

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, December 16, 2009, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Bill Hellmann, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the following members present on roll call:

In attendance: Messrs. Buckman; Hellman; DeWilde; Stout, Radosti; Mrs. Mihok; Mrs. Heater.
 Absent: Mrs. Reithmeyer; Mrs. Worob.
Quorum Present.

Also attending this evening's meeting was Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; Mr. Anthony Gesualdi, Director of Pupil Services; Mr. William Ferrara, Intermediate/Secondary Principal (Gr. 6-12); Ms. Laurie Ruffing, Elementary/Intermediate School Principal (PreK-5); Michael G. Fitzpatrick, Esq., Solicitor; media and MEA representation.

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 ⇨ Enrollment Report

District Enrollments as of December 9, 2009

Student Population

PreK	17		
Kindergarten.....	81	GRANDVIEW	341
Grade 1	76	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 4-5	<u>124</u>
Grade 2	78	 465
Grade 3	89		
Grade 4	63	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 6-8	179
Grade 5	61	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12	<u>242</u>
Grade 6	58	 421
Grade 7	63		
Grade 8	58	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	60
Grade 9	56	Regular Ed.....	45
Grade 10	54	Special Ed	15
Grade 11	67	CHARTER SCHOOLS	27
Grade 12	<u>65</u>	Regular Ed.....	22
.....	886Special Ed.....	5
		HOME SCHOOLED	15
		OUT-OF-DISTRICT	57
		Regular Ed.....	10
		Special Ed	47
		Total.....	1045-10=1035

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

⇒ This week in our Schools

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Friday Dec 4th our 3rd graders read to therapy dogs at GV
- Dec 8th--17th holiday gift shop for students.

UPPER INTERMEDIATE AND HIGH SCHOOL SECONDARY REPORT SEPTEMBER, 2009

- Recently, the Exxon Mobil Company representatives presented the Morrisville Middle Senior High School principal with a \$750.00 grant/donation. The proprietor of Exxon station on West Trenton Ave. recommended our school due to it being an excellent facility which is known for its innovative spirit and commitment to the educational advancement of its students.
- During the month of December, the MEA is collecting books for our school libraries. This is the fourth year the MEA is holding this event and they are hoping to surpass last year's goal.
- The band, color guard, and their advisors along with the Bulldog and the Miss Winterfest girls participated in the Winterfest parade on December 5th. The intermediate/high school hosted day long activities, including a performance by the elementary chorus, musical play, silent auction, and a visit with Mr. & Mrs. Claus.
- Breakfast with Santa was sponsored by Good Friends and held on December 6th.
- The Parent Advisory meeting was held on December 8th.
- Progress reports were distributed on December 17th.
- On December 16th students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will preview the Winter Concert at the high school.
- The band and chorus will showcase their work at the Winter Concert which will take place on December 17th in the high school auditorium at 7:30pm.
- Schools will be closed for the Winter Break from December 24th to January 3rd. Classes resume on January 4th.
- The following student-athletes players were named to the 2009 ALL Bicentennial Athletic League football team:

1st Team -	Anthony Reyes	Offensive Tackle & Defensive Tackle
	Julian Walker	Wide Receiver
	Matt Cookson	Quarterback
	Zach Markgraf	Defensive End
	Matt Beyer	Linebacker
2nd Team -	Eugene Figueroa	Wide Receiver
	Cris Street	Defensive Back
	Mike Jones	Defensive Back
	Brandon Douglass	Kicker

Honorable Mention

Pat Syron	Center & Defensive End
Ruben Bresnen	Running Back
Zach Markgraf	Offensive Tackle
Matt Beyer	Wide Receiver
Chris Geffrard	Offensive Guard

Co-Offensive Player of the Year – Matt Cookson, Quarterback

- Jim Gober was selected as the BAL coach of the year. This is a great honor since his peers voted for this award. Congratulations to Jim and his staff.
- Students participated in county-wide video conference with Rep. Patrick Murphy
- Gifted students participated in a simulation sponsored by Challenging Learning Ctr. & BCIU
- Lady Bulldogs are currently undefeated
- Winter Chorus will be held on December 17.

PRESENTATION:

Audit Report – Mr. Carl Hogan of Briggs, Bunting & Dougherty reported on the recent audit report, highlighting certain areas.

Enumerator – Mr. Paul DeAngelo explained the report prepared by our Act 80 enumerator.

Grandview Parking Lot – Mr. DeAngelo informed the board that he would like to have an engineer study the District's needs for the Grandview parking lot.

Comments of Jane Burger 90 W. Maple Ave.
School Board meeting December 16, 2009.

Good Evening. Congratulations to the recently elected School Board members.

As the Vice President of the Morrisville Opportunity Educational Foundation (MOEF), I am standing in for our Board President Mark Coassolo. We look forward to working with you on behalf of our children.

This evening, I would like provide you with information about our organization. As many of you may know the Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation is the result of a vision held by a group of community leaders and businesses who wish to enhance the Morrisville School District's curriculum and extra curricular activities with privately funded enrichment programs. The MOEF is a broad-based non-profit community organization whose purpose is exclusively educational and charitable and to secure resources from individuals, corporations, community organizations and foundations to support programs for the benefit of students in the Morrisville Borough School District.

We have received our IRS exempt 501c3 status and we have begun to raise funds to carry out our goals. A Phillies dress down day was the first event this fall. Most recently the Foundation conducted a silent auction and penny auction as part of the Morrisville Borough Winterfest activities held at the High School December 5th. This partnership with the 21st century Service Learning clubs and District musical performances was a wonderful positive event. The generous donations of the contributors to the MOEF auctions and the support of our community enabled us to raise \$1800 to support our work. Additional fundraisers are being planned. Request Forms have been made available to teachers of all grade levels asking that they submit project plans for funding in an amount up to \$500. We anticipate funding several requests this spring term. The MOEF Board of Directors is excited about the opportunity to be a partner with our school district to enhance the education of our students.

Thank you.



PUBLIC SESSION

Bill Minder – Duplicate newsletters

Damon Miller, 249 W. Franklin St. – impending PSERS increase.

Bill Farrell, 347 N. Penna. Ave. – PSERS increase; Private School funding status.

Sharon Hughes, Mercer Ave. – Wooden toys made by students; Winterfest and “Summerseat Remembers”; enumerator.

ACTION ITEMS:

2.1.a. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2009 Monthly Business Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a voice vote of 4 ayes; 1 nay (Mrs. Heater); 2 abstentions (Mr. Stout, Mr. DeWilde).

2.1.b. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2009 Reorganization of the Board of School Directors meeting.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a voice vote of 6 ayes; 1 abstention (Mrs. Heater).

2.1.c. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2009 Monthly Agenda Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. DeWilde; passed by a voice vote of 6 ayes; 1 abstention (Mrs. Heater).

The Board recessed for an Executive Session to discuss personnel and student discipline matters.

3. INFRASTRUCTURE/FINANCIAL/HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. Bill Hellmann, Chairperson

HUMAN RESOURCES

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

District Employees as of November 12, 2009 = 150
5.....Administrators
80.....Teachers
12.....Administrator Support Staff
17.....Support Staff
36.....Instructional & Non-Instructional Support Staff

ACTION ITEMS

3.1. Approval, Resignations

The Board approved a motion to approve the acceptance of the following resignation, with regret:

Mrs. Aigen Lenox personal care assistant effective 11/24/09

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

3.2. Approval, Leave of Absence

3.2.a. *The Board approved a motion* to extend a child rearing leave for Mrs. Summer Branche for the 2nd semester of the 2009-2010 school year.

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

3.2.b. *The Board approved a motion* to approve a child rearing leave for Mrs. Christie Nemeth from March 29, 2010 until June 18, 2010.

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

3.3. Approval, Appointments

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointments listed below: Items 3.3.a. through 3.3.c. were moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

	Individual	Position	Effective	Compensation	Replacing
3.3.a.	Christine Ferrari; Kelly Angove, Aigen Lenox	Per Diem Substitutes	2009-2010	Per Policy #429 and Group II Salary and Benefits	Appointed on yearly basis
3.3.b	Sarah Roby	Elementary floater Substitute	2 nd semester 2009-2010	Per Policy #429 \$104/day	Christine Motherwell
3.3.c.	Szilvia Deak-Kent	PCA	1/15/10—3/1/10	Per Group II Salary and Benefits = \$11.52/hour	Lauren Lang Maternity Leave

3.4. Approval, Tuition Reimbursements

The Board approved a motion to approve the tuition reimbursements as listed below:
Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

	Individual	Course	School Yr.	Univ	Credits	Amount
3.4.a.	Christy Schmidt	Literacy and Learning	2008-09	Univ. of St. Thomas	3	\$350.00
3.4.b	Traci Coley	Increasing Student Responsibility	2009-10	Gratz	3	\$500.00
3.4.c.	Bethany Coleman	Special Populations	2009-10	Augustana Univ.	3	\$360.00
3.4.d.	Justin Woodruff	Educational Research	2009-10	Univ. of Scranton	3	\$500.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee presents the following items for consideration.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

3.5. Approval, Budget Transfers

The Board approved a motion to approve the ordinary and necessary budget transfers for the 2009-10 school year in the amount of \$11,651.00. Grant transfers = \$87,901.00 and General Fund transfers = \$23,750.00.

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

3.6. Approval, Disposal of Window Treatments at Grandview

The Board approved a motion to approve the disposal of window treatments at Grandview Elementary due to the installation of new windows beginning December 24, 2009.

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

The majority of this work will proceed after January 4, 2010.

3.7. Approval, Revised Calendar for 2010-2011 Budget Process

The Board approved a motion to approve the revised calendar for the 2010-2011 budget process (shown on next page).

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE
Morrisville, Pennsylvania

December 16, 2009



Morrisville Borough School District
550 West Palmer Street
Morrisville, PA 19067-2195

“REVISED”
BUDGET CALENDAR
2010-2011

November 2009

November 4, 2009	Proposal of Budget Calendar-Finance
November 18, 2009	Board Approval of the Budget Calendar
November 19, 2009	The 2010-2011 Budget requests distributed to Administration from Business Administrator

December 2009

December 7, 2009	Monthly Agenda Meeting
December 17, 2009	Individual Budget Meetings with All Principals and Supervisors
December 18, 2009	All Budget Requests From Principals and Supervisors to Business Administrator for Management Review and Discussion

January 2010

January 12 2010	Administration Review and Compilation of Budget Information
January 20, 2010	Finance Committee Budget Presentation and Discussion
January 27, 2010	Board Approval of the Resolution Indicating Will Not Raise Taxes above Index

February 2010

February 10, 2010	Administration Review of 2010-2011 Budget
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March 2009

March 10, 2010	Administration Review of 2010-2011 Budget
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April 2010

April 21, 2010	Superintendent and Business Administrator Recommends the 2010-2011 Budget – Finance Committee
April 28, 2010	Tentative 2010-2011 Budget Adoption

May 2010

May 19, 2010	Board and Public Response to 2010-2011 Budget – Finance Committee
May 26, 2010	General Fund (Operating) Budget Adoption
	Tax Resolution Adoption Approval
	Proprietary (Food Services) Fund Budget Adoption
	Special Revenue (Athletic) Fund Budget Adoption

FINANCE COMMITTEE

3.8. Approval, 2008-09 Audit Report

The Board approved a motion to approve the audit report from Briggs Bunting & Dougherty, LLP for fiscal year 2008-09.

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

3.9. Approval, Mandate Waiver

The Board approved a motion to approve the mandate waiver for advertising on the District website.

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

This will provide advertising flexibility and allow us to post advertisements on the website.

Morrisville Borough School District
Board of School Directors

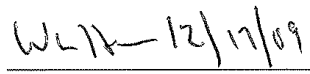
RESOLUTION

December 18, 2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morrisville Borough School District submit a Mandate Waiver Program Application seeking a waiver of the provisions of 24 PS 1-106. The District proposes to publish notices for an equal amount of time and frequency as directed under the provisions of the School Code on the Morrisville Borough School District official Internet website using hypertext markup language (HTML) format, or an equivalent language format, or in a community paper of mass dissemination, which refers to a locally circulated printed publication that is at least four pages long, issued at least on a weekly basis, includes information on local and general happenings, miscellaneous reading material, editorial comments, community announcements and commercial and classified ads, and is distributed by audited carriers to all known addresses within a political subdivision.

ATTEST:


Mrs. Marlys Mikok
School Board Secretary


Mr. William Hellmann, President
Morrisville Borough Board of School Directors

3.10. Approval, Permit Business Administrator to Approve Change Orders

The Board approved a motion to allow the Business Administrator to approve construction directives and change orders for the Grandview Elementary project not to exceed \$25,000 per occurrence.

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

3.11. Approval, Peco Contract for HVAC Project at Grandview

The Board approved a motion to approve the Peco contract in the amount of \$42,323.00 for the Grandview Elementary HVAC project for the conversion from oil to natural gas.

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

Mr. Hellmann suggested negotiating the cost of this project with Peco. Mr. DeAngelo advised that it is important to get this started, but he will certainly discuss it with Peco if the final cost is too much.

3.12. Approval, Permit Business Administrator to Perform RFPs for Insurance and Banking Services

The Board approved a motion to approve the Business Administrator to perform RFPs, Request for Proposals, for insurance and banking and engineering services for the Grandview parking lot to be awarded in January or February, effective July 1, 2010.

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

3.13. 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: (11/19/09 – 12/09/09)	\$488,079.08
Athletic Fund (11/19/09 – 12/7/09)	1,253.00
Cafeteria Fund: (12/31/09)	31,910.28
Accounts Payable (12/17/09)	179,720.61
Capital Projects (11/24/09 – 12/17/09)	613,266.01
Capital Reserve	-0-
Procurement Cards (November 2009)	4,041.53
Payroll & Benefits (November 2009)	<u>793,642.41</u>
TOTAL BILLS	\$2,111,912.92

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

3.14. Approval, Proposed 2010 Scheduled Meeting Dates

The Board approved a motion to approve the proposed 2010 schedule of meetings for the School Board committees, agenda and business meetings, as shown on the next page.

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

2010
Proposed Scheduled Meetings
For the
Board of School Directors

Wednesday, January 20	6:45 pm	Infrastructure/Finance/Human Resource Committee
	7:30 pm	AGENDA MEETING
Wednesday, January 27	7:00 pm	Education Committee/Policy Committee
	7:30 pm	MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 17	6:45 pm	Infrastructure/Finance/Human Resource Committee
	7:30 pm	AGENDA MEETING
Wednesday, February 24	7:00 pm	Education Committee/Policy Committee
	7:30 pm	MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 17	6:45 pm	Infrastructure/Finance/Human Resource Committee
	7:30 pm	AGENDA MEETING
Wednesday, March 24	7:00 pm	Education Committee/Policy Committee
	7:30 pm	MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 21	6:45 pm	Infrastructure/Finance/Human Resource Committee
	7:30 pm	AGENDA MEETING
Wednesday, April 28	7:00 pm	Education Committee/Policy Committee
	7:30 pm	MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 19	6:45 pm	Infrastructure/Finance/Human Resource Committee
	7:30 pm	AGENDA MEETING
Wednesday, May 26	7:00 pm	Education Committee/Policy Committee
	7:30 pm	MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 16	6:45 pm	Infrastructure/Finance/Human Resource Committee
	7:30 pm	AGENDA MEETING
Wednesday, June 23	7:00 pm	Education Committee/Policy Committee
	7:30 pm	MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

No Scheduled Meetings in July

Wednesday, August 18	6:45 pm	Infrastructure/Finance/Human Resource Committee
	7:30 pm	AGENDA MEETING
Wednesday, August 25	7:00 pm	Education Committee/Policy Committee
	7:30 pm	MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 15	6:45 pm	Infrastructure/Finance/Human Resource Committee
	7:30 pm	AGENDA MEETING
Wednesday, September 22	7:00 pm	Education Committee/Policy Committee
	7:30 pm	MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 20	6:45 pm	Infrastructure/Finance/Human Resource Committee
	7:30 pm	AGENDA MEETING
Wednesday, October 27	7:00 pm	Education Committee/Policy Committee
	7:30 pm	MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 10	6:45 pm	Infrastructure/Finance/Human Resource Committee
	7:30 pm	AGENDA MEETING
Wednesday, November 17	7:00 pm	Education Committee/Policy Committee
	7:30 pm	MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 6	6:45 pm	Infrastructure/Finance/Human Resource Committee
	7:30 pm	Re-ORGANIZATION MEETING
	8:00 pm	AGENDA MEETING
Wednesday, December 15	7:00 pm	Education Committee/Policy Committee
	7:30 pm	MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Committee meetings will be of the duration indicated in the above schedule. All meetings will be held in the Morrisville Middle/Sr. High School. Committee meetings in the G-Hall Conference Room; Board meetings will be held in the LGI Room

Community/School Joint Committee to be coordinated with Borough representatives

4. EDUCATION/POLICY COMMITTEES, Brenda Worob, Chairperson

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS:

5. LIAISON REPORTS

- a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School – Mr. Buckman
Mr. Buckman presented a copy of the audit report for the record. Funding for special education services is being discussed. A consultant has been hired to discuss the funding formula. The Technical School passed the same motion we passed regarding the PSERS increase; tech school is building a fund to deal with this issue.
- b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Mrs. Mihok
No meeting is held in December.
- c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative – Mrs. Worob
Mrs. Worob was not in attendance.

6. OLD BUSINESS

no comments

7. NEW BUSINESS

Several motions are additions to this evening's agenda:

Student Issue

The Board approved a motion to approve a student waiver withdrawal and release for student identified as student 10-9.

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

Tuition Reimbursement

The Board approved a motion to approve tuition reimbursement for Bill Ferrara up to 12 credits per year subject to approval by the Superintendent.

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE

RESOLUTION

AND NOW, this 16 day of December, 2009, it is hereby Resolved by the School Directors of the School District of the Borough of Morrisville that William Ferrara shall be reimbursed tuition costs not to exceed twelve (12) credits per fiscal year, subject to approval by the Superintendent and authorized by the School Board of Directors for credits earned from an accredited college or university. In addition, the Employee may also seek reimbursement for courses provided by institutions other than colleges or universities subject to the approval of the Superintendent and authorized by the School Board of Directors. The payment of all tuition costs for educational courses will be made directly to the institution within thirty days of receipt of the invoice by the School District. The invoice must include the description of courses and credits. If the Employee does not complete the course satisfactorily (A, B, pass) Employee must reimburse the District upon withdrawal from the course within thirty (30) days after the end of the semester.

In the event that Employee terminates employment, voluntarily or otherwise, Employee will be obligated to repay the District for any tuition costs the District paid within twenty-four (24) months of the Employee's last day of work. The District may deduct such amounts from any payroll or other amounts owed by the District to the Employee on a pro rata basis:

1. within six (6) months, full cost;
2. within one (1) year, ¾ costs;
3. within eighteen (18) months, ½ costs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound thereby, the parties have caused this Resolution to be duly executed.

Dated this 16 day of December, 2009.

ATTEST:

Marlye Mink
Marlye Mink, Secretary
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

William Hellmann 12/16/09
William Hellmann, President
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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Act 80 Findings

The Board approved a motion to deliver the Act 80 findings to Senator McIlhenney, the Secretary of Education and Secretary of Revenue.

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

Honorary Diploma

Recently an e-mail was received by an adult child of a former Morrisville student/resident. In 1947 this person was forced to leave school due to family issues. This individual is elderly and in poor health and the family has asked that the Board consider a diploma be granted.

Our Solicitor will review legal issues in this matter and it will appear on the January agenda for consideration.

Wood toys Made by Morrisville students

The toys that Mr. Jones' class has made will be donated to the Ivins House. This has been the practice for the past several years.

Private School Reimbursement

In response to an inquiry, Mr. DeAngelo advised that the tuition approved in November for Katzenbach School has been approved by the state. Consequently, the state will fund approximately 60% of the fee.

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

Dec. 24, 2009 – Jan. 3, 2010.....Holiday Recess (District closed)

January 4, 2010.....School Reopens

Future Board Business meetings are scheduled for approval on this agenda.

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8. Adjournment

By unanimous voice vote the board adjourned the meeting at 9:08 pm.

Bill Hellmann, President

Marlys Mihok, Secretary