

School District of Borough of Morrisville  
Morrisville, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2011 AGENDA MEETING

The monthly agenda meeting of the School District of Borough of Morrisville was held in the Morrisville Intermediate/Senior High School LGI on Wednesday, May 18, 2011. Mr. Hellmann called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Board Members Present: Messrs. Hellmann, Stout, Radosti, DeWilde, Worob, and Buckman, Mrs. Mihok and Mrs. Ruthrauff

Not in Attendance: Mrs. Heater  
Quorum Present.

Administration Present: 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, Mr. Don Harm, Acting Principal, and Thomas J. Profy IV, Esq., Solicitor; media and MEA representation.

Others Present: Members of the Public. Members of MEA.

*Mr. Hellmann advised that this evening the Board will consider items on the agenda, hold an executive session pertaining to personnel, present the budget, and conduct a special meeting.*

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment this evening.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**INFRASTRUCTURE/FINANCIAL/HUMAN RESOURCES**

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Board action is requested to approve:**

1. 2011-2012 Microsoft Licensing Campus Agreement -- \$10,309.93 + 2010-2011 (pro-rated) at \$3,436.64 = \$13,746.57
2. Act 77 Lighting Project – *Mrs. Mihok requested detailed information on this item*
3. Award of Bids
  - a. Parking lot at Grandview – *This item is “permission to go out for bid.” Mrs. Mihok requested an outline of the driveway placement be distributed to the Board members. Mr. Worob advised this is for resurfacing only.*
  - b. Bid Snow Removal
  - c. Bid Trash Removal
  - d. Bid Transportation – *This bid will be opened on May 19, 2011.*
  - e. IU Cooperative Purchasing Bid

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **Board action is requested to approve:**

1. Elect Treasurer to Board of School Directors July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012
2. Accept the resignations of
  - National Honor Society Advisor
  - Secondary Yearbook Advisor
  - Bucks County Technical School Authority Representative
  - Middle School Cheerleading Coach
  - Business Office Intern
3. Accept Act 93 Severance Package (4)
4. Approve Tuition Reimbursements
5. Extend psychological services in the summer of 2011
6. Summer clerical services in the Guidance office
7. 2-hour Aide to School Nurse – *Mr. Ferrara advised that this position also serves as a substitute nurse, when needed.*
8. Summer student maintenance program
9. Varsity Field Hockey Coach
10. Extended school year (ESY) position
11. Substitute teacher – Alan Benjamin
12. Request for Maternity + Childrearing Leave
13. Early Retirement Incentive Plan for MEA members for 2010-11 and 2011-12

*Mrs. Mihok asked for clarification on items 3, 8 and 11 (above) by next week.*

*Mr. Hellmann added item #13 (above).*

## **FINANCIAL/BUSINESS**

### **INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **Board action is requested to approve:**

1. Treasurer's Report for April 2011
2. Investment Report for April 2011
3. 2011-2012 Homestead/Farmstead Resolution
4. 2011-2012 proposed final general fund budget for programs and services
5. 2011-2012 proposed final food service budget
6. 2011-2012 proposed final capital reserve budget
7. 2011-2012 proposed final athletic budget
8. 2011-2012 Programs and Services Budget for I.U. #22
9. Banking
  - Resolution Authorizing Citizens Bank Depositories for 2011-12
  - Citizens Bank Safety Deposit Box for 2011-12
  - Resolution Authorizing the Depository of funds with PLGIT in 2011-12
  - Resolution Authorizing PSDLAF Depository for 2011-12 – *Mr. DeAngelo advised that this item may not be necessary since this account was established for bond monies.*
10. 2011-2012 Real Estate Tax Installment Dates
11. Alio/Wiedenhammer Human Resources System – Employee Self-Serve = \$3,006.00; annual cost = \$417.00

12. Budget transfers
13. Disposal of excess items
14. Payment of bills

*Mr. DeAngelo added item #8 to this evening's agenda.*

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

##### **INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

##### **ACTION ITEMS:**

##### **Board action is requested to approve:**

1. Class of 2011
2. 2011 School Improvement Plan – *Mr. Ferrara advised that this item is necessary because our high school is in warning. Ms. Ruffing, Mrs. Worrell and I were instrumental putting this together and the document must be approved for submission to PDE in June.*
3. 2011-2012 Agreement with BCIU#22 for special education services
4. Closing M.R. Reiter and maintaining current grade configuration

*Mrs. Mihok asked for a report on item #4 – the condition and reasons why.*

#### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

##### **INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

##### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Board action is requested to approve Attendance Policy #204

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Permission to find a tenant for Manor Park
- Mr. DeWilde advised that a meeting will be scheduled with Administration and the IU to discuss the IU charges for services.

*Mr. DeAngelo presented a review of the 2011-12 budget. This information will be placed on the District website.*

***Mr. Hellmann** invited members of the community to offer cost-saving ideas for the budget.*

***Mr. Jon Perry**, 43 Fairview Ave. stated it is difficult to give budget suggestions when numbers are in flux, for example, special education.*

***Mr. Gesualdi** offered a detailed explanation of planning the budget for the special education department.*

***Mr. DeAngelo** displayed a slide from the 2009-10 budget also showing a decrease from the first presentation to the final approval. He reminded that his door is always open.*

***Mrs. Gayle Haug** expressed that she would like the public updated on budget changes as it progresses to the final figures.*

**Theodore Parker**, 109 Grandview expressed it is unfair to ask for suggestions from the community when they are not informed as the budget process progresses. Educationally, the district has dropped in ratings.

**Mrs. Ruthrauff** informed that our district did not drop, but has risen.

**Mr. Ferrara** explained that student scores were discussed at the recent Advisory Council meeting and this information is on the web. What is important is not how our students rank in PA, but how each of our students shows growth within our district.

**Mimi Morrow**, 1235 S. Penna. Ave. questioned how student transportation is less in the 2011-12 budget. Where are tech costs in the budget?

**Mr. Ferrara** advised that the district is hoping to purchase 3-4 vans for transportation purposes plus Delaware Valley HS has included transportation in their contracted cost. In addition, Delaware Valley HS will provide the transportation to the Technical School at a savings. The cost for tuition at the Technical School is included in the budget. Funds are being withheld from the Tech school due to billing disputes. Mr. Harm has accepted an invitation to sit with the Tech school and review why their costs are so high. He will report on the process as it progresses.

**Mrs. Mihok** advised that at a previous meeting with the Tech School, Morrisville's representation was able to offer suggestions which resulted in a \$1 million budget decrease (\$7,000 for Morrisville). Now we are being faced with a 21.2% increase for next year. We are asking for a fair funding formula. Monies are being held in escrow. Mrs. Mihok expressed her appreciation for Mr. Gesualdi's cost cutting efforts.

**Mr. DeWilde** stated that Mr. DeAngelo is prompt to answer financial questions brought to him by the Board members.

The Board adjourned to an executive session to discuss matters of personnel.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment at 8:36 pm

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William Hellmann, President

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Marlys Mihok, Secretary