

The regular monthly meeting of the Morrisville Board of School Directors was held in the LGI Room located in the Morrisville Intermediate/Senior High School, 550 West Palmer Street, Morrisville, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Bill Hellmann, President, called the meeting to order at 7:51 pm with the following members present on roll call:

An executive session was held prior to tonight’s meeting on matters of personnel.

In attendance: Messrs. Buckman, DeWilde, Hellmann, Radosti, Worob and Stout, and Mrs. Mihok.

Quorum Present.

Also attending this evening’s meeting was Mr. William J. Ferrara, Acting Superintendent; Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; Mr. Tony Gesualdi, Acting Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services, Ms. Laurie Ruffing, Elementary/Intermediate School Principal, and Thomas J. Profy IV, Esq., Solicitor; media and MEA representation.

Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation – MOEF

MOEF recently approved funds for the 7th grade science and 8th grade social studies trips.

1. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Ferrara advised that PSSA testing began last week for 4th and 5th grades. Grades 6, 7, 8 and 11 began today. Attendance was very good; all but 6 of our students reported to school to participate in the testing today. Our teachers and students have worked diligently in preparation for testing. Thank you to the staff, the students, families and the community for cooperating in the preparation for this endeavor.

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

District Enrollments as of March 14, 2011	
<u>Student Population</u>	
Pre Kindergarten.....	18
Kindergarten.....	73
Grade 1	79
Grade 2	79
Grade 3	75
Grade 4	93
Grade 5	64
Grade 6	58
Grade 7	60
Grade 8	67
Grade 9	43
Grade 10	45
Grade 11	55
Grade 12	57
GRANDVIEW	324
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 4-5.....	<u>157</u>
 481
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 6-8.....	185
HIGH SCHOOL 9-12	<u>200</u>
 385
TECHNICAL SCHOOL	51
HOME SCHOOLED	19
CHARTER SCHOOLS	31
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	47
..... Total	1014
<i>(4 students in out-of-district placements are housed in our district and are included only once in the total)</i>	

⇒ **This week in our Schools**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 3/2 Spring Picture Day
- 3/2 Read Across America Day
- 3/2-3/4 Kindergarten registration
- 3/3 LINKS Poster Contest
- 3/4 Progress notices sent home
- 3/14-3/22 Math and Reading PSSA Assessments
- 3/15 & 3/17 Snipes visits Kindergarten
- 3/23-3/25 Reading and Math Makeups
- 3/24 5th grade Challenge Day
- 3/28-3/31 5th grade Writing PSSA Assessment

Student Representative to the Board – Dakarai Campbell reported the following.

UPPER INTERMEDIATE AND HIGH SCHOOL SECONDARY REPORT

- Congratulations to the following members of the Girls Bowling Team:
Earning 1st Team League Honors were Tiffani White and Anna Smolinski.
2nd Team Honors went to Janine Schuster. Honorable Mention Honors went to Tiffany Thomas and Julianna Manning. Coach Fox was named Girls Bowling Coach of the Year.
- Congratulations to Anna Smolinski who won the Bicentennial Athletic League Girls Individual Bowling Championship. Anna defeated 4 opponents to win the Championship on February 18th. This is a great Individual honor for Anna to go along with this season's team Championship
- Congratulations to the following members of the Boys Bowling Team:
All League Honors for Boys Bowling 1st Team went to Jack Wallace.
Honorable Mention went to Alex Musella.
- Congratulations to the Boys Varsity team in their victory over Calvary Christian. The boys played against Church Farm School on Friday February 25th. The Girls Varsity Basketball team played Phil Mont Christian on Saturday February 26th. They defeated Phil Mont Christian 41-23; which enables them to process to the District #1 Class A Semi-Final game against Delco Christian on Wednesday, March 2nd. While both teams have been eliminated from the competition, they had excellent seasons.
- The Morrisville School District hosted a Lower Bucks Cheerleading Championship for Middle School Cheerleaders. It was held on March 9th. Many schools attended this event and school spirit overflowed in the gymnasium. Congratulations to our cheerleaders who won second place and the spirit award. Kudos to Mrs. McDonald for a job well done. The Middle School Service Learning Group held a fund raiser. The proceeds were donated to MS walk which the service learning students attend.
- Congratulations to Ashanti Modlin and Robyn Brake (two Morrisville Tech School students). They won silver medals in Skills USA competitions.
- Gym Night was held on March 11th. The middle school assembly started the event during an assembly on Friday afternoon. Enthusiasm and energy abounded in the gym. The Blue Team was the winner this year's Gym Night.
- Progress reports were distributed on March 4th.
- The students who had perfect attendance during the first semester were rewarded with lunch on March 4th.
- The Bucks County Links sponsored an Art contest. Many parents came to see our students' work. The winners:

10-12 grades	1 st place- Jenna Kownacky	2 nd place- Megan Marks
7-9 grades	1 st place- Sarah Zawodniak	2 nd place- Kayla Gallant
4-6 grades	1 st place- Madison Castillo	2 nd place- Ian Watson
- Operation Helping Hand, the food collection sponsored by the United Way, will be held on March 15th. We are awaiting the number of total pounds collected; however, a generous amount of non-perishable food was collected.
- Morrisville students competed in a computer fair at the BCIU today.

PUBLIC SESSION

Stephanie Kemp, 107 W. Trenton Ave.
Kindergarten Enrichment Program

Damon Miller, 249 W. Franklin St.
Full day Kindergarten program.

Dave Stoneburner, 270 Harper Ave.
Technical School mediation; modular classrooms; traffic control; Parks and Recreation letter.

Ashanti Modlin, 322 Melvin Ave.
Bus to Technical School; treatment of students visiting MHS.

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.

Items 2.1.a through 2.1.d were moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. DeWilde; passed by a unanimous voice vote.

2.1. Approval of Minutes

2.1.a. *The Board approved a motion* to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2011 Monthly Business Meeting (January 2011 carryover items).

2.1.b. *The Board approved a motion* to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2011 Monthly Agenda meeting.

2.1.c. *The Board approved a motion* to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2011 Special Business Meeting.

2.1.d. *The Board approved a motion* to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2011 Monthly Business Meeting.

INFRASTRUCTURE/FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES *Mr. Bill Hellmann, Chairperson*

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

ACTION ITEMS

3.1. Approval, Lease with Mobilease

The Board TABLED a motion to approve the Mobilease lease to purchase (4) modular classrooms serial number D05154A-D size 56x60 in the amount of \$151,330.00 and the return of (4) modular classrooms serial number 52957A/B and 53988A/B sizes 24x66 in the amount of \$58,300.00 for a total cost not to exceed \$209,000.

Move to TABLE by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS
ACTION ITEMS

Items 4.1 through 4.4.a were moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

4.1. Approval, Acceptance of Resignations

The Board approved a motion to accept the resignations of:

	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
4.1.a.	Michelle Riley	Varsity Field Hockey Coach	3/23/11
4.1.b.	Rich Poland	Varsity Softball Assistant Coach	3/23/11

4.2. Approval, Appointment – Per Diem Substitutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the hiring of the following individuals as per diem substitutes for 2010-2011.

Judith Hodges	Diedra Anderson	Jackelyn Kilroy
James Boyle	Susan Feltri	Felecia Burton
John Hood	Sally Carpenter	Julius Oghogho
Megan Fennen	Kenya Jenkins	Jeffrey Sacks

4.3. Approval, Tuition Reimbursement

The Board approved a motion to approve tuition reimbursement for the following individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>College/School</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Laura Dyer	Dealing with AD/HD	Gratz	3	\$500
Kelly Marlin-Peroni	Cognitive Procedures	St. Joseph Univ.	3	\$250
Kelly Marlin-Peroni	Culturally Responsive Teaching	St. Joseph Univ.	3	\$250
Dennis Rodger	Understanding Parents	Univ. of LaVerne	3	\$215

4.4. Approval, Appointments

4.4.a. Varsity Football Coach

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Bill Quill as Varsity Football Coach for 2011-2012 at a stipend of \$4,275, effective immediately.

Mr. Quill thanked the Board for this opportunity and commented that he is looking forward to the future.

4.4.b. Varsity Softball Assistant Coach

The following changes were made to 4.4.b.

The Board presented a motion to approve Chris Luise or Bruce Campbell to the position of Varsity Softball Coach for 2010-2011 at the CBA stipend of \$1,950.

The Board conducted a roll call vote for two candidates for the position of Varsity Softball Assistant Coach. Motion for appointment moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok.

First Vote: Chris Luise – Messrs. Buckman, DeWilde, Stout and Mrs. Mihok
Nay votes: Messrs. Radosti, Worob, Hellmann

Bruce Campbell – Mrs. Mihok, Messrs. Radosti, Stout, Worob, Hellmann
Nay votes: Messrs. Buckman and Mr. DeWilde

Mr. Hellmann motioned to withdraw the prior motion; seconded by Mr. DeWilde; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

Second Vote: Chris Luise – Messrs. Buckman, DeWilde
Nay votes: Mrs. Mihok, Messrs. Radosti, Stout, Worob, Hellmann

A motion **FAILED** to approve Chris Luise as Varsity Softball Assistant Coach for 2010-2011 school year.

Bruce Campbell – Mrs. Mihok, Messrs. Radosti, Stout, Worob, Hellmann
Nay votes: Messrs. Buckman, DeWilde

The Board approved a motion to appoint Bruce Campbell as Varsity Softball Assistant Coach, for the 2010-2011 school year at the CBA stipend of \$1,950.

Mr. Campbell thanked the Board for this appointment and stated that he'd like to meet with Mr. Colon and Mr. Luise to facilitate a comfortable working relationship in this capacity.

5. BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS
ACTION ITEMS

Items 5.1 and 5.2 were moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. DeWilde; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

5.1. Approval, Treasurer's Report

The Board approved a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2011.

5.2. Approval, Investment Report

The Board approved a motion to approve the Investment Report for February 2011.

5.3. 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: (2/23/11 – 3/16/11)	\$233,617.11
Athletic Fund (2/23/11)	200.00
Cafeteria Fund: (3/31/11)	43,325.58
Accounts Payable (3/24/11)	174,361.83
Capital Projects	-0-
Capital Reserve (3/24/11)	6,660.00
Procurement Cards (Feb. 2011)	<u>95.00</u>
TOTAL BILLS	\$458,259.52

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

Mr. Hellmann – April debt service payment due this report of \$393,673.00 instead of \$1,532,725 which is a savings of \$1,139,018. This represents a \$425 tax savings on every home in the Borough. In October we saved \$200 for each house in the Borough. In one year this represents a savings of \$600/home (based on the prior debt that we defeased).

These savings will continue to rise as time goes on. In 2026 we will save \$2,131,500 which represents an average savings of \$800/home.

5.4. Approval, Extension of Contract for MESPA

The Board TABLED a motion to approve a one year extension of the contract between the Borough of Morrisville School District and the Morrisville Educational Support Personnel Association until June 30, 2012.

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

Mr. Hellmann stated that the Board directs administration to continue with good faith bargaining with MESPA. Proposals and counter proposals have been made, and will continue, but no tentative agreement has been reached.

6. EDUCATION/POLICY COMMITTEE

EDUCATION ITEMS

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

6.1. Approval, Half Day Kindergarten

The Board TABLED a motion to approve a half day kindergarten program beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion to table by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

The following motion was amended as noted.

6.2. Approval, Contract with Delaware Valley High School

The Board approved a motion to approve a contract with Delaware Valley High School to provide alternative school services and transportation, **subject to Solicitor review.**

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

Mr. Ferrara commented that Delaware Valley's tuition cost is \$9,500/student. They are currently working to reduce this cost. Mr. Profy is drafting an addendum which will protect us and give us the lowest cost for tuition. We are also looking to reduce our transportation costs through this agreement.

Items 6.3 and 6.4 were moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. DeWilde; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

6.3. Approval, PICPA Conference

The Board approved a motion to approve attendance at the PICPA Conference for Mr. Hellmann and Mr. DeAngelo.

6.4. Approval, Conference in Hershey

The Board approved a motion to approve attendance for the Superintendent at the conference in Hershey.

6.5. Approval, Mediator from PDE

The Board approved a motion to approve the Pennsylvania Department of Education to appoint a mediator to assist with the dispute with the Bucks County Technical School.

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

Mr. Hellmann noted that the mediator is non-binding.

7. LIAISON REPORTS

- a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School – Mr. Buckman
The next meeting will be held on March 28.

Mr. Ferrara advised that on April 5 there will be a funding formula meeting with Superintendents, Business Administrators and Board Presidents. A 6-0 vote is required to change the funding formula. Morrisville is looking for a tuition based formula.

- b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Mr. DeWilde
Mr. DeWilde attended his first meeting this month. He distributed a funding chart he received from the IU.

Mr. Hellmann commented on the funding chart and the \$595,000,000 state budget deficit indicating that many districts will be facing substantial spending cuts.

- c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative – Mrs. Mihok
On March 8 Governor Corbett presented his proposed budget for 2011-12. In addition to the basic education subsidy reductions of \$550 million, Accountability Block Grants are cut by \$259,456 million. Much of this amount was used to support the NCLB initiative and many districts used this to fund full day Kindergarten programs; these programs would be all but lost.

\$224,083 million is cut which supports charter school reimbursements, as well as, the elimination of \$47 million in education assistance programs which funded afterschool tutoring programs.

The Governor endorsed the concept of school choice (vouchers) and noted his administration's intent to pass a school choice bill prior to the end of legislation. He did not specifically endorse SB 1 which is currently on the calendar. Passing of a voucher bill in the senate is expected this spring although passing in the house is not expected.

In conclusion, we are dealing with a lot less state funding; however, I am positive that Morrisville will prevail in keeping our programs in tact.

In response to public comment, Mr. Buckman commented on a recent newspaper article related to our 3 minute public sessions. The reason for that is so that the Board can conduct business as well as hold necessary executive. He also advised that some questions that are asked from attendees cannot be answered due to the personal nature of the question. When we have an answer to a question, the Superintendent will answer them at the Superintendent's Advisory meeting or the next business meeting.

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

The below meetings will be held in the LGI

April 13, 2011 7:30 pm – Monthly Agenda Meeting
April 20, 2011 7:30 pm Monthly Business Meeting of the Board

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Visit our community website www.mv.org
and Channel 28 on your Local Cable

8. OLD BUSINESS

- Technical School Updates
- Security Camera – *Mr. DeAngelo advised that follow-up information was provided to the Board in a Friday packet. Wires have been run and the cameras just arrived. They will be installed shortly.*
- Approved contractor's list – *compilation in progress*
- Parents ignoring traffic laws – *Mr. Ferrara has discussed this with Chief Jones. Since the school is private property we could issue citations for disorderly conduct resulting from blocking traffic.*

At Grandview, individuals are parking on the wrong side of the road and in areas with yellow curbs. This is a Borough violation. Mr. Ferrara urged community/parental support to park on the proper side of the road.

- Traffic lights for schools – *Mr. DeAngelo advised this issue is covered in the Act 77 bid.*

The Board adjourned for an executive session to discuss matters of litigation.

Addition to this evening's agenda – Vitetta

Mr. Damon Miller asked for an explanation on this issue. Mr. Hellmann advised that based on past services rendered the Board has decided to pay Vitetta based on the contingency that the District is given an estimate on finishing the job.

Vitetta

The Board approved a motion to approve payment to Vitetta Engineering firm in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for past services rendered provided that the District receives an appropriate release, what additional services need to be rendered, and a satisfactory estimate of what any additional services will cost.

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Act 93 Severance – *Mr. DeAngelo advised that a meeting was held with Act 93 group employees to present a potential severance package. They have until next month to respond.*
- ERIP for MEA – *Mr. DeAngelo advised that a proposal has been received from MEA. Administration has no issues with this proposal.*

10. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm.

William Hellmann, President

Marlys Mihok, Secretary