# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS **Board Meeting** – Wednesday, January 25, 2012 Large Group Instruction Room Morrisville Middle/Senior High School 7:30 p.m.

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

#### This meeting was recorded for televising

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, January 25, 2012, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. DeWilde, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present on roll call:

In attendance: Messrs. Buckman, DeWilde, Parker, Stoneburner, Stout, Miller, Worob and Ms. Kartal and Ms. Marone

Members absent: All members were in attendance

#### Quorum Present.

Also attending this evening's meeting was Mr. William Ferrara, Superintendent; Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; Mr. Tony Gesualdi, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services; Ms. Laurie Ruffing, Elementary/Intermediate Principal; Mr. Donald Harm, Secondary Principal; Thomas Profy, IV, Esq., Solicitor; media, MEA representation, and members of the community.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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Mr. Drew King, and members of the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), were in attendance at tonight's meeting. Mr. King stated that this club competed in December in the Region 12 competition which is a competition for all students in FBLA in schools in the area. Four students from Morrisville finished in the top 5 in various portions of this competition. Casey Hollopeter and Katie Woolf took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Marketing; Emily Meyer took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Cyber Security; and Shalay Johnson took 4<sup>th</sup> place in Impromptu Speaking. Mr. King stated that even though we are a small school, we make a decent size voice in this competition. The girls discussed their involvement in FBLA and stated that this club has given them more confidence and has taught them a lot in various areas of education. Mr. King stated that the FBLA also competes in a computer fair and competition and last year 3 of our students took first place in the regional competition and went on to compete on the state level. Mr. King hopes to recruit members of the FBLA to again compete in the computer fair competition to be held this year. Mr. King thanked Mr. Jones for being a volunteer assistant for the FBLA club.

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Mr. Harm presented certificates of achievement to our Straight A students for the first marking period at the secondary level who were as follows:

Emily Nazario, Adwoa Bamfo, Joseph Gilleo, Deidra Lewis, Wanda Badilla, Jessica Worrell, Emily Meyer, Clifford Allen, Matthew Rosenwasser, Katie Woolf

#### AUDTIOR PRESENTATION

Mr. Carl Hogan, from the auditing firm of BBD in Philadelphia, gave a brief presentation of the audit report dated June 30, 2011. He stated that it was a clean audit. Mr. Hogan reviewed the budgetary comparison of the general fund and stated that the numbers presented were consistent, filing requirements were done on time and stated that our fund balance is healthy and within acceptable limits. Mr. Hogan discussed the monies committed from the fund balance for future purchases. Of the monies committed in the Capital Purchases were the purchase of 3 vans to transport our special needs students. Mr. Hogan also discussed the funding of the food service revenues.

Mr. Buckman stated that the purchase of the vans was a necessity which will save us money in the long run. He thanked Mr. DeAngelo for looking into ways to save the district money.

Mr. DeWilde stated that Mr. DeAngelo and his staff have done a wonderful job in saving this district money and finding ways to cut costs.

Mr. Buckman thanked Mr. Hogan and his auditing firm for a job well done.

#### Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation – MOEF

Ms. Haug stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.

#### **ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION**

Student Representative to the Board – Katie Woolf

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Ms. Woolf discussed the following items:

- The following student athlete players were named to the 2011 All Bicentennial Athletic League football team:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Eric Wilcox Running Back and Defensive Back

| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team – Gary Boyd | Tight End      |  |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Andre Cox                        | Defensive End  |  |
| Jaquan Billups                   | Offensive Line |  |

Honorable Mention

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 Congratulations to the FBLA Club for their outstanding performance at the Regional Competition which was recently held. Casey Hollopeter and Katie Woolf took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Marketing; Emily Meyer took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Cyber Security; and Shalay Johnson took 4<sup>th</sup> place in Impromptu Speaking.

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- A Coaches vs. Cancer Day was held on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The faculty and staff donations, along with the proceeds from the January 6<sup>th</sup> boy's basketball game, will be donated to the Coaches vs. Cancer Program. All Bicentennial League members are participating in this project. \$600.00 was contributed to the cause from our district.
- 4Sight testing will be held during the week of Janaury 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The Morrisville Achievers Club (MAC) visited Snipes Farm and learned about planting, raising animals, apple picking, sustainability and environmental concerns. They also traveled by train to Philadelphia to visit Cohen, Seglias Furhman, a law firm specializing in construction litigation. While there, students enjoyed a tour of the firm and listened to speakers talk about the different jobs that make a law firm work. They learned about the importance of a strong resume and how a set of "soft skills" can often separate job candidates. A graduate from MHS, Class of 1994-95, is a lawyer at the firm.

# 1. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

#### ⇔This week in our Schools

#### WILLIAM FERRARA - SUPERINTENDENT

- Mr. Ferrara thanked the students who were part of the FBLA presentation and congratulated the Straight A students in attendance this evening.
- Mr. Ferrara stated that the month of January is School Board Recognition Month. Each Board member received two certificates; one from the PSBA and one from the Morrisville Administrative Team. Mr. Ferrara asked that the PSBA certificate wording be placed in the minutes as follows:

WHEREAS, the role of locally elected school officials has served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and local communities in meeting the needs of public education since the passage of the Free School Act in 1834; and

WHEREAS, these local boards have discharged their responsibilities to public education in a manner which has placed public education in the forefront of our educational systems; and

WHEREAS, locally elected officials have distinguished themselves and their communities in this nonpaid, volunteer public service commitment; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of these men and women should be recognized and appreciated by those who benefit from the workings of our public school system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association hereby proclaims the month of January as School Director Recognition Month in this commonwealth; and

FURTHER RESOLVE that this proclamation be communicated to all school districts, school officials and local communities in a planned program which brings visibility and awareness of the role of locally elected school officials to the citizenry of this commonwealth. Mr. Ferrara stated that being a Board member is a thankless job, which is a volunteer position. Board members make decisions knowing how it is going to affect their neighbors and community. He stated that all Board members should be very proud of what they are doing and that the community needs to let them know that they have their support.

- Mr. Ferrara discussed the MAC Club which is funded through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. He stated that we recently received our Cohort 6 funding which guarantees three years of funding, the first two years in the amount of \$499,000, dropping a little for the third year. Cohort 6 allows us to offer programs, K-6. Mr. Ferrara stated how valuable the work is that is done by Ms. Darletta Berry-Johnson and her staff in securing these funds for our students. All programs run by 21<sup>st</sup> Century are run either before or after school and are very valuable to all of our students.
- Mr. Ferrara stated that our sympathies are with those teachers, students and parents at Holy Trinity and Conwell-Egan and wished them luck in the fight to keep their schools alive. Mr. Ferrara stated that all of the students now attending those schools are welcome to attend our schools.

# PAUL DEANGELO, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

• Mr. DeAngelo thanked Carl Hogan and his auditing firm. He stated that the budget is a team effort and Mr. DeAngelo thanked everyone involved for their efforts in this area.

#### LAURIE RUFFING, ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE PRINCIPAL

- Ms. Ruffing reported that next week the students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 will be participating in the 4Sight exams. This is the last time they will have to take the 4Sight exams prior to PSSA testing.
- A teacher in-service day will take place on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Ruffing has been holding PSSA conferencing with students in Grades 3, 4, and 5. She met with each and every student individually to discuss with them the results of their last PSSA scores as well as their 4Sight scores. The students are very enthusiastic and excited for the tests to begin.

#### DONALD HARM, PRINCIPAL

- A financial aid night was held last night and was well attended.
- Exams will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be no school on January 30, 2012, due to an in-service day.
- Our coaching staff received a nice note from Bristol regarding the Coaches vs. Cancer event.
- At last night's basketball game against Delco Christian, a student was injured. We received a nice note from Delco Christian stating how thankful they were for our trainer who was available at the game and able to help the injured student.

# ANTHONY GESUALDI, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION/PUPIL SERVICES

• Mr. Gesualdi stated that the pre-school to school age transition meetings for students are currently taking place. The number of students in this category has doubled since last year.

#### 🗢 Enrollment Report

|                    | District Enroll | ments as of December 6, 2011 |            |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Student Population |                 |                              |            |
| Pre-Kindergarten   | 18              |                              |            |
| Kindergarten       | 92              | GRANDVIEW                    | 352        |
| Grade 1            | 81              | INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4-5)    | <u>157</u> |
| Grade 2            | 82              |                              | 509        |
| Grade 3            | 79              |                              |            |
| Grade 4            | 68              | INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (6-8)    | 196        |
| Grade 5            | 89              | HIGH SCHOOL 9-12             | <u>204</u> |
| Grade 6            | 68              |                              | 400        |
| Grade 7            | 63              |                              |            |
| Grade 8            | 65              | TECHNICAL SCHOOL             | 48         |
| Grade 9            | 60              | HOME SCHOOLED                | 18         |
| Grade 10           | 46              | CHARTER SCHOOLS              | 27         |
| Grade 11           | 41              | Regular Ed 19                |            |
| Grade 12           | 57              | Special Ed 8                 |            |
|                    |                 | OUT OF DISTRICT              | 64         |
|                    |                 | Regular Ed 16                |            |
|                    |                 | Special Ed 48                |            |
|                    | TOTAL ENRO      | DLLMENT 1066                 |            |

# **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.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

Items 2.1 through 2.4 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Buckman, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

# 2.1 Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the December 5, 2011 Reorganization Meeting.

#### 2.2 Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the December 5, 2011 Monthly Agenda Meeting.

#### 2.3 Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the December 14, 2011 Monthly Business Meeting.

#### 2.4 Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the January 4, 2012 Special Meeting.

# **PUBLIC SESSION**

#### <u>Ms. Mihok</u>

Ms. Mihok discussed the possible replacement of our solicitor by our current Board members. She also discussed the Act 1 Resolution and questioned the reasons why certain Board members voted against the passing of this Resolution. Ms. Mihok stated that Mr. May's salary is not paid for by the taxpayers and that he does double duty.

#### Mr. Perry

Mr. Perry congratulated the FBLA and the Straight A Students who appeared in the Student Spotlight tonight for a job well done. He also congratulated the School Board members during School Board recognition month. Mr. Perry stated that he likes the idea of having the Student Spotlight each month at the Board meetings and hopes that this program continues. He asked for an update on the status of the MESPA contract, a list of members on each Board committee, and also discussed revenues involving our food service accounts.

#### Responses to Public Session

Mr. Ferrara stated that many districts, upon having newly elected Board members, choose to change their solicitor. It is not an attack on current solicitors, but just something that is typically done in most school districts. He advised that we are currently in the process of drafting an RFP.

Mr. Ferrara stated that the Board members who voted against the Act 1 Resolution, did so in case something happened where taxes would have to be raised above the 1.7 index, and he feels that it is nice to see Board members voting on items after putting much thought into the process and voting the way they feel is right and not going along with the majority. He stated that Mr. Miller voted again the Act 1 Resolution only because he is newly elected and not that familiar with this Resolution and did not feel comfortable voting for this item.

Mr. Ferrara stated that the MESPA contract is still not settled, but they met today and are making progress.

Mr. Ferrara stated that committee appointments were announced at the Agenda Meeting and stated that these appointments will be posted on our website and cable channel.

Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Ferrara for his comments regarding the Act 1 Resolution and said that Mr. Ferrara was exactly right in stating why he voted no on this item. Mr. Miller only wished that anyone making comments during Public Session would stay for the rest of the meeting to be able to hear the responses from the Board members.

Mr. DeWilde suggested that when committees meet, a Chairperson is chosen to come up with 2 or 3 goals for the year. This will give the committee the chance to have something to report back to the public.

Mr. Miller asked that anyone interested in applying to be on a committee to please list their experiences, qualifications, what they have to offer, suggestions, etc.

Mr. Ferrara stated that starting in February, any committees who have met will be giving a report at the monthly agenda meetings. Seating arrangements will also be changed.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE/FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### 3. INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS: ACTION ITEMS

Items 3.1 and 3.2 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

<u>3.1</u> *The Board approved a motion* to approve the Eplus Agreement for our District servers, upon Solicitor's review, in the amount of \$5000 (open purchase order).

<u>3.2</u> *The Board approved a motion* to rescind the motion to approve STR as the monitoring company for the District and allow the use of Three Sigma until 6/30/12.

Ms. Kartal thanked Mr. Myat for getting back to her with some of the questions that she had last week.

# 4. <u>SPECIAL EDUCATION</u> <u>INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:</u> <u>ACTION ITEMS</u>

None at this time.

# 5. <u>HUMAN RESOURCES</u> <u>INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:</u> <u>ACTION ITEMS:</u>

Items 5.1.a through 5.1.e were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

# 5.1 Approval, Appointments

**<u>5.1.a.</u>** *The Board approved a motion* to approve the following individuals as AESOP substitutes:

Ann Marie Delworth Megan Jonigkeit Amanda McLane Allan Benjamin Maureen Kantner Dana Ruzanski

- 5.1.bThe Board approved a motion to approve the following 21st Century hires:<br/>Christopher McKinley<br/>Kelli Marlon-PeroniHomework Zone Tutor\$15.00/hrKelli Marlon-PeroniHomework Zone Tutor/Teacher\$22.00/hr
- **<u>5.1.c</u>** *The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of Matthew Uhler as a paraprofessional, effective 1/26/12, at the hourly rate of \$13.52, per policy.
- **<u>5.1.d</u>** The Board approved a motion to approve Class Advisors as follows:

| James Gober   | 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Advisor | \$1,000 |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Cindy Hasness | 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Advisor | \$1,500 |
| Mike Teefy    | 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Advisor | \$1,875 |
| Susan Stetler | Elementary Student Government        | \$1,000 |

<u>5.1.e</u> *The Board approved a motion* to approve the following individuals as coaches:

| Stephen Cavin  | Varsity Baseball Head Coach                              | \$2,625 |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Matthew Renson | Assistant Baseball Coach                                 | \$1,950 |
| James Donovan  | 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach | \$1,950 |
| Donna Wilson   | Drill Team Coach                                         | \$1,000 |

# 5.2 Approval, Tuition Reimbursements

# **5.2.a** *The Board approved a motion* to approve tuition reimbursements for the following individuals:

| Name                    | Course                                | College/School     | Credits | Amount |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|
| Allison Bechberger      | Doctoral Dissertation                 | Temple Univ.       | 3       | \$2987 |
| Summer Branche          | Achieving Student                     | Wilkes Univ.       | 3       | \$815  |
|                         | Outcomes through Cooperative Learni   | ng                 |         |        |
| Richard Boats           | Achieving Student                     | Wilkes Univ.       | 3       | \$815  |
|                         | Outcomes through Cooperative Learni   | ng                 |         |        |
| Michelle Riley          | School Leadership Practicum           | Temple Univ.       | 3       | \$2165 |
| Paul DeAngelo           | Interdisciplinary Doctor of Education | St. Joseph's Univ. |         | \$865  |
|                         | For Educational Leaders               |                    |         |        |
| Genevieve Kannengieszer | Action Research Seminar               | Gwynedd Mercy      |         | \$1900 |
|                         |                                       |                    |         |        |

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Miller, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

#### 6. <u>BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE COMMITTEE</u> INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Budget Presentation – this presentation was done later in the meeting after the Committee Reports.

# **ACTION ITEMS:**

Items 6.1 thru 6.12 (excluding Item 6.8 which was tabled) were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Miller, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

6.1 <u>Approval, 2010-11 Financial Statements</u> *The Board approved a motion* to approve the 2010-11 Financial Statements.

# 6.2 Approval, Verizon Settlement

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Verizon Settlement in the amount of \$1000.

# 6.3 Approval, Gorecon Change Order Settlement

**The Board approved a motion** to approve the Gorecon Change Order Settlement in the amount of \$10,000.

#### 6.4 Approval, Workers Comp Panel

The Board approved a motion to approve the Workers Comp Panel (SBIC/SCS).

# 6.5 Approval, Business Office Attendance at PASBO The Board approved a motion to approve Business Office attendance at PASBO.

Ms. Kartal asked for the costs associated with this conference and who would be attending. Mr. DeAngelo stated that at this time they are considering sending Dave May, Mary Hendershot and Mr. DeAngelo, all going at different times. This conference will be held in Hershey and the costs will be placed in the Board's Friday packet.

# 6.6 Approval, Berkheimer Agreement

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Berkheimer Agreement for Act 80 in the amount of \$730.00.

# 6.7 Approval, Transfer of Funds, Class of 2011 to Class of 2014

*The Board approved a motion* to approve transfer of funds from the Class of 2011 to the Class of 2014 in the amount of \$320.56.

# 6.8 Approval, Transfer of Funds, Classes of 2008/2009/2010 to General Fund

Mr. Ferrara asked that this item be tabled at this time until he is able to research it further to see if they can locate the officers of these graduating classes to see if they would like to donate this money to another class, etc. Motion to table was moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Buckman, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

Mr. Stoneburner stated that he would like to see these funds go to specific events or projects. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the law states that these monies have to be returned to the General Fund if it is not donated elsewhere. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the Board members receive a quarterly statement in their Board packets showing all accounts, their balances, etc.

# 6.9 Approval, Treasurer's Report

The Board approved a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of December,

2011.

# 6.10 Approval, Investment Report

The Board approved a motion to approve the Investment Report of December,

2011.

# 6.11 Approval, Budget Transfers

The Board approved a motion to approve budget transfers in the amount of 0.

# 6.12 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 Disbursements (12/14/11-1/18/12) | \$        | 204,211.16 |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Athletic Fund (12/14/11 - 1/18/12)             | \$        | 4,152.00   |
| Cafeteria Fund (12/22/11 - 1/11/12)            | \$        | 48,418.92  |
| Account Payable (1/25/12)                      | \$        | 225,573.93 |
| Capital Projects (12/14/11)                    | \$        | 75,351.60  |
| Capital Reserve (12/14/11 - 1/11/12)           | <u>\$</u> | 32,229.25  |
| TOTAL BILLS                                    | \$        | 589,936.86 |

# 7. EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS: ACTION ITEMS:

#### 7.1 Approval, 2012-13 School Calendar

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2012-13 School Calendar.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Miller, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

Ms. Kartal thanked Ms. Ruffing and Mr. Harm for their hard work to produce the calendar, but asked that the Morrisville Back to School Night and the Tech School Back to School Night do not take place on the same night, as was the case this school year.

# 7.2 Approval, Expulsion Hearing Decision

**The Board approved a motion** to table this item. Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

# 8. POLICY COMMITTEE INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS: ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

# 9. <u>LIAISON REPORTS</u> INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

# a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School – Ms. Kartal

Ms. Kartal stated she attended two meetings. The first meeting was a December Meet and Greet Meeting for new school reps and election of officers for tech school. She mentioned some achievements of Morrisville students which were as follows: Matt Kemery placed first in the Model Car Race at Drexel University; Ashanti Modlin was selected as the most outstanding student at a recent Skills USA Leadership Conference in the Poconos; and, Anna Beach was

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selected as Student of the Month in October. Ms. Kartal stated that she would like to have a Student Representative from the Tech School attend the Board meetings and speak and give updates of what is happening at the Tech School, as is done at the Board meetings with a Student Representative from the High School. Ms. Kartal also attended a dinner at the Tech School on Monday night, which was offered to Board members as part of the January Board Recognition Month. On January 12<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Kartal attended the House Education Committee Hearing at the Middle Bucks Tech School regarding technical education for students and what it means for the careers of the students. At this hearing, they discussed the need for additional funding for new equipment due to the changes in technology, etc., and Ms. Kartal asked everyone to write to the State Representatives regarding this funding to help alleviate more costs to the home districts. Ms. Kartal stated that Morrisville needs an Authority Representative for the Tech School, and this position will be posted shortly. Ms. Kartal also discussed a Cinderella Gown Sell taking place at the Tech School on February 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

#### b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Ms. Marone

Ms. Marone will be meeting with Dr. Barry Gallasso at the high school to discuss the operations of the IU and it's involvement with out district. She will also be attending a meeting at the Wissahickon High School regarding the possibility of grouping health insurance for school districts to save costs. This is an exploratory meeting which will take place on the same night as the Morrisville School Board meeting in February, therefore, she will not be in attendance at the Morrisville meeting. Ms. Marone will also be attending the Bucks County Intermediate Unit meeting on February 21, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in Doylestown.

#### c. *Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative - Ms. Marone* No report.

# Future Meetings and Items of Interest

The meetings will be held in the LGI Wednesday, February 15, 2012......Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 22, 2012.....Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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#### **BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mr. DeAngelo informed the School Board members that as changes are made in the budget, they will be notified in their Friday packets. He then reviewed the revenues, expenditures and fund balance of the budget.

Mr. Buckman asked where we stand in comparison to other districts in the State regarding tax rates. Mr. DeAngelo stated this information will be placed in the Friday packet.

Mr. Stoneburner asked if the delinquent taxes are monies that we will eventually receive. Mr. DeAngelo stated that we receive delinquent tax monies on a monthly basis. Mr. DeAngelo stated that we have a very good collection rate in Morrisville.

Mr. DeAngelo thanked Peggy DeYoung for coming in after her retirement in June to help train Julie Shemelia. Peggy finished up with this training last week.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that if the Board wishes the budget to be broken down into different categories for future meetings they should notify him of what they would like.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that our costs don't fluctuate like other districts costs do. Without the funding that we receive and the grants, we would be okay financially, but our offerings would be quite different. Mr. DeAngelo gave credit to everyone for their work on the budget.

Mr. Worob stated that it seems like Morrisville has prepared well for the pensions for our employees in the future. He feels that it is a shame that the country is in this terrible financial situation and blamed it all on the politicians.

# 10. OLD BUSINESS

*The Board approved a motion* to ratify the filing of one tax assessment appeal and withdraw a second tax assessment appeal as discussed in Executive Session last week. This motion was made by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Buckman, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

Mr. DeAngelo updated the Board on the theft of musical instruments within the District and stated and we are waiting for the police report, and once this report is received a claim will be filed with the insurance company.

# 11. NEW BUSINESS

#### 11.1 Approval, Morrisville Borough Community Partnership

**The Board approved a motion** to allow the Morrisville Borough the use of M. R. Reiter for Fire Department fire drills, pending a letter and confirmation of dates for public notice.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Buckman, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

Items 11.2 thru 11.4 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Miller, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

#### 11.2 Approval, Community Based District Commission

*The Board approved a motion* to approve a Community Based District Commission. A discussion took place to change the name and it was decided to change the name from Community Based District Commission to Community Advisory Panels. This change was acceptable to the individuals who moved and seconded the motion.

#### 11.3 Approval, District Participation in Walk-ability Study

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Morrisville District's participation in a walk-ability study.

#### 11.4 Approval, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant/Cohort 6

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant/Cohort 6 in the amount of \$499,175.

Mr. DeAngelo asked that the following motion be added to the agenda:

#### 11.5 Approval, Homestead Mailing

**The Board approved a motion** to approve an agreement made between the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 and the Morrisville School District to pay .56 per parcel for the mailing of the Homestead Act information.

This motion was moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Ms. Marone, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

Mr. DeWilde stated that an Executive Session was held prior to this evening's meeting to discuss disciplinary action.

Mr. DeWilde also stated that an Executive Session will take place after tonight's meeting to discuss personnel issues.

# 12. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Moved by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Miller, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

John De Wilde, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary