

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

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 23, 2009, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Bill Hellmann, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm with the following members present on roll call:

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

Quorum Present.

Also attending this evening's meeting was Dr. Elizabeth Hammond Yonson, Superintendent; Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; Mr. Anthony Gesualdi, Director of Pupil Services; Mr. William Ferrara, Secondary Principal; Thomas Profy, Esq., Solicitor; MEA representation, and media.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Representative to the Board – Zachary Haug

Staff returned on September 1 participating in staff development efforts. The Varsity football team won their 3 opening games. Soccer, cross country and hockey season has opened. Foursight testing was held. Back-to-school nights were held. College information night is scheduled for Sept. 30.

Angelo Rago reported an update on the building renovation projects.

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT -- Dr. Yonson reported that staff in-service days were productive. Additionally, new staff orientation was held. Our back-to-school nights were very positive with many parents attending.

- ⇒ PSSA Results – Dr. Yonson report on the recent PSSA results (will be posted on website)
- ⇒ Enrollment Report
- ⇒ This week in our Schools

District Enrollments as of September 19, 2009

	<u>Student Population</u>
Kindergarten.....	83
Grade 1	79
Grade 2	80
Grade 3	89
Grade 4	64
Grade 5	58
Grade 6	61
Grade 7	62
Grade 8	60
Grade 9	55
Grade 10	56
Grade 11	69
Grade 12	69
Total.....	1042-9=1033

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

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Sept. 8th first day for 1-5 students
- Sept. 10th first day for K students
- Sept. 14th - 18th DIEBLS and 4Sight testing Sept. 15th - Back to School 1-3 Sept. 17th - Back to School 4-5 Sept. 21st - K-5 Picture Day Sept. 22nd - Anne Peavy (Literacy Coach) will be working with students and teachers in grades 1st and 3rd.

UPPER INTERMEDIATE AND HIGH SCHOOL SECONDARY REPORT SEPTEMBER, 2009

- The staff returned on September 1st. The faculty and staff participated in professional development training. Presentations included Compass Learning, Differentiated Instruction, Working with Paraprofessionals and Math Curriculum.
- The varsity football team won their first game against Esperanza, 35-0. The cheerleaders and band performed at the game.
- The soccer, field hockey and cross country teams have started their seasons.
- 4 Sight testing for grades 6 thru 11 was held during the week of September 14th to September 18th. The results will be used to direct instruction.
- Back to School Night will be held for the intermediate/high school on September 22nd.
- Schools will be closed on September 28th.
- College Information Night will be held on September 30th for juniors and seniors. It will be held in the library at 6:30pm.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Farrell asked for respect with no interruptions during public session.

Wanda Kartel, 109 Grandview

Traffic safety at the schools. "Safe Routes to School Program" funding.

Jon Perry, 43 Fairview

Congratulations to our football team. PSSA scores down; GV all purpose room inadequate; Open space at MRR property will not generate tax funds; traffic issues; construction delays; playground equipment.

Sharon Hughes

PSSA results; Taxes are down with no cost to education; Responsible spending while preserving education; New elementary school = increase in taxes; School building rehabs; stay on track in the right direction.

Patricia Manning Doan, 143 Robertson

New boiler at MRR. GV overcrowding.

John Manning, 143 Robertson

Traffic at GV; one-way streets and crosswalks. Bus #42 wrong way on one-way street. GV overcrowded.

Jack Beck – 608 Prospect

Misinformation on flyers; Increasing class sizes; Need better elementary school; We do not want to build new school; Fire alarms in trailers; open space at MRR will not create revenue.

Jermaine Jenkins; 361 Plaza Blvd.

Has insurance been paid to fix MRR? Thank you crossing guards.

Gayle Haug, 260 Harper

Response from MRR hearing; Cost per student figure; PSSA scores decreased under new board; Cost per student figure; security cameras; construction is disruptive; hallway pass process; BCCT article.

Ann Perry, Fairview Ave.

Football wins; cafeteria/lunch schedule; space and traffic issues; restricted recess.

Dave Stoneburner

Wants to hear ideas from the community. PSSAs.

Damon Miller, 249 W. Franklin

Some PSSA scores are ↓ 5%. No new school – waste of taxpayer’s money. BCCT article. Appreciate PTO efforts. Pride in community.

ACTION ITEMS:

2.1. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2009 Monthly Agenda Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a voice vote of 7 ayes; 2 abstentions (Mrs. Worob, Mrs. Heater).

2.2. Approval of Minutes

The Board presented a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2009 Monthly Business Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Farrell.

The Board tabled a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2009 Monthly Business Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Farrell; motion to TABLE passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

Regarding recent changes to page 3 of the minutes – Mrs. Mihok affirmed that she stated emphatically that she did receive this letter in her mail; she did not know who sent the letter; maybe it wasn’t Mrs. Reithmeyer. Mrs. Mihok asked that the tape of the meeting be reviewed and changes reflected in the official minutes.

Mrs. Reithmeyer remarked that it should be noted that paragraph 5 was added this evening. On the last page “the newspaper article on parks and spending . . . the board agreed that Dr. Yonson would draft a letter.” The Board discussed it, Mr. Hellmann made the decision. It was not a board decision. Mrs. Mihok stated she agreed with Mr. Hellmann’s decision.

As a result of the foregoing, the minutes were tabled for review.

2.3. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2009 Monthly Agenda Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a voice vote of 5 ayes; 0 nays; 4 abstentions (Mrs. Mihok, Mrs. Worob, Mrs. Reithmeyer, Mrs. Heater).

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

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

District Employees as of September 17, 2009 = 144

5.....Administrators

80.....Teachers

12.....Administrator Support Staff

15.....Support Staff

32.....Instructional & Non-Instructional Support Staff

ACTION ITEMS

3.1. Approval, Resignation

The Board approved a motion to approve the acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of Mrs. Mary Ellen Mela from the position of special education coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

3.2. Approval, Employee Termination

The Board approved a motion to terminate employee X as a classroom aide, effective September 1, 2009.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

3.3. Approval, Leave of Absence

Childrearing leave will be in accordance with Article Nine of the current collective bargaining agreement, without pay and benefits of all natures and descriptions.

The Board approved a motion to approve maternity leave followed by a child rearing leave for Mrs. Cheri Tabit. Leave is expected to commence approximately October 30, 2009 until the second semester (January 2011) of the 2010-2011 school year.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

3.4. Approval, Network Administrator Salary Adjustment:

The Board approved a motion to approve a salary increase of \$5,000 for Mr. Joe Myat, Network Administrator, effective 9/23/09 in accordance with Group I Salary and Benefits.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a roll call vote of 9 ayes. The Board agreed to amend the motion **“through 9/22/2010.”** After discussion, the Board agreed to rescind the amended motion and voted on the original motion, as presented.

The Board discussed options including splitting the schedule for the recommended increase and changing the time period covered in the motion.. Dr Yonson advised that in the past few weeks Mr. Myat has procured for the district a \$10,000 server and quite a few computers that we would not have had but for his networking. Dr. Yonson strongly recommended going with the recommendation described by Mr. DeAngelo. Mr. DeAngelo advised that Mr. Myat was hired in February 2009 and therefore his year would be up in February 2010.

3.5. Approval, Tuition Reimbursement

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2008-09 payment of tuition reimbursement as listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>College/School</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Justin Woodruff	Advanced Foundations of Education	Univ. of Scranton	3	\$1,215
Justin Woodruff	Advanced Educational Psychology	Univ. of Scranton	3	485

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

3.6. Appointments

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointments listed:

	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Vacancy</u>
3.6.a.	Lynn Palumbo	Special Education Coordinator	9/1/09	\$1,500 in accordance with CBA	Mary Ellen Mela
Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.					
3.6.b.	Alan Benjamin	Instructional Paraeducator	9/1/09	\$12.82/hour in accordance with Group II Salary and Benefits	Natasha Thomas
Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a roll call vote of 6 ayes; 3 nays (Mr. Hellmann, Mr. Radosti, Mrs. Mihok). <i>Dr. Yonson advised that this is a second grade regular education position. Mr. Hellmann would like to take this money and put it into the buildings.</i>					
3.6.c.	Per Diem Substitutes Elizabeth Ashton Debra Crasnick Debra Henritzy Michael Jones Jayne Marcinkowski Katybeth Muste Denise Oshinsky	Edward Cieri Gregory Darlak Carol Degnan Theresa Farley Jennifer Prendergast Edward Richmond Michael Southrey		Chivukula Padmavath Kristen June Laura Krall Caitlin Loeffler Craig VanDemark Holly Stevens	
Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.					

3.7. Approval, Tenure Eligibility

The Following individual is eligible for a Professional Contract/Tenure, having received satisfactory evaluations and having served three years under a Temporary Professional Contract.

<u>Individual</u> Traci Coley	<u>Date of Tenure</u> September 6, 2009
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The Board approved a motion to approve the above individual for tenure and to direct the Administration to issue a Professional Employee Contract.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

4. BUSINESS OPERATIONS Bill Hellmann, Chairperson

The Finance Committee presents the following items for consideration.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

4.1. Approval, Donations

The Board approved a motion to approve the donations below:

- a) An abundance of school supplies from EScripts including: notebooks, pens, folders, markers, pencils, protractors, index cards, book covers, colored pencils, crayons, calculators, erasers, recorders, construction paper, highlighters, memo pads, composition books, blue sticks, scissors, rulers, pencil sharpeners, pencil boxes
- b) Numerous items from Garry Carangs of the Fraternal Order of Eagles: CD covers, erasers, pencils, color pencils, story books

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.2. Approval, Resolution Addressing Pennsylvania School Employee Retirement System

The Board presented a motion to approve a Resolution regarding the Pennsylvania School Employees' Retirement System funding (See Addendum A).

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman.

The Board TABLED a motion to approve a Resolution regarding the Pennsylvania School Employees' Retirement System funding (See Addendum A).

Moved by Mr. Buckman; seconded by Mr. Hellmann; motion to table passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

Mrs. Heater questioned that if the Board passes this resolution, does this have any legal ramifications? Mr. Profy recommended the resolution be tabled for further clarification.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that PSERS realizes that since the state budget is not passed the districts do not have the funding for this. This is a hybrid of resolutions passed by other districts.

4.3. Approval, Budget Transfers

The Board approved a motion to approve the ordinary and necessary budget transfers of \$0. Grant transfers are \$42,442.00 and general fund transfers are \$0.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; motion to table passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.4. Approval, Recycling Program

The Board approved a motion to approve the recycling program with Council Rock School District.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; motion passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.5. Approval, Grandview Elementary School – PDE-3074

The Board approved a motion to approve PDE-3074, Non-Reimbursable Project for the Window Replacement Project at Grandview Elementary School.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; motion passed by a voice vote of 8 ayes; 1 abstention (Mrs. Reithmeyer).

4.6. Approval, American Appraisal-Fixed Asset Appraisal Service

The Board presented a motion to approve the contract with American Appraisal to provide fixed asset appraisal services for the 2009-10 school year. Appraisal Service cost is \$4,900 and fixed asset tags are \$200.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman.

The Board approved a motion to amend motion to approve the contract with American Appraisal to provide fixed asset appraisal services for the 2009-10 school year. Appraisal Service cost is **not to exceed** \$4,900 and fixed asset tags are \$200.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; motion to amend passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.7. Approval, Disposal of Excess Items

4.7.a. The Board approved a motion to approve the disposal of the window treatments from the Middle Senior High School due to the window replacement project. The window treatments will be removed by the window contractor.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.7.b. The Board approved a motion to excess the books listed below:

BOOKS TO BE EXCESSED

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
60	Vocabulary Book	HS, D-15
31	English Grammar	HS, D-15
14	Red Badge of Courage	HS, D-15
7	Tale of Two Cities	HS, D-15
10	Teacher Guides/Resources	HS, D-15
10	Sample Text Books	HS, D-15
36	Better Reader	HS, D-15

Listed books are over 15 years old and not used.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.8. 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: (9/3/09 – 9/16/09)	\$152,430.10
Athletic Fund (9/4/09 – 9/18/09)	2,928.00
Cafeteria Fund:	-0-
Accounts Payable (9/24/09)	336,187.36
Capital Projects (8/26/09 – 9/24/09)	506,691.25 2,247,101.43
Capital Reserve	-0-
Procurement Cards (August 2009)	1,397.22
Payroll & Benefits (August 2009)	<u>504,954.10</u>
TOTAL BILLS	\$1,504,588.03 \$3,324,998.21

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

Mr. DeAngelo explained that the above changes represent today's payment to contractors for work at the high school and MRR as well as \$219,000 payment to All Risk. This payment does not represent that we are finished at MRR. The boiler still needs to be looked at as well as air certification in the building.

Mr. DeAngelo projects our fund balance to be \$2.7 million. Depending on the audit, it could go up or down, but he feels this is a solid number. Before cutting today's checks the capital balance was \$3,356,736.27.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

After removal of ceiling tiles at MRR a small amount of asbestos was discovered this needs to be removed. Therefore, Mr. DeAngelo presented a motion:

The Board approved a motion to pay, out of the insurance money, Environmental Connection Inc. an amount not to exceed \$836 and to Bristol Environmental Inspection an amount not to exceed \$2,800 to update exposed asbestos in main office at MRR.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

5. POLICY COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Policy Committee met this evening and discussed policies related to:

- ⇒ Class Size – more information will be recruited from local districts for comparison
Mr. Buckman advised that he never said he was for larger class sizes; however, that information from other districts will be reviewed.
- ⇒ Policy #246 Wellness – to be reviewed by Wellness Committee

- ⇒ #706.1 Capital Assets
- ⇒ #800 Electronic usage
- ⇒ #707 Use of Facilities
- ⇒ #429 Substitute Rates and system
- ⇒ Teleconference – exploring more information

Mr. DeAngelo advised that our policies will be available on our website within the next several months.

ADDITION TO AGENDA:

The Board approved a motion to adopt the first reading of Policy #706.1 Capital Assets.

Moved by Mr. Buckman; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

6. LIAISON REPORTS

- a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School – Mr. Buckman
Tech School meeting is tomorrow night. USA Skills competition will be held in February.
- b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Mrs. Mihok
No report this evening.
- c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative – Mrs. Worob
No report this evening. However, the PSBA conference will be held in October and Mrs. Mihok will attend. The State Budget has not been resolved.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- Update on Enumerator Applications/Process. *No interviews have been set yet.*
- Decision on draft letter to Director of Parks and Recreation Board
- Mrs. Heater questioned the drainage problem around the trailers at GV. Mr. DeAngelo provided pictures after rain showing very small pond age around the trailers indicating the system is working.

The Board approved a motion to send the drafted letter to Parks and Receptions Board.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes; 3 nays (Mr. Kemp, Mrs. Reithmeyer, Mrs. Heater).

This is a generic letter stating that the District is interested in discussion on this matter.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Resignation/replacement of Mr. Lou Groves as Morrisville's representative to the Bucks County Technical School Authority.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

The Board approved a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Lou Groves as Morrisville's representative to the Bucks County Technical School Authority.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

Mrs. Mihok made the following motion:

The Board approved a motion to appoint Mr. Jack Buckman as Morrisville’s representative to the Bucks County Technical School Authority.

Moved by Mrs. Mihok; seconded by Mr. Hellmann; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

The Board adjourned for an executive session to discuss a confidential matter.

The Board approved a motion for the Board of School Directors to adopt adjudication in the matter of student 1300294 as prepared by special counsel, Michael Levin, Esq.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

Mr. DeAngelo informed the board that we have received the results for the 2008-09 Workman’s compensation exposure.

Mr. DeAngelo will be putting together a request for the 2010-2011 budget. Dates will be available after a decision is made on the 2010 business meeting calendar.

Dr. Yonson reiterated that the electric at the fire gate is installed and waiting for Borough inspection.

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

-Monday, September 28, 2009 Yom Kippur Observance – Schools Closed
- Wednesday, October 14, 20096:30 pm – Infrastructure/Facilities Committee
.....7:00 pm – Finance Committee
- Wednesday, October 21, 20096:30 pm -- Education Committee
.....7:00 pm – Human Resources/Negotiations Committee
.....7:30 pm – Monthly Agenda Meeting
- Wednesday, October 28, 20096:30 pm – Policy Committee
.....7:30 pm – Monthly Agenda Meeting

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9. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 pm by a voice vote.

William Hellmann, President

Marlys Mihok, Secretary