

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Board Meeting – Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Large Group Instruction Room

Morrisville Middle/Senior High School

7:30 p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE

Morrisville, Pennsylvania

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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, January 23, 2013, after due notice of this meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present on roll call:

- Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Miller made a motion to appoint Mr. DeAngelo as the Recording Secretary for tonight's meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. DeWilde, and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Members absent: Mr. Buckman

Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Buckman contacted him stating that he is running late due to personal reasons.

Quorum Present:

Also attending this evening's meeting was Mr. William Ferrara, Superintendent; Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; Mr. Donald Harm, Educational Advisor for Administration; Mr. Tony Gesualdi, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services; David Truelove, Esq., Solicitor; media, MEA representation, and members of the community.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Students – Liliani Santiago and Daysia Starr-White

Mr. Gesualdi introduced Liliani and Daysia, who performed a musical presentation for everyone's enjoyment.

Mr. Buckman arrived at the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Financial Statement Presentation 2011-12 – BBD

Mr. Carl Hogan reviewed the audit reports which were given to each Board member. He stated that the audit revealed no issues with the tax collector.

Mr. Buckman asked how the State is going to feel about the deficit that we have. Mr. Hogan stated that looking at the financial situation of the District as of this point in time, he does not feel that it would raise that many flags.

Mr. Hogan stated that with the audit, there is a lot of reporting requirements that management needs to meet, and he reviewed those requirements. He stated that his firm received excellent cooperation from the District throughout the audit, everything went smoothly, and there were no issues.

Mr. Miller stated that with the budget season that is coming up, he found the audit report pretty detailed enough to give them some of the tools that they need to look at during this period that is reported that they will be able to say why some of the costs were either high or low in the budget, and he thanked the auditors for this information.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Representative to the Board – (Morrisville High School)

There was no student representative at tonight's meeting, but Mr. Ferrara stated that he would be giving this report under the Superintendent's report.

Student Representative to the Board – (Bucks County Technical High School)

Tyler Kartal, student representative present at tonight's meeting, gave a report on the following:

- The BCTHS Explosion Dance Team will be holding their dance recital on January 25th and 26th in the auditorium.
- The Keystone Exams were given January 14th through January 22nd.
- The Student Council will hold the Winter Ball Semi Formal Dance on February 1st from 7 – 10 p.m.
- Challenge Day will be held on February 22nd.
- Skills USA will be sponsoring a Ski Trip to Blue Mountain on March 1st.
- Scholarship applications from organizations associated with BCTHS are now available in the Pupil Services office.
- The Parent Boosters will hold a Coach Bag Bingo fundraiser on March 8th.

- The collision repair class recently received a donation of 62 fenders from Keystone Automotive. This is part of the NOCTI practical exam. Students are required to straighten a fender. These fenders will be used for practice as well as for the exam.
- The automotive program at BCTHS received a Ford Mustang from the McCafferty Ford Dealership to work on for the student's NOCTI tests.
- The 9th grade Morrisville student, Francesca Arco, was named December Student of the Month.
- There will be a financial aid night at BCTHS tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.
- Tyler stated that he was at the Philly Auto Show over the weekend and inside the booklet provided at this show there was an advertisement for the Greater Philadelphia Auto Competition that they recently took the test on. The article notes over 100 competing high schools that took the test, the Tech School being one of them, and two students from Tyler's class qualified for a \$100,000 scholarship and prizes.

MOEF Report – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle stated that they haven't gotten together since the December Winterfest. They are organizing at this time to get ideas from teachers for projects and plans to use the Grant monies to the schools potential.

PTO Report – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle reported that the Scholastic Book Fair will start on February 11th and run through the 15th. On February 14th, there will be cookie decorating, storytelling, and they will be reaching out to the parents that night to discuss having family fun nights at which time meetings can take place instead of the regular organized monthly meetings. Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser will be starting soon. Preparation for the Harlem Wizard Event to take place in mid-March is underway, and he asked anyone interested in being part of this event to reach out to the PTO.

Education Committee Report – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller stated that the next meeting will be on February 12th at 7 p.m. in the LGI. They are currently discussing some of the options that the District is looking into regarding the future such as tuitioning out high school students, maintaining a status quo (such as using a 5 period day vs. a 6 period day). They will be discussing some of these options further at the next meeting and they are still looking into details regarding Cyber classes, and he stated that public input is definitely welcomed.

Facilities Committee Report – Mr. Parker/Mr. Stoneburner

Mr. Parker stated that he and Mr. Harm discussed real estate and properties at the last meeting. Mr. Stoneburner stated that it is posted on the website that the meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month, but due to a conflict, the meeting dates will most likely be changed.

Joint Borough Council Report – Ms. Kartal

Ms. Kartal stated that they had a meeting the first week in January and that their next meeting is February 6th in the LGI at 7 p.m. She stated the last items discussed with the Borough Council were the possibility of covering the costs for the parade for the Winterfest and they will be contacting the Morrisville Business Association to assist with that based on a recommendation from the Borough; a Driver Education Program which is funded by the Bucks County Transportation Management Association, and they are working on getting information on that for the District; zoning options for our properties; and ordering new pedestrian signs that are broken down and adding additional signs to Palmer, Melvin and Grandview Avenues.

Finance Committee Report – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle stated that the next meeting will be held on February 19th. He stated that they are looking at a number of things which are being discussed in the Education Committee and Facilities Committee and how these ideas will financially impact our District.

Human Resources – Mr. DeWilde

Mr. DeWilde stated that they are working out the date for the next meeting. He stated that at their last meeting they discussed administration options such as how to use the Administrative Interns and Principals, and they are focusing on what is financially best for the District, and this discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

1. SUPERINTENDENT’S/ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS

→ **This week in our Schools**

Mr. Ferrara – Superintendent

Mr. Ferrara first gave the **Secondary Report** as follows:

- The FBLA participated in the Regional Conference at the Bucks County Community College on January 7th. Congratulations to Mr. King and his students. Out of the 13 students who competed, 4 finished in the top 10.
- Parents and students attended the financial aid night held on January 17th held by the Guidance Department. A special thanks goes out to Ms. Nemeth, our Secondary Counselor, for making this evening very informative for our parents and students.
- Schools were closed this past Monday to honor Dr. Martin Luther King.

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- Secondary students are participating in mid-terms this week, and we completed our Keystone Exams earlier this month.
- The Morrisville Achievers Club (MAC) recently visited the law firm of Cohen, Seglias and Furhman. This club is sponsored by the 21st Century Grant and was formed to help students realize the potential through obtaining good grades. Mr. Kelman and Ms. Coley are the advisors for this club and are instrumental in assisting students in enjoying new found academics and success. This trip and others similar in nature are designed to show students the potential careers that await them for working hard to achieve academic success.
- Mr. Hubiak, the Morrisville Athletic Director, would like to thank the Morrisville students, faculty, staff, and all those who attended the recent boy's basketball game and making it possible for the Morrisville High School to donate \$320 for the Coaches vs. Cancer Program.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Ferrara stated that January is National School Board Recognition Month, and he stated that District's have a proclamation that they read, but he has chosen not to read the proclamation, but it will be entered into the official minutes. The proclamation reads 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 the reason why he chose not to read this proclamation is because he would rather share his thoughts and feelings about the School Board. He stated that School Board members are the lowest form of the Democratic Process. They are the grass roots who make the decisions, and they are the only part of elected officials in the Commonwealth who don't receive any compensation for their efforts. Mr. Ferrara stated that the people that he has the opportunity to work with on the School Board realize the importance of public education in the success of our Country. They have the unfortunate position of making to make decisions, some of which aren't popular, and some they don't like to make, but they are responsible for making sure the students of Morrisville receive the best quality of education available to them while also having a fiscal responsibility to 80% of our community that does not use our schools. He stated that it is a thankless job. Mr. Ferrara stated that the administrative team gives recommendations for what they

believe is best for Morrisville students, but the Board has to make the final decisions, and many of those decisions will have a direct impact on their neighbors. Mr. Ferrara thanked the Board members for all of the work they have done, he enjoys the challenges that they face, and the discussions they have because in the long run they make the best decisions for our students. Mr. Ferrara stated that he believes that each member of our School Board is here for the students. Each School Board member was given two certificates.

Mr. DeAngelo – Business Administrator

Mr. DeAngelo stated that it is the end of the calendar year and the Business Office is busy doing the taxes, W2's and 1099's. He stated that the Technology Department just finished the Patti Survey and is working on procuring more laptops for the elementary school and high school and deploying the elementary computers. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the Facilities Committee met with A&L Door Company last week and discussed door options for both the high school and Grandview, and they are coming back tomorrow to meet with Bob Seward to see if they decide to do a project, if it can be done with the Architects and extra costs this time. Mr. DeAngelo stated that Bob Seward attended a FEMA conference today about the Hurricane Sandy claim and he will be bringing information back to the District.

Mr. Harm – Educational Advisor for Administrator

Mr. Harm stated that several of our teachers began taking part in the Cyber Course Training. He stated that the Elks delivered dictionaries to the 3rd grade, Snipes Farm began teaching Science lessons in cooking and a trip will take place to the Farm sometime in May. Mr. Harm stated that it is the time of year when we are fortunate to have student teachers in our District. He stated that at Grandview we have winter apparel available for anyone who may need it.

Mr. Gesualdi – Director of Special Education/Pupil Services

Mr. Gesualdi stated that we will be going through the PA State Special Ed Program monitoring again next week. He stated that purpose is to ensure that the Morrisville School District meets the mandated educational requirements for all students with disabilities. Mr. Gesualdi discussed some of the areas that will be reviewed during this process.

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

District Enrollments as of January 16, 2013			
<u>Student Population</u>			
Pre-Kindergarten	18		
Kindergarten 56 + 15	71	GRANDVIEW	339
Grade 1	87	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4-5)	<u>154</u>
Grade 2	81		493
Grade 3	82		
Grade 4	80	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (6-8)	225
Grade 5	74	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12	<u>204</u>
Grade 6	88		429
Grade 7	70		
Grade 8	67	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	38
Grade 9	56	HOME SCHOOLED	16
Grade 10	60	CHARTER SCHOOLS	36
Grade 11	42	Regular Ed	27
Grade 12	46	Special Ed	9
		OUT OF DISTRICT	68
		Regular Ed	16
		Special Ed	52
TOTAL ENROLLMENT			1080

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

Motions 2.1 and 2.3 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

Motion 2.2 was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a voice vote of 8 ayes and 1 abstention (Ms. Kartal abstained since she was not present at this meeting; she was attending a Leadership Conference).

2.1 *The Board approved a motion* to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2012 Monthly Business Meeting.

2.2 *The Board approved a motion* to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2012 Monthly Agenda Meeting.

2.3 *The Board approved a motion* to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2012 Monthly Agenda Meeting.

Mr. Miller stated that in the minutes of the September 26, 2012 meeting, it stated that he would be late to the meeting because he was on a personal trip, and it should be noted that he arrived to the meeting approximately 10 minutes late.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that it has been discussed many times how much detail goes into the minutes, and he asked the Board if they would like to take a look at this between now and the Retreat to think about the cost associated with how long it takes to type out all of the details. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the auditor, as part of the audit to be sure that things are approved by the Board, after reading through minutes from a meeting noticed that the minutes were 49 pages long, and they discussed the time involved for the Recording Secretary. Mr. Miller asked what the process would be, and Mr. DeAngelo stated that minutes could just be summarized. Mr. Truelove stated that some of the Districts just take the actual agenda and just format that showing the vote on each item. Mr. Miller asked if we could get an example of other District's minutes, and Mr. Truelove stated that he will provide the Board members with those examples to review. Mr. Miller stated that he does not have a problem with keeping costs down, as long as there is some consistency with how the minutes are typed.

Mr. Stout stated that he was not in attendance at the meeting on October 24, 2012, but he read the minutes and they look good to him.

PUBLIC SESSION #1

Ms. Mihok

Ms. Mihok stated that Mr. Miller disappointed her again because for the sixth meeting in a row there is no water for the public.

Ms. Mihok stated that on this evening's agenda, there is a motion to release \$95,000 from an escrow account to the Bucks County Technical School. She stated that this amount has been accrued by subtracting the amount Bristol Township paid per student from the amount Morrisville was billed per student. Ms. Mihok stated that the funding formula was changed in violation of the terms of the Articles of Agreement by Business Manager, Sharon Rendeiro before the 2007-2008 school year by increasing student attendance. Ms. Mihok stated that Morrisville has been charged over \$2000 more per student for 242 sending students for the last 5 years. She stated that we actually owed approximately \$250,000. Ms. Mihok stated that when this vote is taken tonight, she believes that Board members, Wanda Kartal and Ted Parker who live together, should reclude themselves from voting on this motion.

Mr. Miller asked Ms. Mihok to stop at this point because she is making personal attacks. Mr. Truelove also stated that Ms. Mihok was making inappropriate comments. Ms. Mihok stated that those two Board members have the same address, it is public information, and she didn't feel it was a personal attack. Mr. Miller stated that, in the past, we have asked that no Board member names be mentioned.

Ms. Mihok continued to state that two Board members send a child to the Bucks County Technical School, and in her opinion these two votes would reflect a direct conflict of interest and against public policy.

Ms. Mihok stated that sending the disputed \$95,000 to the Tech School would prevent the Morrisville School District from ever receiving the \$250,000 owed to us. She stated that Morrisville Matters School Board majority members will soon be bleeding the taxpayers dry. She stated that she will try to be at the head of the line and she is O positive.

Ms. Mihok also stated that on tonight's agenda there is a motion to approve Jack Jones as our Truancy Officer, like he needs a part time job.

Ms. Mihok also stated that there is a motion on tonight's agenda to approve a stipend for the Board Secretary and Board Treasurer, and she thought that at the last meeting it was decided that they weren't going to take these stipends.

Ms. Mihok asked for the amount of the Act 1 Millage and asked if we found any exceptions to take it above 2%.

Mr. Miller apologized for not having water available for the public and stated that it will be taken care of for the next meeting.

Mr. Ferrara stated that the Business Administrator at the Tech School does not have the opportunity to change the funding formula. He stated that any change to the funding formula as part of the Articles of Agreement must be unanimous by the six sending school districts.

Mr. Ferrara stated that Chief Jones is on the agenda as a Century 21 Consultant and also as a potential security person here. He stated that he and Ms. Berry Johnson spoke on the phone today, and as most of the Board members know, Cohort 6A is a joint Federal Program and Morrisville School District oversees this grant and Pennsbury High School, the Technical High School and the Center for Student Learning are also part of this Cohort. Mr. Ferrara stated that, as has been done in the past, teachers from those schools are approved to become part of our school district so they can receive pay from this Federal Grant. He stated that Chief Jones will be used as a consultant for all of these schools, not just Morrisville.

Mr. Parker stated that he also has a question about the hiring of Jack Jones, and asked that his name be pulled from the agenda. Mr. Truelove stated that an Executive Session can be held to discuss this matter prior to voting on that motion.

INFRASTRUCTURE/FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES

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

3.1 Approval, Use of Facilities – Morrisville Little League

The Board approved a motion to approve the use of facilities by the Morrisville Little League.

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

Mr. Buckman asked if the Board members received a copy of this agreement, and Mr. DeAngelo stated that it is on the share drive and it should have been in the Friday packet. Ms. Kartal asked if the public could be made aware of the details of this agreement and Mr. DeAngelo and Mr. Miller discussed the details. Mr. Ferrara also discussed the scheduling of the use of the field.

4. SPECIAL EDUCATION
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

In reference to the upcoming audit in special education, Mr. Ferrara thanked Mr. Gesualdi and his staff for preparing for the audit. He stated that this is a difficult procedure to go through and fortunately for our District, Mr. Gesualdi is very meticulous and he has the utmost confidence that we will be prepared for this audit.

5. HUMAN RESOURCES
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Contractual Salary and Insurance Payments – Superintendent and Business Administrator
Mr. Miller stated that these are basically payments that are already under contract, therefore, they do not need to be voted on.
- Confidential Employee Agreement
Mr. Miller stated that this agreement is still being worked on. Mr. Ferrara stated that Mr. Truelove will be supplying an agreement for the people that are internally in the positions that we discussed previously to sign off on. Mr. Ferrara stated that the position descriptions that were developed by the Administrative Team are with the Human Resource Committee. Those position descriptions and the salaries implications for those positions will not affect the current people who in those positions now due to the fact that the District, as other Districts, needs the ability to have confidential employees to type documents, etc. that other people are not privileged to see.

5. HUMAN RESOURCES (continued)
ACTION ITEMS:

Motions 5.1 and 5.2 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

5.1 Approval, AESOP Substitutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the following AESOP Substitutes:

Diedra Anderson	Maureen Belinski
Ashley Campellone	Theresa Farley
Andrea Gaudet	Diana Griffin
Theresa Kling	Krista Milewski
Jeanne Moattari	Roger Shellhamer
Angela Shenton	

5.2 Approval, Tuition Reimbursement

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

Name	Course	College	Credits	Amount
Lauren Bischoff	Skills and Strategies for Inclusion and Disability Awareness (This course replaces the one approved at the December 2012 Board meeting - Increasing Student Responsibility and Self Discipline in Learning Communities in the amount of \$980)	Gratz	6	\$980
Laura Dyer	The Kinesthetic Classroom	Gratz	3	\$980
	Cooperative Discipline	Gratz	3	\$980
Elizabeth Glaum-Lathbury	Methods and Materials in Foreign Language Pedagogy	Univ. Of Mass.	3	\$1425
	Phonetics and Phonemics	Univ. Of Mass.	3	\$1425
Karen Maziarz	Fieldwork in All Other Cert. Area	Arcadia	3	\$1900

Mr. Ferrara stated that the administration asks the Board members to approve the total amount of the tuition reimbursement, but by union contract with our teachers, a copy of which each Board member will receive tonight from Mr. King, each teacher is only granted the opportunity for \$2000. He stated that when a teacher completes a course and submits his/her proof of payment and grade, at that time we will issue a check for \$500, and then in October of the following year Mr. King and Mr. DeAngelo get together to make sure that we have not exceeded any individual payments of \$2000 and that we have exceeded the \$40,000 that the District has agreed to set aside for tuition reimbursement.

Ms. Kartal asked for an updated list of tuition reimbursements payments made. Mr. Ferrara asked if the Board members would like a monthly list of tuition reimbursements, and they agreed that they would. They stated that they would like the list to include the teacher name, name of course, credits and payments.

Mr. Miller asked if the Board members would like to break for an Executive Session to discuss item 5.3.a. The Board took an Executive Session at this time to discuss personnel matters.

5.3 Approval, Appointments

5.3.a 21st Century Hires

Mr. Parker asked that the appointment of Jack Jones, Truancy Officer, at the rate of \$20 per hour be tabled from this motion at this time until more information is received from the Grant Administrator. This was moved by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a roll call vote of 5 ayes and 4 nays. Members voting nay were Messrs. Buckman, DeWilde, Worob and Stout.

The Board approved a motion to approve the following 21st Century Hires:

Karen Maziarz	Tutor	\$25/hr.
Amber-Lynn Kutzler	Club Advisor	\$25/hr.
Jennifer Fine	Club Advisor	\$25/hr.
Susanne Donnelly	Club Advisor	\$25/hr.
Craig Meyers	Club Advisor	\$25/hr.

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

Ms. Kartal asked if the Club Advisor rate is at \$25 because they are certified. Mr. Ferrara stated that they are certified and that is why they receive the higher rate of pay. Ms. Maziarz's salary was originally listed as \$22 per hour, but Mr. Ferrara stated that her salary should be corrected to read \$25 per hour since she is also certified. Mr. Ferrara briefly explained the job duties of a Tutor and a Club Advisor. Mr. Ferrara explained that some of these teachers are not Morrisville teachers, but must be approved by our Board in order to be paid through the Grant.

5. HUMAN RESOURCES (continued)
ACTION ITEMS: (continued)

5.3 Approval, Appointments (continued)

5.3.b Coaches

The Board approved a motion to approve the following coaches:

Steven Cavin	Varsity Baseball Coach	\$2625
Matthew Renson	Asst. Varsity Baseball Coach	\$1950

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

Mr. Ferrara stated that both of these gentlemen were our coaches last year and did a fine job with our students. He also stated that as of today we received two applications for our softball coaching position and will hopefully have a qualified candidate to be approved at our next Board meeting.

6. BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE COMMITTEE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 2013-14 Budget Presentation

Mr. DeAngelo stated that on tonight's agenda we will hopefully be approving the resolution for our proposed budget. He then gave a presentation on the 2013-14 Budget.

Ms. Kartal asked which areas in transportation cost us the most. Mr. DeAngelo stated that our transportation costs from the IU is where our higher costs are right now, which is used to transport most of our special needs students to their placements. Ms. Kartal asked if we could cut these costs to the IU by purchasing additional vans or a bus or by sharing transportation with other districts. A discussion took place on various things to look into to possibly save money in this area. Mr. DeWilde stated that one thing we have to take into consideration is that we had a problem finding drivers for our three vans and if we purchase more vans

we will need to find more drivers and also have back up drivers in order to meet our student needs.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that if the Resolution for the budget is not passed this evening, we would have to have a special meeting on February 20, 2013, to approve the preliminary proposed budget. Mr. Truelove stated that, per PDE, this date would be the absolute last date that the preliminary proposed budget can be passed and notice for this special meeting would have to be given no later than February 10, 2013. Mr. Miller stated that since we are already having an agenda meeting that evening, we could end the agenda meeting and then begin the special meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Approval, Resolution regarding Act I Millage or Preliminary Proposed Budget

Mr. Truelove explained that this motion is adopt the Resolution not to exceed the Act I Index, which is 2.0. He stated that if we adopt this Resolution this evening, we would not have to have a special meeting on February 20th or preliminary budget presentation, and we would also not have to seek exceptions.

Mr. Miller stated that with the budget as it has been presented and with the information that has been given to the Board, he feels more strongly than he did at this time last year when voting on the budget, that closing any doors at this point in time in regards to seeking exceptions is not going to benefit the District in a way that gives us the freedom that would allow us to do what we possibly may need to do. Mr. Miller stated that he would certainly charge the Board to not rely on the exceptions or to use it as an excuse to go beyond any given rate. He stated that we are leaving all of the options on the table; we are not taking anything off. Mr. Miller stated that while it would be comforting for the taxpayers to know that we aren't going to go above the 2 percent, it does make us, as a Board, take a hard look at the numbers that we have, the programs that we have, and make some decisions in regards as to where we go in the future with the District. Mr. Miller stated that the ramifications of this budget coming he believes will be felt for a long period of time, whether it's good or bad; that has yet to be seen. He feels strongly that taking anything off of the table at this point is a bad move on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Parker stated that being an individual who voted against the proposal last year for the same reasons, it doesn't mean that we are going to move beyond the index; it just leaves options that otherwise are knocked out.

Mr. Stoneburner stated that it is his understanding that there are only a few exceptions that we could exercise if we do not approve the resolution if we had to raise the taxes more than 2 percent.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that the exceptions that were out there last year, and they are still out there this year, is the pension obligation which is going up, special education expenditures, grandfathered debt, and if we were building, new debt. He stated that in the 2011 school year, out of the 228 schools passed for the exception and only 135 actually some portion of those exceptions.

Mr. Stoneburner asked Mr. DeAngelo if he feels that we would qualify for any of the exceptions. Mr. Miller commented stating that our special education costs are constantly going up, and it is possible that we may very well need the exception in this area alone. Mr. Miller stated that this is not something where he is looking to pad our fund balance to hopefully get money back into that fund or anything of that nature. He is looking for a true balanced budget in making the costs as accurate as possible. Mr. Miller feels that to not have this option on the table seems to be a little fool hearty. He wants this Board to look at the budget with a fine tooth comb and make sure that every item has been looked at under the microscope before we ask the taxpayers to pay any dollars. Mr. Miller stated that he is not looking to raise taxes. If they have to be raised, there is going to be a reason why.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that if the Board does decide not to pass the resolution, February 20th would be used to pass the preliminary budget. This is not the end of the budget cycle. He stated that the budget cycle would continued from February 20th all the way until June 30th where you would still have to approve a final budget where at that point you would approve the millage rate and any other changes in the budget.

Mr. Miller stated that February 20th would be a leaping off point and not something that will be cut in stone at that time.

Mr. DeWilde asked for more explanation of how we can apply for these exceptions. Mr. Truelove stated that for some exceptions you have to go to court, others you go to PDE. Mr. Truelove stated that what this does is give you more time to explore what the exceptions could be. Mr. DeWilde asked what happens if the District would be approved for an exception. Mr. Truelove stated that you would be raising taxes above the index to cover that exception.

Mr. Buckman stated that he heard that we are the fifth highest tax paying citizens in the State of PA. He wants to know how we can justify taxing

these people more than what the actual index is, which is 1.7, not 2.0. He feels we need to go for the Act I Millage at this time.

Mr. Stout stated that he has been on the School Board for 3 years and he has seen a lot of money spent in this District that could have been saved and he has also seen how money has been saved. He stated that we need to tighten up our belts and go with what we have and what we can have; not shoot for the moon.

Mr. Miller stated that a no vote doesn't mean that we are going to raising taxes above 2 percent and it doesn't mean that we are raising taxes at 2 percent.

Mr. DeAngelo asked for a roll call vote to approve the Resolution regarding Act I Millage. He stated that a yes vote would mean that you are voting to approve the Resolution. Mr. Miller stated that a no vote would mean that we are seeking the exceptions.

A motion to approve the Resolution regarding the Act I mileage DID NOT pass.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. DeWilde, and passed by a roll call vote of 3 ayes and 6 nays. Member voting aye were Messrs. Worob, Buckman and Stout. Members voting nay were Messrs. Dingle, Miller, DeWilde, Parker, Stoneburner and Ms. Kartal.

6.2 Approval, Release of Bucks County Tech School Escrow

Mr. Truelove read the following motion:

The School District of the Borough of Morrisville agrees to pay the outstanding disputed amount of Ninety-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two and 00/100 Dollars (\$94,862.00) to the Bucks County Technical High School to settle, discontinue and end the litigation filed in the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas, at Case No. 2012-07053, subject to the following conditions:

1. all litigation filed at the above-referenced number is withdrawn and discontinued "with prejudice", subject to the execution and delivery of mutual releases, satisfactory to each party, as to all claims and counterclaims related thereto; and

2. no admission of liability or fault by either party; and
3. withdrawal/rescission/revocation of any motions or Resolutions adopted by the Bucks County Technical High School Board of Directors designed or threatening to exclude School District of the Borough of Morrisville students from admission to the Bucks County Technical High School; and
4. prior review and approval of all settlement documents and mutual releases by the respective Solicitors for the School District of the Borough of Morrisville and the Bucks County Technical High School.

Mr. Ferrara stated that he believes the purpose of the previous Board to get the full payment back was an issue to bring attention to the Articles of Agreement and to have these Articles readdressed. From listening to the Superintendents at the monthly Superintendents meetings of the six districts that send students to the Tech School, Mr. Ferrara stated that this has been accomplished. Mr. Ferrara stated that he believes if the Board does not pass this motion the opportunity for us to move forward the possible resolutions to our concerns will not be viable for us. Therefore, Mr. Ferrara stated that in order for us to move forward with the process that the previous Board started, and in an effort to get a resolution to what we believe may be an unfair funding formula, we need to pay the Tech School for the services they rendered to us with the contract we have signed, and hopefully Mr. Miller and Ms. Kartal can continue to work with the Tech School School Board to make sure our concerns are addressed and we have a proper platform to go through with the proposed changes.

Mr. DeWilde stated that he agrees with Mr. Ferrara and that we are where we need to be. Mr. DeWilde stated that he is embarrassed that the Technical School put us into a position for escrowing this money to get here. He stated that we are working with people who are there to educate our students and, as a Board, we have to represent the taxpayers that put us here. Mr. DeWilde stated that he feels that the Technical School has not worked with us and they snubbed us for years. He does not feel that they have ever taken our requests seriously. Mr. DeWilde stated that the presentations that they have made have been vague, we've asked direct questions which we have not gotten answers to, they can't explain their

own formula to us, and he is ashamed that we have to have this relationship with them. Mr. DeWilde stated that he hopes that the Tech School Board forms the groups that they have talked about so they can actually look at a fair system. He stated that it should not have happened this way, he is ashamed of them, and he glad that we stood up for ourselves and we brought light to an issue that needs to be addressed.

Mr. Worob asked if it is true that we are paying \$2000 more per year than Bristol Township is paying per student. Mr. Ferrara stated that this is what Mr. Hellman worked out over a five year period of time, and Mr. DeAngelo confirmed that he also agrees with this amount. Mr. Ferrara stated once again, that if we don't approve this motion, we will not have the opportunity to go through the process and fix it. Mr. Worob stated that the Board is being asked to approve this motion and pay the Tech School \$92,862, when they owe us probably a quarter of a million dollars if things were done fairly. Mr. Worob stated that last meeting we voted to pay somebody \$14,000 which he did not think they deserved, and now we vote on the exception so we can raise the taxes higher than the State limit of 2 percent. He stated that it is just so easy to put it back on the taxpayers and this is why we shouldn't have voted to raise the taxes higher because we getting cheated, we are paying people for things they don't deserve and then we make a vote to raise the taxes higher than the limit and put the burden on the taxpayers of Morrisville; this is sad.

Mr. Ferrara stated that many of his colleagues that attend the meetings do believe that this needs to be addressed in a proper manner. Mr. Ferrara stated that he feels there is enough support from the districts to form a committee to look into the funding formula, and if this committee does not live up to our expectations and we still believe that the funding formula is not correct, we have other options at that point. But we have to get to that point, and passing this motion is part of that process.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that the payment of this will have no impact on the 12-13 expenditures because that money was expensed back in 2010 and put into an escrow account.

Mr. Stout asked if this issue has ever been brought before a Judge. Mr. Truelove stated that it has been filed in the courts, but no decision has been made at this point. Mr. Truelove stated that it could take months, if not years, and in the interim if they do vote to exclude the Morrisville students, the only people that make out in this type of situation are the lawyers. Mr. Truelove stated that he is not aware of any other litigation like this in PA, so to give any predictions as to where it would go or when it would happen would be foolish for him to try to do right now. Mr. Stout stated that common sense would tell you that we are paying more than anyone else, and it shouldn't be.

Mr. Miller stated that he agrees, but looking at the big picture which is if discussion is going to be made to help us go in the direction that we need to go in by making the funding formula fair for not only us but for Bristol Borough and other school districts as well, this money needs to be paid so that discussion can happen. Mr. Miller, as an example, stated that if you were a landlord leasing two identical apartments to two different people, but you charged one of them \$500 more per month and you found out that you were being charged more and refused to pay, the landlord would take you to court and would win because you signed a lease. Mr. Miller stated that just because we don't believe that the funding formula is unfair for us, the contract states that we are supposed to pay that money and if we were on the opposite side of the table, wouldn't we be also looking at the school district and saying to them, why aren't you paying that money. Or would be sitting there saying, oh yeah, you're right; that funding formula is not fair and we're with you. Mr. Stout and Mr. DeWilde stated that the funding formula should have been fixed in the first place.

Mr. Dingle stated that Articles of Agreement do not stipulate that if there is a disagreement with the funding formula, the answer to that participating district is to withhold funds. Mr. Ferrara stated that there is nothing in the Articles of Agreement that address this one way or the other. Mr. Dingle stated that we withheld the payment, we have gotten their attention, and now we can move forward and there doesn't seem to be a benefit to continue to withhold the payment. He stated that we need to continue down a road that is not listed in the Articles of Agreement.

Mr. Miller stated that he believes that every concession from the Tech Board that they possibly can do has been provided to us at this point in time in regards to establishing a committee that will look into the Articles of Agreement and hopefully make the funding formula, if someone decides to withhold payment, interest payments on top of that withholding, or anything that needs to be done in regards to what other districts are looking for, and this committee would allow that opportunity to happen.

Mr. Miller stated that this money is from the 2010 school year, and if the previous School Board felt that this funding formula was so bad, why did they not withhold payment year after year after year after that. Mr. Buckman stated that until he got in there and was there one year and found out that there was a funding formula problem, we then hired a consulting firm that was wined and dined and influenced not to go along with the final formula in ways that it would help us and he stated this fact with the Superintendent of the Tech School who agreed with Mr. Buckman, but then that Superintendent encouraged the people to vote against Mr. Buckman. Mr. Buckman stated that the person that was in there before him did not realize it. Mr. Miller stated that this does not answer the

question as to why the money was not withheld by the previous Board after the 2010 school year. Mr. Buckman stated that we were dealing with the Department of Education and we wanted to just withhold it for that period of time so we would get a decision, but unfortunately the Department of Education says it is not on their level and the decision has to be made by the local court. Mr. Buckman stated that then, in 2012, the Tech School filed a complaint, and we had decided that if they filed a complaint we would file a counter complaint, which is what we did. He stated that we did everything according to what we said we would do. Mr. Buckman stated that they wanted to get a decision by a Judge and force them to pay. He stated that tonight he is very happy that we have stipulations in the motion to be approved to totally make them withdraw their part, but he does not believe that it is a guarantee that they will do anything because they have had these meetings before. Mr. Buckman stated that nothing happened before, and he believes that when we vote on this tonight nothing will happen again.

The Board approved this motion which was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. DeWilde, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 ayes and 3 nays. Members voting aye were Messrs. Dingle, Miller, Parker, DeWilde, Stoneburner, and Ms. Kartal. Members voting nay were Messrs. Worob, Stout and Buckman.

Mr. Miller stated Mr. Buckman stated that he would be surprised if any discussion would happen even if this motion was approved. Mr. Miller stated that he was brought into this picture late in the game, Ms. Kartal had done some work in regards to the Articles of Agreement and she has mentioned it at the Tech Board meetings, she has gotten people on the side who agree that the Articles of Agreement should be reopened and investigated, and he has had the pleasure of meeting the Tech Board President, John Doyle, who is sitting in our audience this evening in regards to having a discussion on how we can move forward. Mr. Miller stated that despite some of the Board members personal opinions stated this evening, which are not the opinion of the Board as a whole, that he does look forward to working with the Tech Board and hopefully moving past chapter and making sure that the discussion remains open and we can come to a resolution that makes everyone happy, including all districts and not just the small ones. Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Doyle for his time and willingness to step in and allow us to have our discussion and hopefully move forward.

Ms. Kartal thanked Mr. Doyle as well stating that it was a rough meeting last month when the resolution was presented being the only representative from Morrisville up against the other members. She thanked Mr. Doyle for giving us the opportunity to work together.

Mr. Worob thanked Mr. Doyle also, assuming he takes a look at this and makes it fair to Morrisville and all districts involved.

Mr. Buckman stated that Bristol also pays more money and that they are also being unfairly charged.

Motions 6.3 and 6.4 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Buckman and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

6.3 Approval, 2011-12 Financial Statements

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2011-12 Financial Statements.

6.4 Approval, Workers Comp Panel for 2013

The Board approved a motion to approve the Workers Comp Panel for 2013.

Motions 6.5, 6.6 and 6.7 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

6.5 Approval, Release of Transportation RFP (2013-14)

The Board approved a motion to approve the release of the Transportation RFP for 2013-14.

6.6 Approval, Release of Trash Removal RFP (2013-14)

The Board approved a motion to approve the release of the Trash Removal RFP for 2013-14.

6.7 Approval, Release of Snow and Landscaping RFP (2013-14)

The Board approved a motion to approve the release of the Snow and Landscaping RFP for 2013-14.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that we will be breaking this into a Snow and Landscaping RFP and then one RFP just as Snow and one RFP just for Landscaping.

Mr. Parker asked if the Board members could get copies of the RFP's so they can review them. Mr. DeAngelo stated that they will be posted on

the website next Friday as well as the comparison that was put together in previous years.

Motions 6.8 and 6.9 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. DeWilde, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

6.8 Approval, Account for Class of 2016

The Board approved a motion to approve the establishment of an account for the Class of 2016.

6.9 Approval, Account for Science Symposium

The Board approved a motion to approve the establishment of an account for the Science Symposium.

Mr. Miller stated that the Board was provided information regarding the Science Symposium and it sounds like it is a great opportunity for some kids to get extra learning.

Mr. Ferrara stated that the two advisors for the Science Symposium have agreed to come to the February Board meeting as part of the Student Spotlight to present more information to the Board regarding that program, and there will also be a motion on the agenda to approve the trip.

6.10 Approval, Rescind the STS Agreement for Substitute Teachers

The Board approved a motion to rescind the STS Agreement for Substitute Teachers.

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

6.11 Approval, Acceptance of Donation

The Board approved a motion to accept the donation of music books from Winston Emmons of Needham, Massachusetts to the music department.

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

Mr. Buckman thanked Mr. Emmons for his donation.

Mr. Miller asked if a letter would go out to Mr. Emmons thanking him for his donation, and Ms. Kartal stated that she took care of it.

6.12 Approval, 2012 Stipends for Board Secretary and Board Treasurer

The Board approved a motion for the 2012 stipends for the Board Secretary and the Board Treasurer.

Ms. Kartal stated that this stipend is for the prior year which is currently in the policy. Ms. Kartal stated that she has requested that her stipend be donated to the auditorium fund, and she believes that we are looking to add a motion to have it removed for future years. Mr. Miller stated that this motion would be made under the Policy Section of the Board meeting.

Mr. Miller, having held the Board Treasurer position, asked if he would be receiving a stipend. Mr. DeAngelo stated that he would be receiving a stipend and Mr. Miller also asked that his stipend be forwarded in the auditorium fund.

Mr. Buckman thanked them both for their donations.

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

Motions 6.13 through 6.15 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

6.13 Approval, Food Service Attestation Statement for 2013-14 Final Year of Contract

The Board approved a motion to approve the Food Service Attestation Statement for 2013-14, the final year of the contract.

Mr. Miller asked for an explanation of this attestation statement. Mr. DeAngelo stated the State basically said that anybody who had any remaining years of their Food Service Contract should approve such a statement provided there was no material change in the contract. Mr. DeAngelo stated that a lot of districts still had one more year on their contract. They wanted everyone to go out for an RFP because the new nutritional standards and things of that nature that they changed, but there is no need to do that. He stated that we passed it along to Mr. Truelove who looked at the information and there wouldn't be a change for us.

6.14 Approval, IU Homestead/Farmstead Agreement

The Board approved a motion to approve the IU Homestead/Farmstead Agreement.

6.15 Approval, Disability Insurance – Assurant

The Board approved a motion to approve the Disability Insurance with Assurant.

Ms. Kartal asked who this covers. Mr. DeAngelo stated that it covers, as stated in their contracts, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, and the Act 93 employees. Ms. Kartal asked what other plans were investigated. Mr. DeAngelo stated that this plan if a \$1000 savings to the existing plan. Mr. Kartal asked what the existing plan is and Mr. DeAngelo stated that it is with Lincoln. Ms. Kartal asked if any other plans were looked into other than with Assurant. Mr. DeAngelo stated that our current broker for our medical insurance gave us a listing of various disability insurances, and Assurant was the one that had the least amount of fluctuation in the rates and is also associated with PSBA.

Motions 6.16 through 6.20 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. DeWilde, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

6.16 Approval, Excess Items

The Board approved a motion to approve the excess items for January.

6.17 Approval, Budget Transfers

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

6.18 Approval, Treasurer's Report

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

6.19 Approval, Investment Report

The Board approved a motion to approve the Investment Report.

6.20 Approval, 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/General Fund (12/13/12 – 1/23/13)	\$ 447,033.57
Athletic Fund (12/14/12 – 1/23/13)	\$ 5,335.00
Cafeteria Fund (12/21/12 – 1/23/13)	\$ 42,902.62
Capital Reserve (12/21/12)	<u>\$ 24,360.88</u>
 TOTAL BILLS	 \$ 519,632.07

Mr. DeAngelo asked that the payment approved this evening to the Tech School be added to the listing of bills so that we do not have to wait another month to pay them, bringing the total amount to \$614,494.07. Mr. DeWilde, who seconded the motion, was in agreement with this addition. Mr. Truelove stated that there is a Tech School meeting on Monday night, so we would have to wait to see if they accept our resolution at that meeting before we should make the payment to them.

Mr. Miller asked if the additional payment for the playground can be made at this time, and Mr. DeAngelo stated that we are still waiting.

6.21 Approval, Development of RFP for Real Estate

THIS MOTION WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.

Mr. Parker stated that he thought that at the retreat it was discussed that we would investigate the titles first. Mr. Ferrara suggested that this motion be tabled or removed at this time. Mr. Truelove suggested that it be removed at this time, and hopefully by next month we can find out what we need to do.

7. EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- ***Administrative Guidelines for Class Size Policy (SB#126)***
Mr. Miller stated that this has already been discussed and the class size policy will be an administrative regulation and all Board members have received this information. He said that it basically states a target size for each classroom and grade level, as well as a maximum size and in that maximum size there is also stipulations that if we exceed a certain number, a paraprofessional will be added to the classroom.
- ***6th Grade start time to match elementary start time***
- ***Changing of classes – Grades 3 through 6***

Mr. Ferrara asked the Board members if they had any questions regarding the start time or the changing of classes. He stated that the administration is planning to have students in grades 3 through 6 remain in self-contained classrooms beginning next year as stated at the Education Committee meeting and at the agenda meeting. Mr. Ferrara stated that this allows more flexibility for the individual teachers to have more time to work on reading scores, which we do have an issue with in our lower grades, and also to work on improving our math scores.

Mr. Miller asked if this would include the looping that was discussed. Mr. Ferrara stated that they haven't discussed whether or not they will be doing the looping next year or the following year. This is still up for discussion.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motions 7.1 and 7.2 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

7.1 Approval, 2013-14 School Calendar

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2013-14 School Calendar.

Ms. Kartal asked that all the clubs with sports that operate during the last two weeks of August are notified of the change for the start of school so that no one is left out in the cold. Mr. Ferrara stated that this information will be sent out. He stated that we also have to inform the Tech School and it is the practice of all of the Superintendent's to inform all of the school districts of each others calendars.

7.2 **Approval, William Ferrara’s attendance at the Bucks County Superintendent’s Retreat**

The Board approved a motion to approve William Ferrara’s attendance at the Bucks County Superintendent’s Retreat in Hershey, PA on April 10, 2013 through April 12, 2013.

Mr. Ferrara thanked the Board for approving the retreat. He stated that it is a great opportunity for the thirteen Superintendent’s to sit for two days and have in-depth discussions regarding a variety of topics that face all of our districts.

8. **POLICY COMMITTEE**
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mr. Miller stated that we want to look into revising Policy #005 regarding the stipends for the School Board Secretary and the School Board Treasurer, and have it on next month’s agenda for the 1st reading of this revised policy.

ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

9. **LIAISON REPORTS**
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School – Ms. Kartal*
Ms. Kartal stated that the next meeting is next Monday after the School Board Recognition Dinner at the Tech School. She stated that new officers have been voted in.
- b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Mr. Parker*
Mr. Parker stated that he was unable to attend the last meeting.
- c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative - Mr. Buckman*
Mr. Buckman stated that he handed out two sheets, one that has to do with House Select Committee Tax Reform and the other regarding Sandy Hook and security measures that can be taken. Mr. Buckman also discussed an article entitled “What Does Public Education Mean To Me.”

Mr. Ferrara thanked Mr. Truelove for the article he sent to all of the School Board members and administration regarding the PSSA results and the charter schools. He stated that we have long been talking about equal and fair treatment of all of the public schools, which charter schools technically are, but the State revised the way they give PSSA scores for the charter schools. He stated that they were using separate grades to determine whether they made AYP or not, and if one grade made AYP, they said the school did, and they have since gone back and changed that. Mr. Ferrara stated that the amount of charter schools that were deemed to be not failing has increased. He stated that we are in agreement that students should be able to attend schools that fit their needs, but we also believe that the public school systems that are school districts need to be held just as accountable, but the charter schools and the cyber schools that siphon money from our budgets need to be treated the same as us. Mr. Ferrara stated that it is a step in the right direction, but they need to be sure that the charter schools charge fairly, not some of the special education rates that we have to pay for charter students.

Mr. Truelove stated that the information he receives from PSBA is very informative and helpful, and he will continue to forward it to everyone.

Mr. Miller stated that an updated list is on the PDE website so if anyone is thinking about or currently enrolled in a charter or cyber school you can see where your school is heading or where they've been.

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

The meetings will be held in the LGI
Wednesday, February 20, 2013.....Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 27, 2013.....Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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10. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Miller asked for the status of the Architect of Record RFP. Mr. DeAngelo stated that they are due in Friday as well as Fire and Alarm. Mr. DeAngelo stated that once we receive the RFP's, they will look through them and decide which of the candidates they want to bring in for interviews. Mr. Miller asked that the Board members be kept apprised of the process so that we are not dragging it on.

Mr. Miller asked if we no longer need a Food Service RFP because of the Attestation. Mr. DeAngelo stated that it is no longer needed.

Mr. Miller stated that an Executive Session was held this past Monday evening in regards to litigation, personnel and Real Estate. He stated that another Executive Session is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2013 to discuss the same matters.

Ms. Kartal asked for an update on making donations via the network (e.g. PayPal, etc.). Mr. Truelove stated that he is working on this.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kartal stated that she passed out information to the Board members regarding our band playing on February 8th at the Sovereign Bank Arena at the hockey game. She stated that the tickets are \$12 and hopefully a lot of people will come out. Ms. Kartal stated that they play the National Anthem at 6:55 p.m. and also perform at various intermissions.

Ms. Kartal stated that she also passed out information regarding the Trenton Soup Kitchen which we currently help through our Student Service Learning Club. She stated that on April 20th they will be celebrating their 30th anniversary and they are trying to collect 30,000 cans of food to distribute to the area food pantries. Ms. Kartal stated that they will bring the containers into the school to fill with canned food products and pick the containers up when they are full, and this will take place through the end of April. Mr. Stoneburner stated that the Trenton Soup Kitchen also gives food to the churches in the Morrisville area. Ms. Kartal asked that the Board approve that these containers or bins be allowed to be placed in our schools for the canned food donations. The Board, by consensus, approved the concept of placing the bins in our schools.

Mr. Miller stated that in the past he has always had a little difficulty following the agenda at the agenda meetings because we are trying to follow something that we have already discussed and then when we are at the business meeting some of the discussion items we are kind of approaching again and do we really need. He said that sometimes at the agenda meetings there are people making presentations and sometimes they are at the business meetings and sometimes it is hard to be sure that we are hitting on all of the items that we need to hit on. He stated that he would like to create an agenda for the agenda meetings, and on the agenda would be the committee reports as well as the review of the business meeting agenda. Mr. Miller stated that it would be a working document and if find that it works that is great, or if we need to make any changes to it that is fine as well.

PUBLIC SESSION #2

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

12. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 p.m.

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

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary