total 2009-10 salary adjustment \$5,000.00.*

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

*Mrs. Mihok thanked Mr. Ferrara. Mr. Hellmann stated the reason for this is that Mr. Ferrara is doing a great job.*

**10. Approval, Capital View Agreement of Lease:**

*The Board approved a motion to approve the Capital View Agreement of Lease to Magic Cottage.*

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

*Effective date is June 17, 2009.*

*The Board will hold an executive session following this meeting on a student discipline issue.*

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**Mr. Buckman presented the following two motions:**

**11.** *The Board approved a motion to request the Bucks County Detectives to come to Morrisville and investigate the vandalism at the school district at no cost to the district.*

Moved by Mr. Buckman; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

*Mr. Fitzpatrick advised that the first course to follow is to work with the local police department.*

**12.** *Mr. Buckman presented a motion* to hire a security firm Bucks County Family Security and Investigation Inc. (\$60/day).

Moved by Mr. Buckman; seconded by Mr. Farrell.

*The Board approved a motion* to hire security firm Bucks County Family Security and Investigation Inc. additionally, to continue with our present security that we are using in addition to this security and have police continue to do extra patrols. At a rate per night not to exceed \$3,000.

Moved by Mr. Buckman; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ABOVE MOTIONS**

**Damon Miller**  
**Sharon Hughes**  
**Ron Stout**

**13. Adjournment**

*The board approved a motion* to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

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William Hellmann, President

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Marlys Mihok, Secretary