

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 24, 2013

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 Middle/Senior High School, 550 West Palmer Street, Morrisville, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, April 24, 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

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

Quorum Present:

Also attending this evening's meeting was Mr. William Ferrara, Superintendent; Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; Mr. Todd Dupell, Administrative Intern; Mr. Tony Gesualdi, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services; David Truelove, Esq., Solicitor; media, MEA representation, and members of the community.

Mr. Miller announced that an Executive Session was held last week in regards to personnel matters.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Teacher: Sean Haines

Mr. Haines stated that the Varsity Soccer Team was awarded the Sportsmanship Award for the Bicentennial Athletic League for the fall season. The members of the soccer team conducted themselves not only a person who puts on a uniform, but as a team that showed a great reflection of their community, school and family. Mr. Haines thanked the

Board for allowing them to attend this evening's meeting and to be able to share this news with everyone.

Mr. Miller congratulated the team members for doing an outstanding job representing our school not only on the field but also on the sidelines.

Mr. Haines introduced the team members in attendance as follows:
Abraham Keita, Ron Fratti, Alex Musella, Jesse Hollopeter, Nicholas Guirand,
Jehovansky Despagne, Clifford Allen and Naquan Snow

Ms. Kartal stated that wins and losses do not truly matter, and every member on this soccer team showed everyone what Morrisville is capable of and she thanked them for their accomplishment.



Teacher: Lauren Bischoff

Ms. Bischoff stated that Mr. McGinty is another second grade teacher and two of his students also came this evening to present their projects, but unfortunately he couldn't make it this evening, so she will be representing both teachers. Ms. Bischoff stated that part of our curriculum and State standards are that students at the second grade level complete an informative research report. Since the second graders now have the mini laptops, they decided to really utilize them and the students went on National Geographic Kids website, picked out an animal, completed a graphic organizer and with all of their facts they formed an opinion. They were then guided by their teachers on how to make a power point with design, transitions and animation. The second grade students had a great presentation party that many of the parents were able to attend.

The following students presented their power point projects this evening:
Zachary Rinkevich, Ella Quince, Sarah Dingle and Jose Garcia

Mr. Dupell stated that he was amazed at the power point reports completed by our second graders. He stated that it is a testament on how important technology is.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Representative to the Board – (Morrisville High School)
Megan Howell, Student Representative of the Morrisville High School, discussed the following:

- Congratulations to Freshman Niasia Boone on her accomplishments during her first two track meets this season. Niasia has placed first in the 100, 200 and 400 meter sprints in every meet she has competed in this spring. Niasia's times are the best recorded at this time by any female runner in the Bicentennial Athletic League. Niasia will be competing at the Montgomery County Invitational Track Meet on

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Thursday, May 2nd at William Tennent High School. She will then represent Morrisville at the Bicentennial Athletic League Championship on May 10th and 11th at Holy Ghost Prep. Also, she will then participate in the P.I.A.A. District 1 Championships on May 17th and 18th.

- Congratulations to the Varsity Soccer team and Coach Haines on receiving the Bicentennial Athletic League Fall 2012 Sportsmanship Award for Boys Athletics. The team was acknowledged by the league for its efforts on the field and how they carried themselves during league contests. Coach Haines and the team should feel proud about receiving this award. It was voted on by the opposing schools athletic directors and coaches.
- The high school Reading Olympics Team competed on April 4th. The Tome Raiders won a third place ribbon. Congratulations to the team.
- Operation Helping Hand, the food collection sponsored by the United Way, will be held on April 10th. Mrs. Bramble coordinates the efforts. Last year, the middle/senior high school collected over 500 pounds of food.
- The following students attended the PA Computer Fair:
Grace Tyree, Mike Gable, Nick Castillo, Kevin Munoz, Matt Rosenwasser, Shalay Johnson and Cassandra Martinez.
- Congratulations to Juliana Manning who placed third runner up in the State of PA Homecoming Queen Pageant which was recently held.
- The men and women of the Morrisville Alumni held their second annual basketball game on April 6th. The proceeds of the game were donated to our basketball program. A good time was had by all who attended.
- Schools were closed on April 1st in observance of the spring break.
- The Superintendent's Advisory Meeting was held on April 10th.
- Report cards were distributed on April 12th.
- The Student of the Month Breakfast was held in the high school cafeteria on April 23rd honoring students for the months of February and March. Congratulations to all of the recipients.
- The high school play, Friday Night Live, was presented in the Caum Auditorium on April 19th. The cast, crew, Dr. Scott and Mr. Jones worked very hard to produce an excellent play.
- The jazz band will be performing during the evening at the PTO Barnes and Noble Book Fair. It will take place on April 30th at 6:00 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Langhorne.
- The PSSA reading and math tests were given to students in grades 3, 8 and 11 beginning on April 8th through April 19th. PSSA science tests for students in grades 4, 8 and 11 will be given during the week of April 22nd to April 26th.

Student Representative to the Board – (Bucks County Technical High School)
There was no student representative from the Tech School present at tonight's meeting.

MOEF Report – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle discussed the following:

- MOEF continues to work on various projects
- Physics Day

PTO Report

The following items were reported regarding the PTO:

- In March they had their Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser and all of the profits will be going towards the Intermediate Playground Fund.
- The Harlem Wizards Game was a huge success. They sold over 500 tickets. Thanks were extended to Board members Dan Dingle, Wanda Kartal, Ted Parker and Dave Stoneburner, who all helped out with this event. Profits made from this event will go towards the auditorium fund.
- The Grandview Garden Project was completed in April.
- The PTO meeting was a Family Bingo Night and Ice Cream Sundae Bar Extravaganza.
- Laps for Learning will take place this Friday, April 26th during school hours. All of the money that is collected for this event is going towards Field Day this year.
- Barnes and Noble Night is April 30th from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble at the Oxford Valley.
- May 6th through May 10th will be Teacher Appreciation week. They are working on a special project for the teachers at Grandview and they are looking for volunteers to work on Friday and Saturday before that week to roll up their sleeves and get some paint brushes out and make it something very special for them.
- The Scholastic Book Fair will be held at Grandview from May 6th through May 10th. It will take place at the Intermediate and Junior/Senior High School from May 16th through May 24th.
- The PTO meeting next month will be a Mother's Day celebration.
- Field Day will take place on May 24th. They will be doing a full day event for Field Day this year and we will have a Carnival Theme and they are looking for some volunteers to make some carnival games. They will be renting a dunk tank and are looking for volunteers to sit in the tank.

Joint Borough Council/School Board Committee – Ms. Kartal

Ms. Kartal stated that at the last meeting, the following items were discussed:

- The next meeting will be held on May 1st.
- At the last meeting it was a combination of the Joint Borough Council and also the Advisory Board that has been put together for the Safety Grant.
- The new pedestrian signs have been installed.
- They are still working on School Zone information.

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- The Advisory Board developed walking routes for each ward. Participants will be walking their routes this weekend, making notes on the questionnaires they received of any unsafe areas along their routes.
- Officer Wayne Apice will be the police department representative on the Advisory Board, and he is putting together a Stranger/Danger presentation as part of the Grant.
- Participants on the Advisory Board will report the findings from the walking route at the meeting to be held on May 1st and from there they will work on a resource guide.
- Mr. Dupell stated that we received the helmets and backpack reflectors. He also stated that bike safety lessons will be given to our students at which time the helmets and reflectors will be distributed.
- Mr. Dupell stated that next year they will be holding an event where the whole town will walk together to school.

Public Relations/Communications Committee – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller stated that they are working on the May/June newsletter. He stated that the Science Symposium group will be leaving for the trip to Florida in a few days, and they hope to get some good news from this group which could be included in the newsletter.

In regards to survey that was done regarding school colors and logos, Mr. Miller stated that the colors chosen were Royal Blue and Oxford Gold. The goal of this survey is to have the same shade of gold and blue used throughout our schools. The logo chosen was the side view of the bulldog with the angry looking face.

At this point, Mr. Miller stated that a decision has to be made on whether we want to strive for uniformity regarding the school colors and logo. He stated that maybe the next survey could be a three question survey where you would choose the colors you want, the logo you want, and whether or not you want to make this a binding survey.

At this time, Ms. Haug presented a check for \$1000 from the Morrisville Presbyterian Church to be used towards the auditorium fund. Mr. Miller stated that the check was given to the School District as a thank you for the amount of years that they have performed here at the school and to help raise funds for the renovation of the theatre in the auditorium. Mr. Miller stated that the Morrisville Presbyterian Church will be holding their fundraiser this weekend at the Church.

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

→ **This week in our Schools**

Mr. Ferrara – Superintendent

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Ferrara discussed the following:

- Mr. Ferrara thanked the Administrative Assistants who keep our schools going and get everything done for us.
- Mr. Ferrara thanked the person responsible for having speakers available in the auditorium for our Friday Night Live presentation. He also thanked Mr. Miller and Mr. Lastichen for their work on the lights in the auditorium.
- The 4th and 8th graders are currently taking the science PSSA tests which will end tomorrow. He thanked the parents, students and teachers for their efforts.
- Keystone Exams are coming up for students in grades 9, 10 and 11. They haven't determined yet if those days will be half days or full days. Students in grades K-8 will have regular schedules for these three days.
- The Morrisville School District was in the Philly Burbs in an article discussing the top high schools in the country. The article discusses Morrisville receiving a bronze award medal for their high school students. This award was presented as national recognition for showing improvement in our test scores. Mr. Ferrara stated that we constantly strive to get better. He congratulated the students, Board, parents, teachers and administration.

Mr. Buckman suggested that a large banner be displayed in the front of the school announcing our receipt of this bronze award medal.

Mr. DeAngelo – Business Administrator

Mr. DeAngelo reported on the following:

- Updates on revenues and expenditures
- Mr. DeAngelo stated that we now have a millage calculator on our website.

Todd Dupell – Administrative Intern

Mr. Dupell discussed the following items from the elementary level:

- PSSA's are complete
- Laps for Learning will take place on Friday
- The 21st Century has installed bulletin boards in various locations at Grandview
- The mural has been completed at the Intermediate School on the wall by the library by the Artists in Residence and Wendy Craig.

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- Snipes is doing lessons with our 1st, 3rd and 5th grade students. They will be following up with field trips to Snipes in May.
- Our top winners from our Study Island portfolio were given medals of distinction and the PTO donated \$25 movie tickets to those students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- Tuesday, April 30th is Barnes and Nobel Night
- Kindergarten Transition Day is May 2nd
- The Spring Concert and Art Show will be held on May 20th
- Field Day is May 24th
- The helmets and reflectors have been received as part of the Safe Routes to School Grant program.
- Mr. Dupell thanked the Board and PTO for coming out and doing a little curb appeal makeover at Grandview.
- Mr. Dupell stated that they have a digital banner at Grandview, and as Mr. Buckman requested, he will display the information regarding Morrisville's receipt of the bronze award medal for improvement in our test scores.

Mr. Gesualdi – Director of Special Education/Pupil Services

Mr. Gesualdi discussed the following:

- Exceptional Kids Workshop – Mr. Gesualdi explained that this is one of our parent support groups and we have had two sessions so far. One was a bowling outing in which we partnered with the 21st Century. At this event the kids were able to bowl while being supervised by members of the 21st Century, while we provided various supports and topics of resource to the parents. The second workshop was a presentation regarding family literacy. Mr. Gesualdi stated that our effort here is to bring together the parents of students with disabilities in a forum where we can have presenters or have topics ourselves or various other types of support groups. He stated that the 21st Century is providing staff to help supervise the students so the parents are able to attend and participate in these workshops.

Mr. Ferrara stated that because the 8th grade students have been the most tested, they will be receiving a half day on Friday, April 26th. They will be dismissed at 10:50 and a phone blast will go out the 8th grade parents advising them of this early dismissal.

Mr. Miller stated that in regards to the bronze medal award we received, it is a National recognition and it speaks volumes for the District. He thanked the teachers, staff, administration and especially the students for doing a fantastic job.

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

| District Enrollments as of April 16, 2013 | | | |
|--|----|---------------------------|-------------|
| <u>Student Population</u> | | | |
| Pre-Kindergarten | 18 | | |
| Kindergarten 56 + 13 | 69 | GRANDVIEW | 336 |
| Grade 1 | 86 | INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4-5) | <u>153</u> |
| Grade 2 | 80 | | 489 |
| Grade 3 | 83 | | |
| Grade 4 | 81 | INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (6-8) | 215 |
| Grade 5 | 72 | HIGH SCHOOL 9-12 | <u>196</u> |
| Grade 6 | 87 | | 411 |
| Grade 7 | 64 | | |
| Grade 8 | 64 | TECHNICAL SCHOOL | 38 |
| Grade 9 | 52 | HOME SCHOOLED | 16 |
| Grade 10 | 59 | CHARTER SCHOOLS | 39 |
| Grade 11 | 39 | Regular Ed | 29 |
| Grade 12 | 46 | Special Ed | 10 |
| | | OUT OF DISTRICT | 66 |
| | | Regular Ed | 17 |
| | | Special Ed | 49 |
| TOTAL ENROLLMENT | | | 1059 |

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.

PUBLIC SESSION #1 (Only items on the agenda to be discussed)

There were no speakers for Public Session #1.

INFRASTRUCTURE

2. INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Facilities Committee Report – Mr. Stoneburner**
Mr. Stoneburner reported on the following items:
 - Flower bed project at Grandview has been completed
 - Upgrades and improvement with the athletic fields
 - Ongoing auditorium project
 - Mr. Stoneburner stated that last Friday night’s presentation of “Friday Night Live” was a great show
 - Discussed questions for the Architect interviews, which took place on April 10th
 - Ongoing discussion of M. R. Reiter and Manor Park and our options for these buildings

- **Architect of Record**
Mr. Miller stated that he reviewed the paperwork from the Architectural firms that were interviewed, and from the one that he favored he stated that it was great to see the wide variety of work that they had done. It wasn’t just about building things, it was also about renovating within the existing structures. The Board members agreed that they will be ready to vote on this next month.

ACTION ITEMS:

2.1 Approval, Annual Ordering of Graduation Chairs

The Board approved a motion to approve the annual ordering of the chairs for graduation from Adams Party Rental, not to exceed the amount of \$2,135.00.

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

Ms. Kartal asked if this was the only chair available from Adams Party Rental. She stated that they do have cheaper chairs to rent and wanted to know if we could look into renting the cheaper chairs and if we received quotes from anyone else.

Mr. Buckman stated that it is a good idea to check with other companies and get their prices. He stated that it is a little late this year to do so, but it should be something that we look into next year. Mr. Buckman stated that the bone chairs that we are renting are made with a specific pliability to

hold heavier individuals. He stated that you have to look at the difference in the actual structure of the chair.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that a request was made to look at the chairs we have at M. R. Reiter. The facility department stated that all of the chairs at M. R. Reiter are very dirty and there are many different types of chairs. During the summertime, the chairs will be pulled out and gone through getting rid of any chairs that need to be excessed, and clean the chairs that we can use in the future.

Mr. Miller stated that when we are shopping around for prices, we also need to look at the labor cost to set up the chairs.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Human Resource Committee Report – Mr. DeWilde**
Mr. DeWilde stated that he has nothing to report at this time.

The Board members left for an Executive Session at this time (8:30 p.m.) They returned to the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Mr. Miller stated that at the Executive Session they discussed collective bargaining.

ACTION ITEMS:

3.1 Approval, MESPA Contract (2011-12/2012-13)

The Board approved a motion to approve the MESPA Contract for 2011-12/2012-13.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Buckman stated that he just received this agreement tonight. He stated that he knows that some of the Board members have the ability to go on the website, but he does not. He feels confident that everything is okay since Mr. DeAngelo has reviewed it, but he requested that reports be given to him sooner so that he has time to review them prior to the Board meetings. Mr. Ferrara stated that he will make sure that the Board members that do not have access to the website receive information in their Friday packets. Mr. Miller stated that the rule of thumb should be that anything that gets posted to the secure site for School Board members, a hard copy should be given to those Board members that do not have access to the website.

Mr. Worob stated that he felt that a good job was done with the negotiations and the new contract has only modest increases.

Mr. Ferrara stated that we have a fine support staff here which include the secretaries, maintenance and custodial staff. He stated that they keep the District up and running, keep our schools clean, and are dedicated people. He thanked Mr. Harm, Mr. Lastichen, and Mr. DeAngelo for their hard work along with the people who worked on the MESPA team. He thanked the Board for their support and he also thanked MESPA.

Mr. Miller also thanked the MESPA employees as well. He stated that when you walk in our buildings, they are normally the ones that are on the front lines who greet everyone, and he has always been greeted with a smile. Mr. Miller stated that when he walks the hallways of the schools and see what the custodial staff does, he believes they do a fantastic job. He thanked the MESPA employees for their service.

3.2 **Approval, MESPA Retirees**

The Board approved a motion to approve the MESPA retirees.

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

Mr. DeAngelo stated for the record that there are three custodians and two secretaries that opted for this for the year ending 2014-15.

3.3 **Approval, Appointments**

The Board approved a motion to approve the following AESOP Substitute:
Joyce Trotta

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

3.4 **Approval, K-2 Dean of Students and Stipend**

The Board approved a motion to approve Lynn Palumbo as the K-2 Dean of Students for the 2013-14 school year, for a total salary of \$74,492 (\$69,492 salary + \$5000 stipend).

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

Mr. Ferrara stated that the administrative team had the opportunity to interview three quality candidates from within the MEA. He stated that we are very fortunate to be able to bring Lynn to the Board for this

recommendation. Mr. Ferrara stated that it was a hard decision to make due to the quality of the applicants.

Motions 3.5 and 3.6 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

3.5 Approval, Resignation

The Board approved a motion to approve and accept, with regret, the resignation of Tana Gunnett, Kindergarten Teacher, effective at the end of the 2012-13 school year.

Mr. Dupell thanked Ms. Gunnett for the great job she did for the students here in Morrisville and he wished her and her family the best of luck in this new chapter of their lives.

3.6 Approval, Maternity/FMLA Extension

The Board approved a motion to approve an extension of Maternity/FMLA leave for Cheri Tabit through the 2013-14 school year, scheduled to return for the 2014-15 school year.

3.7 Approval, Modification to Act 93 Contract

The Board approved a motion to approve a modification to the Act 93 Contract to incorporate teachers on assignment/Dean of Students, with all benefits of the MEA Contract, with an appropriate MOU to be drafted.

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

3.8 Approval, Tuition Reimbursement

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

| Name | Course | College | Credits | Amount |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Dennis Cox | School Administration | Cabrini | 3 | \$1464 |
| Paul DeAngelo | Finance | St. Joseph | 3 | \$2724 @ 80% = \$2180 |

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

**4. BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE COMMITTEE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:**

4.1 Approval, Food Service Contract 2013-14
This motion was moved to the May meeting.

4.2 Approval, Homestead/Farmstead Resolution
This motion was moved to the May meeting.

Motions 4.3 through 4.6 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

4.3 Approval, Budget Transfers
The Board approved a motion to approve budget transfers.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that we have no budget transfers at this time.

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

4.5 Approval, Investment Report
The Board approved a motion to approve the Investment Report.

4.6 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:

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| Miscellaneous/General Fund (3/28/13 – 4/24/13) | \$ 568,668.79 |
| Athletic Fund (4/12/13) | \$ 950.00 |
| Cafeteria Fund (4/24/13) | \$ 44,372.64 |
| Capital Reserve (3/28/13) | \$ <u>-0-</u> |
| TOTAL BILLS | \$ 613,991.43 |

5. EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

• **Education Committee Report – Mr. Miller**

Mr. Miller stated that the committee met a few weeks ago and the following items were discussed:

- At the Education Committee meeting, a presentation was given by Mr. Dupell in regards to e-library, which we looking to start as early as next year. Mr. Miller asked if start this program and down the road decide to go with another vendor, are we able to keep all of the licenses that we have already purchased. Mr. DeWilde stated that as long as we have the technology, we will be able to read any of the books we have purchased no matter what vendor we use. Mr. Ferrara stated that Mr. Dupell will research this and bring the information back to the Board. Mr. Ferrara suggested that at the next agenda meeting, a presentation is done for all Board members, and then it can be voted on in June.
- They discussed the cyber options and whittled down more of the details of what would happen here at Morrisville. This would be a blended program, which is a combination of cyber and bricks and mortar. Mr. Miller explained how the program would work, what courses would be offered and worked into the students schedules. We will be using Morrisville teachers for this program.

ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

6. POLICY COMMITTEE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that next month we will be bringing the donation policy to the Board for approval.

Mr. Ferrara stated that one of the things they received at the Superintendent's Retreat was a presentation on bring your own device. Mr. Ferrara has received some model policies regarding cyber programs and the administration could be bringing a policy regarding this matter to the Board as early as June.

7. LIAISON REPORTS
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

Ms. Kartal discussed the following:

- All of the SkillsUSA competitors who went on to place in the State were recognized at the last meeting. All of the first place winners will be moving on to Missouri to compete in the Nationals in May. Last year they won a gold medal in this event.
- The 13-14 budget was presented to the Joint Board. Ms. Kartal is a member of the Budget Committee. The budget was presented to the Board at the April 16th budget committee meeting, which she was unable to attend. The members of the budget committee agreed to release the budget and send it out to the Joint Board for their review. Ms. Kartal stated that she expressed concerns over some items on the budget that she feels we should take another look at. She requested the Joint Board to table it, but unfortunately the timing was not right, and it was voted upon and approved to be sent out.
- The Funding Committee Meeting will be held this coming Monday at 6:30 at the Tech School. They will be reviewing information that they had requested from the last meeting.

b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Mr. Parker

Mr. Parker was unable to attend the meeting due to a work conflict; therefore, there was no report.

c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative - Mr. Buckman

Mr. Buckman discussed the following:

- One of the things on the Governor's desk is the Tax Equalization Board.
- The Senate Education Committee approved a new Special Education Funding Formula which establishes how any increases in the current special education appropriations are distributed using weighting factors based on the category of disability. Mr. Buckman stated that this is something that we have been waiting for for a long time. This new funding formula appears much more promising than what we had last year.

- Grants for School Safety Officers
- House Resolution 53 – This involves funding to get public safety in the schools.
- House Resolution 139 which involves the study of Gifted Education.

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

The meetings will be held in the LGI
Wednesday, May 15, 2013.....Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 22, 2013.....Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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8. OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion regarding donations
Mr. Truelove stated that we need to update the current policy regarding donations. Then we need to work out what should go on the website and establish the form to be used. Mr. Truelove stated that he will have a draft of the policy prior to the next agenda meeting, and will hopefully have the information for the website at that time.

Mr. Miller stated the spoke to Mr. Myat last week and they looked at another school website that has donations, and basically it did not have a drop down menu. That website had different parts of the screen where you would click on the area on the screen that you wanted the donation to go to. Each area on the screen was linked to the PayPal site, which does charge a fee. Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Myat would prefer it if our donation website went in that direction because of the secure websites that PayPal uses.

- Mr. Buckman asked Mr. DeAngelo how much time, effort and money did it cost us to go above the cap. Mr. DeAngelo stated that other than the forms that come directly to us from the AFR and the time here to approve the option in the event that we couldn't balance the budget, there were no other costs.

Mr. Miller stated that he feels that it was not a waste of time. It made us aware of the situation that we were in, and he would rather leave that door open and close it when the time comes. Fortunately, we have had that opportunity to close that door and there are options on the table that we can close it even further. Mr. Miller stated that every Board member has an equal voice and they are not going to hear direction from him. He stated that if a Board member wants to suggest making further cuts, they should speak up.

Mr. Buckman stated that he would like to see further cuts, minimally down to 1.7.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DeAngelo stated that the PDE 2028 will be presented next month, but he would like the Board's permission to utilize the 2% rate to be used on this form.

Mr. Ferrara stated that this does not mean that there will be a 2% increase, it is only the figure that we are working with. Mr. Ferrara stated that once the preliminary budget (2028) is approved, that is not the final budget. The final budget must be approved at the June meeting.

The Board agreed to use the 2% on PDE 2028.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that the reason that Motion 4.2 (Homestead/Farmstead Resolution) was removed from the agenda this evening and moved to the May meeting is because we do not have an established millage rate.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that the School Board did approve the IU Consortium and now we have a further decision to make on whether or not we are going to be a part of the Consortium within the Consortium. Mr. DeAngelo discussed stop loss costs. He stated that at this time a decision does not need to be made at this time, he just wanted to plant the seed for the Board so they can start thinking about it. He will bring this back to the Board at the May meeting.

Going back to the proposed budget, Mr. Miller asked for a listing of the options that are still on the table for discussion along with the savings associated with each one and the ramifications of each one. Mr. Miller

asked if this is something that could be put on the secure website as well as giving each Board member a hard copy on Friday. Mr. DeAngelo stated that this information will be given to each Board member.

Mr. DeWilde asked that the Board members be given the figure that is needed to go from the 2% to 1.7%.

PUBLIC SESSION #2

Shawn Stillwell – 129 Makefield Road

Ms. Stillwell stated that she is speaking tonight on behalf of the Morrisville Women's Softball League. She stated that they use the fields out back and have since 1984, and this year they are being charged a \$500 fee to use the fields. She stated that they were never charged for using the fields in the past. Ms. Stillwell stated that they upkeep the fields and actually built one of the fields. They have left messages, sent emails, both of which have not been answered as to why they are now being charged. Ms. Stillwell stated that they would like to know what the \$500 is going to be used for. They have women that come out and cut the grass on the fields with their own lawnmowers, they rake and clean up the fields.

Mr. Miller asked Ms. Stillwell to leave her email address so they can get back to her.

10. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary