

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, May 25, 2011, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Bill Hellmann, President, called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm with the following members present on roll call:

In attendance: Messrs. Buckman, DeWilde, Hellmann, Radosti, Worob and Stout, and Mrs. Ruthrauff, Mrs. Mihok and Mrs. Heater.  
Absent: All Members present

*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 and MESPA representation.

### **Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation – MOEF**

There was no report this evening.

## **ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Lighting Project**

Mr. Phil Maury of PHM Associates and Mr. Paul Haviland of Green Tech Energy Services presented a synopsis of the lighting project. The video of this presentation is included in the May 25<sup>th</sup> Board Minute video available on our website.

### **LINKS Healthy Eating Poster Contest**

In March, 463 students from Morrisville School District participated in the LINKS poster contest. On March 3, 2011 the artwork was judged by art teachers from other school district. The following students won first prize and moved on to the next level of the competition Sam Coscia, Madison Castillo, Sara Zawodniak, Jenna Kownacky. All 1<sup>st</sup> place winners from the district moved on to the next level of the competition. Deborah Camp-Frye (President of LINKS) and Nancy Reid (Art Chair) provided some additional information. Deborah Camp-Frye gave detailed information about LINKS and the art contest itself. Nancy Reid thanked Walmart for the donation of 2 bicycles, as well as, the administration and art teachers. Jenna Kownacky and her mother were called to the microphone to receive a prize for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Regional Competition. Jenna was presented with a plaque and a \$500 check.

## **1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Ferrara reported that this is a busy time of the year. He recently had the opportunity to attend the art show and concert which showcased the talents of our students.

One hundred of our students recently attended Prom at the Pen Ryn Mansion at a cost of \$70/each. It was wonderful fun and a great time was enjoyed by all.

MAC induction (Morrisville Achievement Club) was held last evening. Student participants must have teacher and student recommendations, as well as academic, social and discipline high standards.

Baseball season and Softball playoffs are starting up. Our baseball team won their first game yesterday.

Recently students from our Robotics club had the opportunity to compete at Villanova.

This evening Administration will take questions relating to the budget. If your question is not satisfactorily answered either email the administrator or attend the Superintendent’s Advisory meeting scheduled for June 15.

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

<b>District Enrollments as of May 17, 2011</b>	
<u>Student Population</u>	
Pre Kindergarten.....	18
Kindergarten.....	72
Grade 1 .....	80
Grade 2 .....	78
Grade 3 .....	71
Grade 4 .....	92
Grade 5 .....	63
Grade 6 .....	58
Grade 7 .....	61
Grade 8 .....	64
Grade 9 .....	45
Grade 10 .....	44
Grade 11 .....	54
Grade 12 .....	59
GRANDVIEW .....	319
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 4-5 .....	155
	<b>474</b>
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 6-8 .....	183
HIGH SCHOOL 9-12 .....	202
	<b>385</b>
TECHNICAL SCHOOL .....	51
HOME SCHOOLED .....	19
CHARTER SCHOOLS .....	31
<b>OUT-OF-DISTRICT .....</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>..... Total</b>	<b>1009</b>
<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**

Reported by Student Representative to the Board – Dakarai Campbell

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Teacher Appreciation Week
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Art Goes to School
- 4<sup>th</sup> – PreK to Please Touch Museum
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to Summerseat
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Washington’s Crossing Nature Center
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to Churchville Nature Center
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> DIBELS/4Sight Testing
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Scholastic BOGO Bookfair
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade to Silverlake Nature Center
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Teacher In-Service - Schools Closed
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Transition Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Title I Parent Night @ GV
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Spring Conference 7 P.M. at MHS (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students)
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Last day of EAP Tutoring and Homework Zone
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Field Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day Observed - Schools Closed

### **UPPER INTERMEDIATE AND HIGH SCHOOL SECONDARY REPORT**

- A Teacher's Gym Night fundraiser was held on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Teacher's Gym Night was organized by Nick Castillo, Michael Franklin, Casey Hollopeter, Katie Leather, Jessica Martin, Chris Peluzzo, Jenna Souyack, and leader Crosby Knott, members of the Leadership Academy. They held various fundraisers to contribute money to the Japanese Relief Effort.
- Congratulations to Brenmarie Nazario who received the YWCA Teen Volunteer of the Year Award. She was one of seventeen students in Bucks County to be honored for this award. The students serve their communities and inspire their peers to pursue similar selfless pursuits.
- Congratulations to Jocelyn Murray who is the 2011 winner of the John Fisher Award from the Bucks County Courier Times. Bravo to McKenna Markgraf who is the runner-up.
- Congratulations to the following Varsity baseball players for being selected to the BAL all-league team:  
First Team: Tyler Quill- Shortstop; Eric Wilcox- Outfield; Charlie Colon- Outfield  
Second Team: Matt Cookson- First Base  
Honorable Mention: Cord Stasolla- Catcher; Leo Hernandez- Second Base; Steve Driscoll- Outfield
- A special congratulation goes out to Eric Wilcox for being voted as BAL player of the year.
- On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Mr. King and Mr. Jones accompanied 31 students from their digital photography classes to the Trenton Thunder game. Mr. King and Mr. Jones would like to thank the 21<sup>st</sup> Century for providing the funding for the transportation for the trip.
- The final Parent Advisory meeting was held in the LGI on May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The National Honor Society participated in the MS Walk at the Tyler State Park on April 17<sup>th</sup>. NHS had 52 people on the team this year.
- Mr. Teefy, Mrs. Bramble and the Student Government students held a Blood Drive at the high school on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The faculty and students donated 30 pints of blood.
- The band and chorus held a concert preview for the elementary third thru sixth grade students on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The students enjoyed the concert.
- The Festival of the Arts/Spring Concert was held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Staff, parents, students, and members of the community enjoyed the performance and students' art work.
- The Junior/Senior prom will be held at the Pen Ryn Mansion on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The nominees in the court for the king are AJ Burns, Dakarai Campbell, Leo Hernandez, Kevin McCleave and Eric Wilcox. The nominees in the court for the queen are Bridget Brown, Kievanna Lacey, Jessica Martin, Ashley Ramos, and Cassidy Shemelia. A special thanks to Mr. Teefy and the junior class officers for all their hard work in planning the prom.
- Mr. King will accompany Kristen Jopko, Brittney Pilla and Jenna Kownacky to the Pennsylvania Computer Fair. The students were selected to attend the fair because of their first place finish at a recent county-wide computer competition. The competition will be held on May 24 in Carlisle, PA
- The National Honor Society Induction will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the LGI.
- The Senior Awards Program will be held in the high school auditorium on Thursday, June 1st. The program will begin at 7:00 pm.
- The senior picnic will be held on June 3rd. The picnic will be held at the Neshaminy Shore Park in Hulmeville. Students will leave school after third period (11 am) and return at approximately 4:30pm.
- Graduation is set for June 17<sup>th</sup> at the high school. The program will begin at 7:00 pm.
- The exam schedule for seniors and underclassmen will be posted on the school web site. Exams for seniors will begin on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Exams for underclassmen will begin on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed at 11:00am on exam days.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

**Jeannette Hallak, 584 Arbor Rd.**  
Technical School slots

**Damon Miller, 249 W. Franklin**  
Closing Reiter; Activity item cuts in budget; MESPA contract

**Ann Perry, 43 Fairview**

Middle School sports; Full day Kindergarten; Music Program; Aide cuts

**Response to Public Comments**

- Due to current litigation, no comments regarding the Technical School will be answered.
- **Mr. DeAngelo** addressed the proposed 48% activities cut – this represents a combination of employees being charged incorrectly for many years to the wrong account, as well as possible cut of cross country, JV baseball and middle school football. This also contains some transportation costs. We are hoping for additional state funding in this area.

**Mr. Ferrara** explained that the cross country team was approved with the stipulation of a minimum number of participants. We have not met this goal for 2 years. Likewise, the same situation exists for middle school football. If the state increases funding, we will look more closely at the JV baseball activity.

There are no recommendations from Administration to cut any sort of fine arts program on any level.

Confidentiality issues come into play regarding employee assignments. Labor negotiations are a matter of executive session and cannot be discussed.

Although we cannot count on the ABF grant at this time, at least for this coming year we will be offering a full day kindergarten program. The School Board will be deciding if they will purchase the modular classrooms or rent them for another year.

**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.*

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Items 2.1.a., 2.1.b, 2.1.c were moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a voice vote.

2.1.a. ***The Board approved a motion*** to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2011 Monthly Business meeting.

Voice vote of 8-0-1. Mrs. Heater abstained.

2.1.b. ***The Board approved a motion*** to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 Monthly Agenda Meeting.

Voice vote of 8-0-1. Mrs. Heater abstained.

2.1.c. ***The Board approved a motion*** to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 Special Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Voice vote of 7-0-2. Mrs. Heater and Mrs. Mihok abstained.

*The voting record of item 1 of the official minutes should read 6 nays; 1 abstention. This correction has been made to the official minutes.*

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

**3. INFRASTRUCTURE**

**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**3.1. Approval, Microsoft Licensing Campus Agreement**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 2011-2012 Microsoft Licensing Campus Agreement in the amount of \$10,309.93 + \$3,436.64 (pro-rated for 2010-2011) = total of \$13,746.57.

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

**3.2. Approval, Act 77 Lighting Project**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve Green Tech as the ESCO for the Act 77 lighting project, not to exceed \$787,683; to be paid by the facility fund budget (subject to review by the Solicitor).

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

*Mr. DeAngelo thanked Mr. Eric Christensen for donating his services for this project.*

**3.3. Approval, Bid Grandview Parking Lot**

*The Board approved a motion* to direct the Business Administrator to seek bids for resurfacing the Grandview Parking lot.

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

*Mr. DeAngelo advised that the plan will be distributed to the Board on Friday. The initial plan is to tear up the existing parking lot and replace it with a similar one with a sidewalk on the other side. We will be discussing the crosswalk with Bob Seward. We will also address the basketball court.*

**3.4. Approval, Award of Bids**

**Items 3.4.c and 3.4.f were TABLED.**

Items 3.4.a to 3.4.g (*excluding 3.4.c and 3.4.f*) were moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. DeWilde; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

**3.4.a. Grass Cutting**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the bid award for grass cutting to WDB Landscaping for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Grass Cutting -- WDB Landscaping**

Morrisville Middle/Senior High .....	\$235.00
Grandview Elementary School .....	90.00
M.R. Reiter Elementary .....	65.00
Manor Park Elementary.....	65.00
Capitol View Athletic Field .....	160.00

**3.4.b. Snow Plowing**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the bid award for snow plowing to WDB Landscaping for the 2011-2012 school year.

<b><u>Snow Plowing Bid – WDB Landscaping</u></b>				
	<u>M/S High School</u>	<u>Grandview</u>	<u>MR Reiter</u>	<u>Manor Park</u>
Snow Plowing 0-3”	\$450.00	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Snow Plowing 3”-6”	620.00	365.00	225.00	225.00
Snow Plowing 6”-12”	940.00	475.00	275.00	275.00
Snow Plowing 12’+	940.00	475.00	275.00	275.00
Salt Spread- Price Per Ton				185.00

+ T & M

**3.4.c. Side Walk Snow Removal**

*The Board TABLED a motion* to approve the bid award for side walk snow removal to WDB Landscaping for the 2011-2012 school year.

<b><u>Side Walk Snow Removal Bid – WDB Landscaping</u></b>				
	<u>M/S High School</u>	<u>Grandview</u>	<u>MR Reiter</u>	<u>Manor Park</u>
Snow Removal 0-3”	\$325.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Snow Removal 3”-6”	480.00	180.00	225.00	180.00
Snow Removal 6”-12”	575.00	210.00	305.00	210.00
Snow Removal 12’+	575.00	210.00	305.00	210.00

+ T & M

*Mr. DeAngelo requested this item be tabled since it is a function of our custodians.*

**3.4.d. Trash Removal**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the bid award for trash removal to Waste Management for the 2011-2012 school year.

<b><u>Trash Removal Bid – Waste Management</u></b>	
High School	\$7,764.00/year (\$647.00/month)
Grandview Elem.	7,764.00/year (\$647.00/month)
30 cubic yard open dumpster as needed	\$160.00 or \$73/ton

**3.4.e. School Recycling Service**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the bid award for school recycling service to Waste Management for the 2011-2012 school year.

<b><u>School Recycling Service Bid – Waste Management</u></b>	
High School	\$864.00/year (\$72.00/month)
Grandview Elem.	\$864.00/year (\$72.00/month)

**3.4.f. Transportation Services**

*The Board TABLED this motion.*

**3.4.g. Bucks Co. Intermediate Unit #22 Cooperative Purchasing Bid**

*The Board approved a motion* to authorize the Business Administrator to purchase the following items/supplies as budgeted in the 2011-2012 budget from the lowest responsible bidder as set forth in the I.U. Cooperative Purchasing Bid for example:

Audio-Visual	Custodial Supplies	Paper
Office Supplies	Printer Cartridges	Sound Field Systems

Plus any other item that would be beneficial for the District to purchase under the I.U. cooperative purchasing bids.

**4. HUMAN RESOURCES**  
**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**  
**ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1. Election/Appointment, Board Treasurer**

This item has been placed on the agenda because the School Code 404 requires election of a Treasurer annually during the month of May to serve for one year beginning the first day of the following July.

**Nomination of Candidate(s) for Treasurer to the Board of School Directors**

The President of the Board of School Directors solicits nominations of candidate(s) for Treasurer to the Board of School Directors.

Mrs. Mihok nominated Mr. DeWilde; nomination seconded by Mrs. Ruthrauff.

**Close Nominations of Candidate(s)**

*The Board approved a motion* to close nominations for Treasurer of the Board of School Directors.

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

**Appointment/Election of Treasurer to the Board of School Directors**

*The Board approved a motion* to elect and appoint John DeWilde as Treasurer to the Board of School Directors, to serve July 1, 2011 until June 30, 2012. Compensation for this office is \$250 per year.

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

**Items 4.2 to 4.10 were moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.**

**4.2. Approval, Acceptance of Resignations**

*The Board approved a motion* to accept the resignations listed:

<b>Individual</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective</b>
a. Elizabeth Glaum-Lathbury	National Honor Society Advisor	June 21, 2011
b. Karen Maziarz	Secondary Yearbook Advisor	June 21, 2011
c. Ed Bailey	School Dist. Authority Representative	May 25, 2011
d. Karen McDonald	Middle School Cheerleading Coach	May 25, 2011
e. Shane Coulter	Business Office Intern	May 18, 2011

**4.3. Approval, Acceptance of Act 93 Severance Package**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the acceptance of the Act 93 severance package by the employees listed below, effective June 30, 2011.

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| a. Duane Whetstone | c. Barbara Mehalic |
| b. Jeanne Corrigan | d. Peggy DeYoung   |

**4.4. Approval, Summer Psychological Services**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve an additional 12 days during the summer of 2011. The costs of these services is ~~\$250/day~~ \$275/day for a total of ~~\$3,000~~ \$3,300 and will be funded by IDEA and/or ACCESS funds.

**4.5. Approval, Summer Guidance Clerical Services**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve an additional 35 hours of clerical service for the guidance office during the summer of 2011. The compensation for this item is approximately \$390.00 in accordance with Custodial/Secretarial Substitute Salary and Benefit Schedule (\$11.12/hour).

**4.6. Approval, Appointments**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointments listed

	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Replaces</b>
a.	Katherine Klausner	Field Hockey coach	\$2,625	2011-2012	Michelle Riley
b.	Teresa McCausland	2-Hr. Aide to Nurse	\$21.50	5/26/11	C. Kremer
d.	Jason Bresnen	Asst. Var. FB Coach	\$2,700	2011-2012	D. Roberts
e.	Pete Neeley	Asst. Var. FB Coach	\$2,700	2011-2012	D. Cox
f.	Steve Cominski	Asst. Var. FB Coach	\$2,700	2011-2012	J. Freeman
g.	Meghan Johnston	Substitute Teacher	\$94/day	5/26/11	new

*Mrs. Mihok remarked it's a shame would could get these services performed by these individuals out the goodness of the heart.*

**4.7. Approval, Tuition Reimbursement**

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Course</u></b>	<b><u>College/School</u></b>	<b><u>Credits</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Richard Boats	In the Face of Poverty	Univ. of St. Thomas	3	\$355
Dave Vaccaro	Walking for Fitness	Fresno Pacific Univ.	3	359
Richard Boats	Differentiation & Grading	Univ. of St. Thomas	3	355
Richard Boats	Integrating the Brain into Classroom	Univ. of St. Thomas	3	355
Dennis Rodgers	Dealing with Parents	Univ. of Laverne	3	70
Dennis Rodgers	Motivation for Students	Univ. of Laverne	3	285
Dennis Rodgers	Student Learning & Brain	Univ. of Laverne	3	315
Dennis Rodgers	Cyberbullying	Univ. of Laverne	3	315
Dennis Rodgers	Stress Management	Univ. of Laverne	3	315
Alison Bechberger	Dissertation Proposal Design	Temple	3	1,400
Justin Woodruff	Differentiated Instruction	Cabrini	3	832
Melissa Bowman	Cooperative Discipline	Gratz	3	480
Melissa Bowman	Shaping Respectful Learners	Augustana College	3	210
Melissa Bowman	The Write Foundation	Augustana College	3	355
Melissa Bowman	What Great Teachers Do	Augustana College	3	355



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Laura Dyer	Dealing with AD/HD	Gratz	3	480
Sean Haines	Culturally Distinctive Classroom	Gratz	3	480
Tarisa Rorick	Differentiated Instruction	Cabrini	3	832
Meredith Robson	Dealing with AD/HD	Gratz	3	480
Amy Keeling	Kinesthetic Classroom	Gratz	3	480
Carla VanDemark	Tchg. & Learning Multiple Intelligences	Gratz	3	480
Traci Coley	Dealing with AD/HD	Gratz	3	920
Traci Coley	Gendered Brain	Gratz	3	480
Kelly Marlin-Peroni	Cognitive Procedures/Culturally Responsive Teaching	St. Joseph Univ.	6	1400
Michelle Riley	School Leadership	Temple	3	1900
Linda Yonkin	Responding to Harm	IIRP	3	45
Sally Eperjesi	Spanish for the Workplace	FBCM	0	50
Rick Sabol	Human Development	Holy Family	3	1385
Demetrius Roberts	Perspectives in Inst. Tech.	Nova SE Univ.	3	1900
G. Kannengieszer	Curr. Devel. And Peer Coaching	Gwynedd Mercy	3	1890

*Mr. DeAngelo advised that the above reimbursements bring the total reimbursement for 2010-2011 to \$31,521 (the contract allows for \$40,000).*

**4.8. Approval, Extended Year Services Position**

*The Board approved a motion to approve to approve an extended year services (ESY) position for the summer of 2011.*

**4.9. 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 a maternity leave immediately followed by a child rearing leave for Tracie Galante commencing approximately September 19, 2011 until January 30, 2012.*

**4.10. Approval, ERIP for MEA Professional Personnel**

*The Board approved a motion to approve an early retirement incentive program for the Morrisville Education Association professional staff for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years.*

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

*The Board approved a motion to approve items 5.1 and 5.2; moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a unanimous vote of 9 ayes.*

**5.1. Approval, Treasurer's Report**

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

**5.2. Approval, Investment Report**

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

**5.3. Approval Homestead/Farmstead Resolution**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Homestead/Farmstead resolution for the 2011-2012 fiscal year (see below). Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE**

**2011 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of School Directors of the School District of Borough of Morrisville, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2011, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. **Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction.** The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2011:

a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$386,644.01.

2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 1,939.

b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is \_-0-\_\_.

c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 1,939.

3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(e) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$386,644.01 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 1,939, the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$199.40.

4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$199.40 by the School District real estate tax rate of one hundred seventy seven point three mills (177.3), the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead/farmstead is \$1,124.64.

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William Hellmann, President

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Marlys Mihok, Secretary

**Mr. Hellmann moved to approve 5.4 to 5.7; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.**

**5.4. Approval, 2011-2012 Proposed Final General Fund Budget for Programs and Services**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the proposed final general fund budget for programs and services for the School District of Borough of Morrisville for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$17,227,836 expenditures and \$16,977,836 revenues.

**5.5. Approval, 2011-2012 Proposed Final Cafeteria/Food Service Budget**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the proposed Final Cafeteria/Food Service budget for programs and services for the School District of Borough of Morrisville for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$421,335.

**5.6. Approval, 2011-2012 Proposed Final Capital Reserve Budget**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the proposed Final Capital Reserve budget for programs and services for the School District of Borough of Morrisville for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$124,092.

**5.7. Approval, 2011-2012 Proposed Final Athletic Budget**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the proposed Final Athletic budget for programs and services for the School District of Borough of Morrisville for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$20,000.

**5.8. This item has been removed from the agenda**

**5.9. Designation of Bank Depositories 2011-2012 School Year**

**Citizens Bank**

The Pennsylvania School code mandates the Board of School Directors pass a resolution authorizing the depository of school funds for the school year 2011-2012.

*The Board approved a motion* that accounts in the name of the School District of Borough of Morrisville be with Citizens Bank. Said bank is hereby authorized to make payment of funds on these accounts according to checks, drafts, notes of acceptance of the School District of Borough of Morrisville signed manually or with a facsimile signature by William Hellmann, President; Alfred Radosti, Vice President; John DeWilde, Treasurer; and Marlys Mihok, Secretary, including checks drawn to his or their own order.

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William Hellmann, President Alfred Radosti, Vice President

And

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John DeWilde Marlys Mihok, Secretary

**5.10. Citizens Bank-Safety Deposit Box 2011-2012 School Year**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the movement of our safety deposit box from Wachovia to Citizens Bank.

**5.11. Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust**

The Pennsylvania School code mandates the Board of School Directors pass a resolution authorizing the depository of school funds for the school year 2011-2012.

*The Board approved a motion* to approve that accounts in the name of the School District of Borough of Morrisville be with Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust. Said institution is hereby authorized to make payment of funds on these accounts according to checks, drafts, notes of acceptance of the School District of Borough of Morrisville signed manually or with a facsimile signature by William Hellmann, President; Alfred Radosti, Vice President; John DeWilde, Treasurer; and Marlys Mihok, Secretary, including checks drawn to his or their own order.

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William Hellmann, President Alfred Radosti, Vice President

And

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John DeWilde Marlys Mihok, Secretary

**5.12. Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)**

The Pennsylvania School code mandates the Board of School Directors pass a resolution authorizing the depository of school funds for the school year 2011-2012.

*The Board approved a motion* to approve that accounts in the name of the School District of Borough of Morrisville be with PSDLAF and PA Invest. Said bank is hereby authorized to make payment of funds on these accounts according to checks, drafts, notes of acceptance of the School District of Borough of Morrisville signed manually or with a facsimile signature by William Hellmann, President; Alfred Radosti, Vice President; John DeWilde, Treasurer; and Marlys Mihok, Secretary, including checks drawn to his or their own order.

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John DeWilde Marlys Mihok, Secretary

*Mr. DeAngelo advised that this account is for capital projects and probably will not be renewed next year.*

**5.13. Approval Installment Dates**

*The Board approved a motion* for the Board to approve a motion for the following resolution and installment dates for real estate tax payments for 2011-2012. (See attached resolution)

August 15, 2011                      October 15, 2011                      December 15, 2011

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE  
Morrisville, Pennsylvania  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
RESOLUTION**

Installment Payment of Real Estate Taxes

**WHEREAS**, on June 27, 2006, the Governor Rendell signed Act 1 of 2006, "The Taxpayer Relief Act,"

**WHEREAS**, Section 1502 of Act 1 of 2006 requires local school boards to authorize the collection and payment of school real property taxes, excluding any interim or delinquent school property taxes, in installments,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the School Board of the Borough of Morrisville School District, as follows.

**Section 1.** Taxpayers with homestead or farmstead property approved pursuant to section 341 of Act 1 of 2006 are eligible to pay school real property taxes in installments.

**Section 2.** The taxes will be paid in three equal installments on the following due dates of each year:  
August 15                      October 15                      December 15

**Section 3.** The payment of the first installment amount on or before August 15 will be evidence that the taxpayer intends to pay in installments.

**Section 4.** Failure of the taxpayer to pay the first installment on or before August 15 will be evidence that the taxpayer does not intend to pay in installments and such payments will become due and payable as provided in the Act of May 25, 1945, known as the Local Tax Collection Law, subject to discounts and penalties provided by that Law.

**Section 5.** A penalty of 10% will be charged for each installment payment not received by the due date.

**Section 6.** This Resolution shall become effective on July 1, 2011.

**DULY ADOPTED** by the Board of School directors in lawful session duly assembled this twenty fifth day of May, 2011.

**BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bucks County, Pennsylvania**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
William Hellmann, President  
SEAL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marlys Mihok, Board Secretary

*Mr. DeAngelo advised that past practice was that the county would be responsible for printing the tax bills. The county no longer has this responsibility and our tax collector is working with a printer to achieve this goal.*

**Items 5.14 to 5.17 were moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.**

**5.14. Approval, Alio/Widenhammer Human Resources System – Employee Self-Serve**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve Alio/Widenhammer Human Resources System – Employee Self-Serve = \$3,006.00; annual cost = \$417.00.

*Mrs. Mihok remarked that Human Resources will be more efficient with a self-serve system.*

**5.15. Budget Transfers**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve budget transfers of \$26,650.00 and general fund transfers are \$201,454.03.

**5.16. Approval, Disposal of Excess Items**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the disposal of excess items as presented by Administration.

**EQUIPMENT**

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	Laminator (not repairable)	HS, B-6
3	Electric Mixers (not repairable)	HS, A-7
1	Kelvinator Freezer, 31 x 30 x 36 (no longer used)	HS Cafeteria
1	Hobart Mixer (no longer used)	HS Cafeteria
3	Cash Registers (no longer used)	HS Cafeteria
1	Salad Spinner (no longer used)	HS Cafeteria
2	Toasters (no longer used)	HS Cafeteria

**5.17. 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: (4/20/11 – 5/18/11)	\$447,460.93
Athletic Fund (4/15/11 – 5/16/11)	3,720.00
Cafeteria Fund: (5/26/11)	40,366.12
Accounts Payable (5/26/11)	254,765.73
Capital Projects	-0-
Capital Reserve (4/29/11 – 5/26/11)	118,441.08
Procurement Cards (April 2011)	<u>331.31</u>
<b>TOTAL BILLS</b>	<b>\$865,085.17</b>

**6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**  
**ACTION ITEMS**

**6.1. Approval, Class of 2011**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Class of 2011, as attached, as being eligible for graduation and a high school diploma, provided they meet the scholastic requirements for graduation. Further, they must account for all financial obligations necessary for graduation and have complied with the various school regulations prior to graduation.

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

**Class of 2011**

Ambioris Abreu

Jowanna Allen

Bre'Asia Askew

Matthew R. Beyer

Jenai Rochelle Blackwell

John F. Braun

Jonattan Cabrera

Katelyn Catchpole

Jah'mirra Naa'sha Chambers

Charles Colon

Matthew M. Cookson

Aireasha M. Craven

Austin Robert Crist

Justin Davis

Moet Dixon

Natalie A. Doogah

Stephen Vincent Driscoll

Jon Michael Franklin

Mary Allison Gancarz

Ashley Karil Grenade

Hope M. Hartley

Dominique Hewitt

Michael Johnson

Kristen Jopko

Crosby T. Knott

Semahj N. La'Mons

Richard Wayne Laypo II

Catherine Leather

Errick Mark Lewis

Thomas Lipski

Jamirah M. Long

Amanda N. Luna

Brianna Leigh Markgraf

McKenna Markgraf

Da'Shon McDaniel

Peyton Alexis McDonald

Robert D. McIntyre

Akera McKnight

Tedra Mone't McRae

Brianna Medina

Jesse Miller

Victoria Amanda Moore

Kelvin Morales

Jocelyn D. Murray

Emily Renee Musella

Brenmarie Nazario

Brittney Nicole Pilla

Yanibel Reyes

Fata V. Sanor

Heriberto Santana

Kristopher Scott Shaw

Phillip Shaw

Cord Stasolla

Kimberly Ann Marie Steele

Orlando Tirado Jr.

Denizza Toledo

Nicholas Ryan Tremarki

Nathalie Urena Montero

David Valentin Jr.

Ebony Renee Venable

Julian Walker

Catlyn Whoriskey

Darryl Elliot Wilcox

Bryon Williams

Isaiah Wright

Zalina Briana Zayas

Jia Zhang



**6.2. Approval, 2011-2012 School Improvement Plan**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 2011-2012 School Improvement Plan.

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

*School Improvement Plan is necessary because the High School is in warning status due to our math scores. This requires approval by PDE.*

**6.3. Approval, Agreement with Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 for Special Education Services.**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the agreement with Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 for special educational services for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

**6.4. Approval, Closing M.R. Reiter and Maintaining Current Grade Configuration**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the permanent closing of M.R. Reiter Elementary School and maintaining the current grade configurations in the District.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Worob; passed by a voice vote of 8 ayes; 1 nay (Mrs. Heater).

*Mr. Ferrara advised that this motion is presented because enrollment has declined and the District has been able to offer the same efficiency of education in the modular classrooms. Mr. DeAngelo stated that even though the building has been cleaned, he does not feel comfortable putting our students back in the building. Additionally, Mrs. Mihok reminded that Vitetta had done a survey of the building and recommended a \$4,000,000 expense for the building, excluding the HVAC system. Mrs. Heater disagreed with these statements. Mr. Hellmann solicited suggestions from the community on what to do with the property.*

**7. POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**  
**ACTION ITEMS**

**7.1. Policy #204 – Attendance**

*The Board approved* the first reading of policy #204 -- Attendance.

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

**8. LIAISON REPORTS**

- a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School – Mr. Buckman  
*The Technical School voted on their budget. Mr. Buckman presented Mr. DeAngelo with a copy. Even though Morrisville’s portion has decreased it continues to be unfairly proportionate to other districts. Morrisville has only one representative to the Technical School while other districts have 3.*
- b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Mr. DeWilde  
*The next meeting will be held on June 21. Representatives are in the process of evaluating Dr. Galasso. Working on scheduling a meeting with Dr. Galasso to discuss the IU budget.*
- c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative – Mrs. Mihok  
*There is a vote delay for HB1326 which eliminates Act 1 exceptions; amendments are expected. Since 2006 14 referendums have been entered – only one passed. The teacher furlough bill passed the Senate and has been sent to the house; provisions for unsatisfactory evaluations have been added. This would not affect Morrisville because of a clause in the contract.*

*Future Meetings and Items of Interest*

The below meetings will be held in the LGI

June 17, 2011 ..... 7:00 pm -- Morrisville H S Graduation  
June 22, 2011 ..... 7:30 pm – Monthly Agenda Meeting  
June 29, 2011 ..... 7:30 pm Monthly Business Meeting of the Board

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***and Channel 28 on your Local Cable***

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. DeAngelo advised regarding the replacement door installation at Grandview in the electrical room -- no extra cost was incurred. The replacement door was removed by the contractor. We received a \$30,000 credit for the two end doors.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- Permission to find a tenant for Manor Park Elementary School  
*Mr. Ferrara advised that the building is in very good shape. The District is in negotiations with Ivins House as a potential tenant.*
- *Members of the Act 93 group, which includes Principals and Supervisors, have voted to take a pay freeze. Mr. DeAngelo and Mr. Gesualdi have also agreed. If we are fortunate to get Mr. Harm back he has agreed. If I am fortunate enough to be named Superintendent, I will also take a pay freeze.*

- *Mr. DeAngelo advised that the Board will be seeking a new recording secretary.*
- Meeting with IU Personnel and Morrisville Administration to discuss charges for services – *this item was discussed earlier this evening.*

**Mr. Hellmann advised that an executive session on personnel will be held following this meeting.**

**11. Adjournment**

*The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm.*

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William Hellmann, President

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Marlys Mihok, Secretary