

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 26, 2012
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, September 26, 2012, after due notice of this meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. DeWilde, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present on roll call:

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

Members absent: Mr. Miller

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; Thomas Profy, IV, Esq., Solicitor; media, MEA representation, and members of the community.

- Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. DeWilde stated that Mr. Miller notified him that he is on a personal trip and he may be coming a little late to tonight's meeting.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



MECCA Group – Elizabeth Glaum-Lathbury (Advisor)

Ms. Glaum-Lathbury stated that MECCA stands for Morrisville Environmental Club for Conservation and Activism. She explained that for the last two summers ago this club developed a relationship with Wheelabrator Falls who is working on making a certified wildlife habitat at their Industrial Park facility. Ms. Glaum-Lathbury explained the Clubs

involvement with this project and two of the students from the club, Krista Malaney and Grace Tyree, explained and showed pictures of their various projects and activities. Ms. Glaum-Lathbury stated that you can read about their various projects in the August newsletter which is available on the Morrisville website.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Representative to the Board – (Morrisville High School)

There was no student representative from the Morrisville High School in attendance at tonight's meeting. Mr. Ferrara stated that he did not contact our student representative to attend this evening's meeting, and stated that the representative would have announced that school has started and that our varsity programs are underway.

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

My' Asia Davis was the Student Representative from the Bucks County Technical High School in attendance at tonight's meeting and discussed the following:

- School opened with a half-day on August 30th for 9th grade students. All students reported on September 4th.
- Our Back-to-School Night was held on September 20th.
- Our late activity buses will begin on September 25th and students are anticipating staying late to participate in various clubs at our school. Morrisville and Bristol Borough will not be sending activity buses again this year.
- The Dance Team is recruiting dancers and is looking forward to holding their annual recital.
- Freshman Student Council elections will be held the week of October 15th.
- On October 17th, the BCTHS teachers will hold their Occupational Advisory Committee Meeting. This annual event brings in our business and industry partners to review our technical programs and give suggestions on how to remain a state-of-the-art technology center.
- Our Open House for prospective students and their families will take place on November 1st. Applications for the 2013-14 school year will be available.
- Intramural fall sports start up October 2nd for those interested in football.
- The senior class is looking to raise money to cover the cost of power puff football jerseys.
- The dental program is arranging to give basic dental hygiene to our life skills students.

Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation – MOEF – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle reported that they met last week and the committee decided that they will be making an additional \$500 donation for the playground at the high school. He stated that they discussed the Summer Youth Leadership Program in Bucks County and they will fundraise for that program. Mr. Dingle thanked Waste Management for their donation to MOEF in the amount of \$8500. He stated that this money will be made available for

educational issues. He encouraged the teaching staff to contact MOEF with any needs they may have. Mr. Dingle also reminded everyone to purchase Giant gift cards.

PTO Report

Ms. Rinkevich reported the following:

- Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night went well. There was a good turn out even though it was during Back to School night. Earnings of \$142.
- PTO is donating \$5000 tonight to the playground equipment fund.
- We received a \$1000 donation last year for the playground from a grandmother (Judy Rodriguez) of one of our students (Tess Mintel). Mrs. Rodriguez is willing to continue donation collection efforts from local businesses if the School Board would like to contact her.
- PTO will continue to save a portion of our fundraising for the playground.
- Scholastic Bookfairs – Intermediate/HS Bookfair runs 10/8 through 10/12, and Elementary Bookfair runs 10/15 through 10/19.
- Bookfair will be open Thursday night, 10/11/12, during our regular PTO meeting, which will be moved to the high school just for the month of October.
- Bookfair will be open Friday night, 10/19/12, during a Bingo family night.
- We will be holding a yard sale at the high school on October 20th during KID FEST. Spaces are \$15 and we will be setting up outside on the front lawn of the high school.
- PTO has paid for a laser light show for the kids on October 26th.
- We will be holding a Trunk or Treat at Grandview on Friday, 10/26/12.
- We will be providing snacks, activities and crafts for the classroom Halloween parties on 10/31/12.

Ms. Kartal stated that Homecoming will be held on October 19th and suggested that Bingo family night be moved to another night in order for more people to be able to attend both events. Ms. Rinkevich stated that they could probably move Bingo family night to Thursday, October 18th.

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

→ **This week in our Schools**

WILLIAM FERRARA – SUPERINTENDENT

- Mr. Ferrara thanked everyone for a great start to the school year. He stated that every year the faculty, support staff, administration, parents and especially the students make this a better place to be, and we continue to have very successful openings in our schools.

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- Mr. Ferrara stated that everyone should be received a phone blast every Sunday evening giving you updates about events happening in our School District for the upcoming week. Mr. Ferrara stated that he feels that this is a great way to communicate with parents and it seems to be a little more effective than our website. For anyone who does not want to receive this phone blast, they should contact Mr. Ferrara and he will be sure that your phone number is removed from the list. Mr. Ferrara stated that if you receive a phone blast during the week, it is something that you really need to pay attention to.
- Mr. Ferrara stated that both Back-To-School Nights for the elementary were fabulous and Mr. DuPell, Mr. Harm and the elementary staff did a wonderful job. He stated that the secondary Back-To-School Night will be held on October 4th beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Mr. Ferrara congratulated the teachers and students for making AYP again. He stated that it is a great honor to be one of the four districts in the Lower Bucks County region that made it. Mr. Ferrara stated that we are especially proud of the amount of improvement that we made and reports will be available soon.
- Mr. Ferrara stated that we are working with the 21st Century and Cohort 6A to try to provide school bus activity buses for the Morrisville students attending Tech School.

Mr. Buckman asked when our students would begin participating in the Keystone Exams and if they would also be taking the PSSA's. Mr. Ferrara stated that the PSSA for our 11th grade students will not occur anymore. He stated that there are two ways that the Keystone Exams will be given to our current eleventh grade students. The first wave will be given in December and our district has chosen to have them take the Biology test at that time. The second wave will be given in January which will involve math and literature. Mr. Ferrara stated that all of this information is posted on the website. Mr. Ferrara explained the process of the Keystone Exams and how they are counted towards AYP.

PAUL DEANGELO, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

- Mr. DeAngelo stated that a few months ago the Board approved the Act 93 Certified and Non-Certified contracts, they have been reviewed by our Solicitor, and they are now ready to be printed and released.
- Mr. DeAngelo stated that we have collected more than 80% of the taxes from taxpayers for the 2012-13 tax year and he thanked the taxpayers for their cooperation in this matter.
- He thanked our Tax Collector, Pat Pordash, for making no exceptions and having everyone stick to the August deadline.
- Mr. DeAngelo discussed the renovation project at Grandview and the removal of the oil tank, and stated that an advertisement needs to be done as part of the Act II process and he stated that the Board has received this information in their Friday packets.

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- Mr. DeAngelo thanked everyone (Facilities, Technology, Food Services, paint crew, those involved in putting in the new doors, etc.) who helped to get the school in shape for the start of school.

DONALD HARM, PRINCIPAL

- Mr. Harm stated, in his role as Administration Advisor, that he is looking forward to working with Mr. DuPell and Mr. Gober. He stated that we are off to a great start and he thanked our staff for their hard work.
- Mr. Harm stated that the elementary Back-To-School nights were excellent and the adjustment of having the 3rd grade and Pre-K at the high school have gone very smoothly.
- He stated that we have run our first evacuation drills and they were very successful.

ANTHONY GESUALDI, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION/PUPIL SERVICES

- Mr. Gesualdi stated we have had 15 new students enroll who are special education students, and 5 special education students have withdrawn.
- He stated that we will be running all three of our vans this year transporting students with special needs and disabilities. This will hopefully cause a savings to the district.
- Mr. Gesualdi stated that we have started a new Middle School Emotional Support Program this year, therefore, we have an Emotional Support Program at the Primary, Intermediate and Middle School levels.
- Mr. Gesualdi stated that we are in the second year of our in-district Life Skills Program which we are very proud of. He stated that we started a new component of daily living called Apartment Maintenance and Care. We have actually established an apartment which is located in between the two Life Skills rooms and the students will be responsible for maintaining the apartment (changing sheets, make beds, etc.) He stated that many of the items we bought were purchased through the donation made by Mr. DeAngelo and the DeAngelo family in memory of his brother, and we certainly appreciate it. Mr. Gesualdi invited the Board members to stop by to see the apartment setting.
- Mr. Gesualdi stated that our Life Skills students have been employed in the district, primarily in the cafeteria, and this year we are extending their employment out to other areas outside of the district to help them transition to their life in the community.

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

District Enrollments as of September 19, 2012			
<u>Student Population</u>			
Pre-Kindergarten	18		
Kindergarten	74	GRANDVIEW	345
Grade 1	90	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4-5)	<u>156</u>
Grade 2	79		501
Grade 3	84		
Grade 4	83	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (6-8)	231
Grade 5	73	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12	<u>214</u>
Grade 6	87		445
Grade 7	70		
Grade 8	74	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	40
Grade 9	60	HOME SCHOOLED	18
Grade 10	59	CHARTER SCHOOLS	36
Grade 11	47	Regular Ed 26	
Grade 12	48	Special Ed 10	
		OUT OF DISTRICT	66
		Regular Ed 18	
		Special Ed 48	
TOTAL ENROLLMENT			1106

Mr. Stoneburner stated that in light of the changes this year, we need to take 3rd grade out of the Grandview numbers. Mr. Ferrara stated that he has discussed this with PDE, and it doesn't matter where your students are located, as long as you have them counted in your enrollment. Mr. Stoneburner stated that he felt that it would give everyone a better idea of how many students are in each school if we had them counted in the school in which they are located.

Committee Reports

Facilities – Mr. Stoneburner

Mr. Stoneburner stated that they met over the summer and put together an agenda of what they want to look at and how they can help with the playground project and also the revitalization project (experimental environment) at Grandview, and he should have more information to provide at the October meeting.

Borough Joint Committee – Ms. Kartal

Ms. Kartal stated that a meeting will held on October 3rd at Borough Hall, and it should be an interesting one with the changes to the street, and she stated that Mr. Miller had met with the Borough and asked him to give a report from his meeting.

Borough Joint Committee – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller stated that there is a DDBG Grant that we utilize through the Borough and one of the items that was discussed on the Walk-Ability Study at Grandview was to have cuts put into the curbs to allow handicap access. He is not sure how many ramps will be put in at this time. Regarding the traffic situation at Grandview, Mr. Miller stated that they are working on that matter and hopefully parents will be notified prior to the changes being made. Mr. Miller reminded the parents that they should be using the shuttles provided as much as possible and the pick up and drop off times will be posted on the website. Mr. Buckman stated that he has one concern with the timing regarding the cuts in the curbs at Grandview and hopes that this work can be done when the students are not coming and going in and out of the school. Mr. Buckman asked Mr. Miller if he could ask the Borough to work with the Business Manager and Superintendent on the timing.

Finance Committee – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller stated that the Finance Committee took the summer to regroup after the passing of the budget to see what is working and what is not going to work. He stated that the next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for October 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the LGI. Mr. Miller stated that this is an open meeting and anyone from the public can attend, and anyone wishing to serve on this committee should send a letter of interest to Ms. Barbara Bucuy.

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

2.1 *The Board approved a motion* to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2012 Monthly Business Meeting.

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

Mr. DeWilde stated that we are going to try our new Public Session plan tonight, the first public session to have items only discussed that are on the agenda, and the second public session for any other items that the public would like to speak about.

PUBLIC SESSION #1

Ms. Castillo – 250 W. Franklin Street

Ms. Castillo discussed the basketball court at Grandview. She urged the School Board and administration to bring it back and stated that it is time to move forward.

INFRASTRUCTURE/FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES

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

3.1.a *The Board approved a motion* to approve the ratification of the purchase of a cafeteria freezer compressor and installation from CoreStates in the amount of \$5,500.00 (Fund 10).

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

Ms. Kartal asked for further clarification on the information the Board members received regarding this matter. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the breakdown that they received showed the charges for time and material and also contained further information as requested by Mr. Stout. Mr. DeAngelo stated that this was an emergency situation and the work had to be done as soon as possible. Mr. Buckman stated that we actually were billed less than what was originally quoted.

Mr. Stout made a motion to table the payment for Item 3.1. The motion to table was seconded by Mr. Worob. Mr. Buckman stated that this work has already been done and we have to make the payment. Mr. Buckman stated that he feels that we should vote on this item and not table it, and if you don't like the work that was done, object to it. Mr. Buckman stated

that it was an emergency and he believes that we can have work done up to a certain amount without Board approval in an emergency situation. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the Board policy allows the Business Administrator to make purchases up to \$12,000. Mr. DeAngelo pointed out to the Board that they have already approved Item 3.1.b, which is the warranty for the new compressor. Mr. Parker stated that he thinks that the concerns are about the compressor itself and asked if there is any way that the Board members could be supplied with the model numbers of the compressor so they can research it themselves. Mr. Ferrara stated that they have also contacted another outside firm to check into the price for the compressor. Mr. Stoneburner stated that the actual price was \$6405, but we are only being charged \$5500, which is a \$900 savings. Mr. Worob stated that we have had some issues in the past with work being done by contractors, and he also feels that the price of the compressor seems to be very high, and would appreciate it if the Board was more informed in the future prior to work or purchases being made. The Board members agreed that this was an emergency and now this bill must be paid, but they would like to still research this for future reference. Mr. Stout withdrew his motion to table this item and Mr. Worob, who seconded the motion, also agreed to withdraw the motion to table it.

Motions 3.1.b through 3.3 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

3.1.b ***The Board approved a motion*** to approve a four year warranty for the cafeteria freezer compressor in the amount of \$350.00 (Fund 10).

3.2 ***The Board approved a motion*** to approve the ratification of Tim Lastichen's attendance at the Facilities Management Conference in Harrisburg, Camp Hill, from September 25th through September 27th. Cost for the pre-conference was \$75, and the actual conference from September 26 through the 27th was \$220.

3.3 ***The Board approved a motion*** to approve the ratification of Mary Hendershot's attendance at the 21st CCLC Cohort 6A Grantees' Mandatory Training from September 17th through September 18th at the cost of \$247.00.

3.4 ***The Board approved a motion*** to approve the quote for the Intermediate School Playground from T. W. South in an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00.

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

We received two quotes for the installation of the new playground, one from T.W. South in the amount of \$5015 (+ time and material), and one from W. D. B. Landscaping in the amount of \$7180. Mr. Worob asked for an explanation

for the charges of time and material. Mr. DeAngelo stated that this is actually a charge for the installation of the equipment and the delivery back and forth of the old playground equipment from M. R. Reiter. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the School Board had requested that the old playground equipment at M. R. Reiter be inspected, and we received a letter dated September 25th stating that this equipment is up to code, and the equipment will be reinspected once it is installed at the new playground.

Ms. Kartal asked what the amount would be for the time and material charges from T. W. South. Mr. DeAngelo stated that both of these contractors are currently doing work for the District and are both reputable. The Board members stated that they would like to know the dollar amount for time and materials before voting on this item. Mr. Buckman suggested that the motion be tabled until they could receive this information, but stated that we also need to get the work done and if we could possibly approve the motion at an amount not to exceed a certain a certain figure we could move forward. Ms. Kartal asked for a synopsis on the work to actually be done to create the playground. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the playground will have stone placed as the base and some of the stone is being transferred from Grandview, and then the topsoil that will be removed from the high school will be transported to Grandview, a border will be installed at the playground, and then the equipment from M. R. Reiter will be moved to the new playground.

Mr. Parker suggested that we approve this motion at an amount not to exceed a certain figure. Mr. DeAngelo stated that we could do this and see if the two companies who quoted the work would accept this amount. Mr. Stoneburner stated that according to the quote that the Mr. DeAngelo gave the Board members, it seems that the District is going to supply the plastic border, and if we do not that is where the time and material charges will apply, and the quote from T. W. South in the amount of \$5015 is for the excavating. Mr. DeAngelo stated that both companies are willing to work with us, and the District will purchase any materials they can from the donations that have been made to cut the cost for any contracted work that needs to be done.

Mr. Buckman stated that he feels that we should go with the lowest bidder, and Ms. Kartal agreed but they both felt it was too open ended with having the time and materials as an extra charge, and again suggested that the motion be made with an amount not to be exceeded. Mr. Stoneburner stated that since it seems that the quotes are for excavating only, we need to look at what equipment needs to be placed in concrete which should be done before the stone is put in place, who is going to be moving the equipment, etc. and he offered to get involved with this project.

Mr. Miller stated that since these quotes seem to only involve the excavation of the new playground, he suggested that we possibly contact both companies to see if the quotes also involve installation of the playground equipment.

Mr. Buckman stated that earlier in the meeting Mr. DeAngelo stated that he can spend up to \$12,000 in cases of emergencies, and asked if we could declare this as an emergency and rely on the administrators to decide or we are going to be tied up with this issue and never get the job done. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the Board could approve the excavation piece and then poll the Board on the time and material piece. The Board decided that this would not be declared an emergency and agreed to change the wording of the motion.

Mr. Stoneburner again expressed his concerns about the concrete work being done prior to the other work being done. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the old equipment at M. R. Reiter was disassembled by our facilities people, so what we are trying to do is replicate the same exact poles that are down at M. R. Reiter and we are going to pull those poles out and put them back in place to minimize the job. Mr. DeAngelo stated that most of the reinstalling will be done by our own people, with the help of a contractor to move the equipment, and then we will have it inspected.

Motions 3.5 through 3.9 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Buckman, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

3.5 *The Board approved a motion* to approve the Environmental Lab at Grandview.

Ms. Kartal stated that this area will be where the snow fence is at this time. She stated that she has talked to the Tech School and they are willing to work with us and build an entranceway and a bench, plant some flowers, and help to maintain this area once it is built.

Mr. Miller asked if we are looking to make this area a certain size. Mr. DeAngelo stated that they have not decided what size this area will be at this time, but that stones will be placed around the air conditioners along the side of the building in that area and a walkway will be made as an emergency exit from the door along that side of the building.

Mr. Stoneburner discussed other walkways at Grandview and asked if anyone has offered to be the overseer/coordinator of this project. Mr. Ferrara stated that no one has offered at this time, but someone will be appointed.

3.6 *The Board approved a motion* to approve the Renewal of School Weblocker.

3.7 *The Board approved a motion* to approve the Renewal of Studydog.

3.8 *The Board approved a motion* to approve the Renewal of Study Island.

3.9 *The Board approved a motion* to approve the Renewal of Nutrikids.

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

None at this time.

5. **HUMAN RESOURCES**
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:

Motions 5.1 through 5.10, excluding 5.5, were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

5.1 **Approval, Appointments**

5.1.a *The Board approved the motion* for the appointment of the following AESOP Substitutes:

Afshan Baig	Larry Haft	Susan Sampson
Sarah Banas	Cynthia Imhof	Maria Schmidt
Alan Benjamin	Peggy Jackson	Edna Telep
Rachael Brown	Corey Latsch	Kevin Ebert
Michelle Buonomo	Salvatore Mauro	Joshua Sebastian
Angela Cincotti	Karyn Miller	Angela Doneker
Theresa Dombkoski	Jennifer Prendergast	Susan Feltri
Daniel Rein	Laurie Demalteo	

5.1.b *The Board approved the motion* for the appointment of the following Secondary Coordinators:

SOCIAL STUDIES	Mike Teefy (Acting)	\$1500
SCIENCE	John Eriksson	\$1500
ENGLISH	Assunta Deliman	\$1500
BUSINESS	Drew King	\$1500
WORLD LANGUAGE	Elizabeth Glaum-Lathbury	\$1500
PHYSICAL ED & HEALTH	Dave Vaccaro	\$1500
SPECIAL EDUCATION	Lynn Palumbo	\$1500
ARTS/IA/MUSIC/HOME EC.	Kevin Jones	\$1500
GUIDANCE/NURSE/MEDIA	Christie Nemeth	\$1500
MATH	Cindy Hasness	\$1500

5.1.c *The Board approved the motion* for the appointment of Judith McCluskey as a Part Time School Nurse (2 hours per day) at the rate of \$29.50 per hour.

5.1.d *The Board approved the motion* for the appointment of Mary Bracken as a 7 Hour Nurse's Aide, per Group II Schedule.

5.1.e *The Board approved the motion* for the appointment of the following long term substitute teachers:

Marissa Cylinder, Step OA, \$45,896, per MEA Contract

Annette Collins, Step 1 (Masters + 15), \$55,188, per MEA Contract

5.1.f *The Board approved the motion* for the appointment of Ryan Ruffing as a Personal Care Assistant, effective 9/27/12, per Group II Schedule.

5.1.g *The Board approved the motion* for the appointment of Lisa DiRusso as a paraprofessional, effective 9/27/12, per Group II Schedule.

5.1.h *The Board approved the motion* for the appointment of 21st Century Hires as listed below:

Tricia Coscia	Facilitator	\$14/hr.
Adel Duffy	Physical Fitness Coordinator	\$20/hr.
Samantha Bylina	Program Facilitator	\$15/hr.
Lisa Colon-Rivera	Site Coordinator	\$17/hr.
Scott Noyes	Site Monitor	\$15/hr.
Kevin Handerhan	Teacher/Advisor	\$22/hr.
Kristina Preski	Teacher/Advisor	\$22/hr.
Lori Hahn	Teacher/Advisor	\$22/hr.
Tammy Angelini	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Kim DeTample	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Shawna Erhard	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Jenn Fine	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Amber Kutzler	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Nicole Manning	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Ryan McDowell	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Chris Mohapp	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Alison Parisi	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Brittany Reid-Harden	Site Coordinator	\$17/hr.

5.1.h (continued)

James Rizzo	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Bridget Shope	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Ashley Tusina	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Jack Whelan	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
John Wertz	Site Coordinator	\$17/hr.
Dennis Buttleman	Site Monitor	\$15/hr.
Alice Small	Data/Information Specialist	\$15/hr.
Shannon Seratch	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Nicole Fix	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Steve Reach	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Jenny Naylor	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Amanda Milner	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Gene Talarico	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Terry Gallagher	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Christine Harvie	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Susan Haas	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Evan Baker	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
John Sellen	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Mark Schumann	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Blake Alderfer	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Tom Ryan	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Jim Crotts	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Doug Bennet	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
John Haney	Teacher/Advisor	\$25/hr.
Cheryl Degroot	Club Facilitator	\$15/hr.
Larry Breault	Club Facilitator	\$15/hr.
Jessica Bateman	Teacher/Advisor	\$22/hr.

Mr. Stoneburner asked if the employees that are hired by the 21st Century are required to have background checks. Mr. Ferrara stated that they are required to have the same background checks as are all District employees.

5.1.i *The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of Virginia Topley as an Accounting Assistant, effective October 1, 2012, at \$38,000 year, per Act 93 Non-Certified Group 1 Policy.

5.1.j *The Board approved a motion* to approve the appointment of the following Team Leaders:

Karen Maziarz	6 th Grade Team Leader	\$1500
Jessica Bateman	7 th Grade Team Leader	\$1500
Michelle Riley	8 th Grade Team Leader	\$1500

Mr. Stoneburner asked what a Team Leader is. Mr. Ferrara stated that the Team Leaders are responsible for holding weekly team meetings, and also holding monthly meetings with himself and/or Mr. Gober. Mr. Ferrara stated that they are also responsible for any initiatives that come to his office or to Mr. Gober to make sure that they are implemented. Mr. Ferrara stated that this is per the MEA contract.

5.2 Approval, Tenure

The Board approved a motion to approve tenure for the following:

Alison Bechberger
Dennis Cox
Genevieve Kannengiezer

5.3 Approval, Tuition Reimbursements

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

Name	Course	College	Credits	Amount
Justin Woodruff	ADHA Focusing, Learning, Teaching	N.D. State	3	\$375
Justin Woodruff	Building Comprehension in the Prima	N.D. State	3	\$375
Rick Sabol	Succeeding with the Struggling Student	N.D. State	3	
	Effective Classroom Management	N.D. State	3	
	Reading Young Readers: Improving Reading Skills	N.D. State	3	\$1080
Summer Branche	Behavioral, Academic and Social Interventions for the Classroom	Wilkes	3	\$850
Sandy Sims	Teaching Teens and Tweens for Optimal Learning	Gratz	3	\$980
Sandy Sims	Motivation: The Art & Science of Inspiring Classroom Success	Gratz	3	\$980

Mr. Stoneburner asked if tuition reimbursement is based on receiving passing grades. Mr. Ferrara stated that he believes that they have to have an average grade of B, and that there are also different grade scales for some courses for a successful completion of a course.

5.4 Approval, Volunteers

The Board approved a motion to approve volunteers per Addendum #1 (attached).

5.5 **Approval, MEA Contract (2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15)**

The Board approved a motion to approve the MEA Contract for 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, contingent upon review by the School Solicitor.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed by a roll call vote of 8 ayes and 1 nay. Member voting nay was Mr. Stoneburner.

Mr. Buckman thanked all parties, particularly the School Board negotiating team, the teachers union, and the administration who all worked a lot of hours. He stated that the fact that we are going to have a contract is great, one in which everyone is in agreement and likes.

Mr. Parker agreed with Mr. Buckman and thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication, with everyone knowing the situation that the District was in, and they all worked diligently to come up with a contract in which everyone was in agreement.

Mr. Ferrara stated that Morrisville is a unique situation to be able to have a contract reached within the month that it expires. He stated that this was due to the efforts of the teachers and the School Board's support of the negotiating process. Mr. Ferrara stated that this shows once again the uniqueness of the Morrisville School District compared to other school districts by being able to work together by being able to have a situation where both the School Board, administration and teachers work for the betterment of Morrisville students. He stated that during negotiations there was never a time when one side disrespected the other, there was never a time where anyone was trying to hide anything and there was always an open, transparent process which he believes was paramount to having a trusting relationship between all parties. Mr. Ferrara credited Mr. King and his team along with the administrative team and the School Board members who participated in negotiations. Mr. Ferrara stated that it is a difficult thing to sit down and put a value on what a teacher is worth. He stated that in his estimation, the teachers of Morrisville are priceless, and our students and community benefit from all of the hard work that they do. Mr. Ferrara stated that the School Board made a great decision to ratify their contract and he believes that our teachers made some concessions that teachers in other districts would not have made. He congratulated both sides for a wonderful job in the negotiating process.

Mr. King, President of MEA, stated that the teachers association was presented on Monday with the same packet that the Board members received, and on Tuesday a vote was taken and the count was in favor of the contract.

- 5.6** **Approval, Maternity/Childrearing Leave**
The Board approved a motion to approve Maternity/Childrearing leave for Jill Osterhout beginning January 22, 2013.
- 5.7** **Approval, Rescind Motion – change of employment status**
The Board approved a motion to rescind motion 5.3, Approval of Change of Employment Status for Nicole White and Lisa Colon Rivera at the rate of \$14.22 per hour, approved on June 27, 2012.
- 5.8** **Approval, Change of Employment Status**
The Board approved a motion to approve a change of employment status for Nicole White and Lisa Colon Rivera at the hourly rate of \$13.93.
- 5.9** **Approval, Medical Leave**
The Board approved a motion to approve a medical leave for Kim Worrell from September 27, 2012 through November 2, 2012.
- 5.10** **Approval, Substitute Teacher**
The Board approved a motion to approve Kevin Ebert as a substitute teacher to fill the vacancy for a brief medical leave (Kim Worrell) per Substitute Policy.

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

- 27th Pay Receivable

Mr. DeAngelo stated that we had two receivables; one has been collected and the other is outstanding.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motions 6.1 through 6.10 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Buckman, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

- 6.1** **Approval, 21st Century Credit Card**
The Board approved a motion to approve a 21st Century Credit Card.
- 6.2** **Approval, Fund Transfers**
The Board approved a motion to approve Fund Transfers as follows:
General Fund (10) \$150,000 to Capital Fund (22) \$150,000

6.3 **Approval, Acceptance of Donations**

The Board approved a motion to accept donations as follows:

- \$5000 from PTO to be used towards the playground
- 20 Bookbags with supplies from the United Way

6.4 **Approval, Copier Trial (SHARP) from IPS**

The Board approved a motion to approve a copier trial (SHARP) from IPS at no cost.

6.5 **Approval, Target Take Charge of Education**

The Board approved a motion to approve a Target Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$255.53.

Ms. Kartal asked what this money is used for. Mr. DeAngelo stated that historically when this money has come into the District, it is put back into the elementary school to be used for supplies, etc.

6.6 **Approval, PECO Rebates**

The Board approved a motion to approve PECO rebates in the amount of \$54,711.67.

6.7 **Approval, Service Agreement with Interquest**

The Board approved a motion to approve the Service Agreement with Interquest in the amount of \$200.00.

6.8 **Approval, Excess Items**

The Board approved a motion to approve the excess items as follows:

- Playground Equipment – M. R. Reiter
- (2) Two Warmers – Asset Tags 11353 and 11356 (to be advertised for sale)

Mr. Stout asked what playground equipment from M. R. Reiter would be excessed. Mr. DeAngelo passed out information to the Board members regarding the old slides and swing sets which had to be taken down at M. R. Reiter, and stated that pictures have been taken. He stated that once

this old equipment is excessed, the Board can then discuss how we can dispose of it. He stated that the thought process was to put it on the website, but a lot of this equipment is old and he does not feel that we should be advertising it for sale. Mr. Buckman suggested that this old equipment be sold for scrap metal. Ms. Kartal stated that we need to be sure that someone else does not cash in on this scrap metal and suggested that we find a company that we can deal directly with to sell it as scrap metal.

Mr. Buckman asked how we notify the State when we excess any asset tagged equipment. Mr. DeAngelo stated that the auditors have a complete record of all of the assets for the School District, and every year the insurance company sends out American Appraisal to appraise our buildings at the insurable value, but in addition to that, three years ago we had a fixed asset study done which needs to be done one time, and if you don't purchase a whole lot of new equipment, any new equipment goes through the business office and new/excessed equipment is added or subtracted and an updated list is given to the auditors on a yearly basis.

Mr. Stout questioned the whereabouts of two electronic gate locks that were removed by the people who removed the modulares. Mr. DeAngelo stated that on the bill list tonight is the approval for the modular classroom removal, and he stated that before we release that payment he will make sure that we find out where the locks went. Mr. DeAngelo stated that he will also check with out facilities department to be sure that we don't have the locks. Mr. Stout also stated that he would like to know what happened to the heavy gauge doors that were removed.

Mr. Stout asked if there would be any cost to remove the old playground equipment to be excessed and sold for scrap. Mr. DeAngelo stated that his hope is that our maintenance department will be able to cut this equipment down.

6.9 **Approval, Treasurer's Report**

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

6.10 **Approval, Investment Report**

The Board approved a motion to approve the Investment Report.

6.11 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 (8/29/12 – 9/14/12)	\$ 95,824.81
Athletic Fund (9/12/12 – 9/20/12)	\$ 1,210.00
Cafeteria Fund (7/26/12)	\$ -0-
Account Payable (9/27/12)	\$ 405,834.96
Capital Projects	\$ -0-
Capital Reserve (9/27/12)	<u>\$ 138,007.35</u>
 TOTAL BILLS	 \$ 640,877.12

Mr. DeAngelo, referring to the Capital Reserve, thanked the contractors involved with the door project for their hard work to complete this project. Mr. Stoneburner asked if the Capital Reserve amount of \$138,007.35 was for both the door project and the removal of the modulars, and Mr. DeAngelo stated that this was correct and that it was funded through motion 6.2 on tonight's agenda.

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

Mr. DeAngelo stated that in addition to the above listed bills, there is an outstanding bill for a Grandview project payable to Mr. Angelo Rago in the amount of \$5065. He stated that Mr. Rago originally billed us \$10,065.00, and we paid him \$5000, owing him the balance of \$5065.

The Board approved a motion to approve the payment of \$5065 to Mr. Angelo Rago, pending solicitor review for Project Management services at Grandview Elementary School.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Buckman, and passed by a voice vote of 8 ayes and 1 nay. Member voting nay was Mr. Miller.

7. EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 7th and 8th Grade Specials

Mr. Harm stated that at last week's agenda meeting he talked a little about the 7th and 8th grade specials and going back and taking a look at some things and having some discussions with our staff. He stated that one of the things that they were able to do was to rectify one of the class size issues that they were dealing with on the secondary science department and they were also able to do something with 7th and 8th grade specials. The 7th and 8th grade specials will be done on a 7 day rotation cycle where all the different specials that they talked about will be given to each 7th and 8th grader for approximately 25 days. This would include Art, Music, Tech Ed, Personal Finance, Spanish, French and Physical Education. Mr. Harm stated that at the high school level (9th grade), in some of the science classes, some of the students have volunteered to take this class out of science. Instead of taking this class now, they will take Biology and they will be able to take Physical Science next year.

Mr. Buckman asked if testing would be affected by those students switching Physical Science and Biology. Mr. Ferrara stated that the way the testing works, the students would be tested at the end of whatever course they are taking at that time in that area.

Mr. Ferrara stated that we have put an aide into the first period Physical Science class and by placing that aide in that class, it will not require us to hire an additional person and we will use one of our current Floating Subs to fill that position. Therefore, there will be no additional expense to the District.

Mr. Ferrara stated that we are currently looking at the 4th grade class sizes which are currently at 27, 25 and 25. The Floating Sub mentioned above will also be able to help out in these classes if it becomes necessary.

Ms. Kartal stated that originally 7th grade was not receiving Art, and 8th grade was not receiving gym, but with this new rotation cycle, they will now be receiving it and Mr. Harm agreed. Ms. Kartal stated that she asked previously for class sizes per grade and asked that this information be made available in the Friday packet as she is very concerned about class sizes. Mr. Ferrara stated that 25 is the recommended class size, but there is no class size policy that says that 25 is the ceiling for any class. Mr. Ferrara stated that class size adjustments are normally based on the

Administration's recommendations. He stated that he believes that one of our high school Wellness courses has over 30 students at the present time. Ms. Kartal again stated her concerns over several of our classes that have over 25 students at this time and is concerned that there may not be enough desks, etc. for these large class sizes in the classroom at one time. Mr. Ferrara stated that if there were any classes that did not have enough desks for the students, he would have been aware of it, and this has not been brought to his attention.

Mr. Worob asked what the lowest number of students are that we have in a classroom. Mr. Ferrara stated that we have a class size, at the secondary level, of 10 to 12 students.

Mr. Miller stated that the 7th and 8th grade students are being offered French and Spanish exploratory language programs and asked what would happen to those students taking a full computer class in 8th grade. Mr. Harm stated that those students would be moved into another one of the electives, most likely Physical Education. Mr. Worob stated that he can understand Spanish being offered as an exploratory language class, because it would help them on the job market, but why French. Mr. Ferrara stated that French is being offered by most districts because the original reasoning is that it was the International Business language, therefore, French is still offered. Mr. Worob stated that in reality, we have more Spanish speaking people, and he feels it would be better to just offer Spanish classes. Mr. Ferrara stated that the unfortunate thing, like Science, the language teachers are certified to teach either/or; they aren't certified to teach both. Therefore, next year when we are doing our staffing, if we have a decrease in French students and an increase in Spanish students, that would something that we would have to look at. Mr. Ferrara stated that PDE requires that a school district offers two languages, once in which could be a four year program, and one has to be at a minimum of a two year program. Mr. Ferrara explained the current language programs that we have at this time in the Morrisville School District.

ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

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

Motions 8.1 and 8.2 were moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

8.1 Approval, 1st Reading of Policy #008
The Board approved a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Policy #008.

8.2 Approval, 2nd Reading of Policy #103
The Board approved a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of Policy #103.

9. LIAISON REPORTS
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Mr. DeWilde stated that we need to look for an IU Representative and a PSBA representative.

a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School – Ms. Kartal
Ms. Kartal stated that a meeting was held on Monday and they finished up the contract for the support staff and the contract was approved. Ms. Kartal stated that they discussed future courses regarding where technology and the job market are going and what programs need to be added and what programs need to be deleted. Ms. Kartal will be attending a dinner for the Occupational Advisory Committee on October 17th at the Tech School and will be working on the Allied Programs as well for the Tech School. She stated that all Board members are invited to this dinner meeting which will begin at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Buckman stated that companies need machine technologists, and urged students to take the Machine Technology classes offered at the Tech School.

Mr. Ferrara stated that Dr. Galasso stated that he would greatly appreciate it if we could fill the vacancy for the IU #22 representative position. Mr. Parker stated that he may possibly be interested in filling this position.

Ms. Kartal read an email of items discussed from Mr. Haug who is our Authority Representative to the Tech School regarding a meeting on September 10th at the Tech School which he attended. The next meeting is scheduled for January 7th.

- b. ***Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – No report***
- c. ***Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative - No report***

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

The meetings will be held in the LGI
Wednesday, October 17, 2012.....Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 24, 2012.....Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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10. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. DeAngelo stated that the Board had previously approved the Group II Contract, and he wants to make sure that this contract is effective July 1, 2012. The Board agreed that this contract effective date is July 1, 2012.

Mr. Buckman stated that he does not want to be the PASBO rep, but until one is assigned, he asked that the information be passed on to him and he will report to the Board what he receives. He stated that he will contact them for information, but will not go to Harrisburg for the meetings. Ms. Kartal stated that when Ms. Marone was the PASBO rep, she reported to the Board based on the information she received from the flyers/brochures, etc. Mr. Ferrara stated that he will also pass on to Mr. Buckman information he receives from them.

Ms. Kartal stated that the Board is in the final stages of the legal RFP. They are currently setting up interviews with the three top firms that have the required criteria and she will get back to the Board with the dates for these interviews. Mr. Ferrara discussed possible ways to hold these interviews to save time. Ms. Kartal asked that any Board member who is interested in being involved in these interviews get back to her as soon as possible, and that they will be given a list of

the questions to review prior to the interviews being held. Mr. Ferrara asked Ms. Kartal if the hiring of a new solicitor should be added to the October agenda, and she stated that it should be added.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Approval, In-District employment for students in the Life Skills Program

The Board approved a motion to approve in-district employment for students in the Life Skills Program at the rate of \$7.25 per hour (1-3 hours weekly).

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

Mr. Ferrara asked Mr. Harm to explain some of the benefits of his attendance at the Annual Principal's Conference and stated that he would like the Board to consider approving Mr. Harm's attendance at the Annual Principal's Conference in Pittsburgh on October 21st to the 23rd at the cost of \$495.00 (registration, hotel and mileage). Mr. Harm explained what takes place at this conference and the benefits of his attending this function.

The Board approved a motion to approve Don Harm's attendance at the Annual Principal's Conference to be held on October 21st through October 23rd at the cost of \$495 (registration, hotel and mileage).

Moved by Mr. Buckman, seconded by DeWilde, and passed by a voice vote of 8 ayes and 1 nay. Member voting nay was Mr. Miller.

Ms. Kartal discussed an item which was brought to her attention regarding Ms. Maziarz transferring from one math class to another in a different hallway using a cart to transfer her materials. She discussed the instruction time being lost by this transfer and set up time and asked that it be looked into. Mr. Ferrara stated that they are aware of this situation and a meeting is scheduled this Thursday to discuss this matter with the administration and teachers involved.

Mr. Miller stated that there is a need to form an Education Committee. He stated that Ms. Marone was involved in this committee when she was a Board member, and Mr. Buckman was also on this committee. Mr. Miller stated that he would be willing to start leading the discussion, working with the administration, as well as the teachers and members of the community and the School Board. Mr. Miller stated that he hopes that these discussions can start as soon as possible and hopefully by next month's Board meeting, a report can be given monthly regarding the meetings held by this committee.

Mr. Ferrara stated that he believes that we should also have a Facility and a Finance Committee that can make suggestions and recommendations to the Board and be placed on the agenda. He stated that the way this process should be working is that at the agenda meetings, those committee's should be presenting information to be put on the agenda and the administration will make recommendations to those committee's. Mr. Ferrara stated that the chairperson of each committee would make a presentation of their section at the meetings with the assistance of the administration. Mr. Ferrara stated that the agenda meetings are meant to be a time when each committee would have an open discussion with other Board members.

Mr. DeWilde stated that beginning with the next agenda, each committee will follow this procedure.

PUBLIC SESSION #2

Ms. Mihok – 1 Hillcrest Avenue

Ms. Mihok stated that she has not been able to speak at the last 4 meetings because there was no offer of a second public session, but she stated that she appreciates the change of policy. Ms. Mihok stated that the Morrisville School Board voted against the final approval of the Technical School budget. She stated that we are trying to get a fair funding formula in place for our School District. Ms. Mihok stated that with a no vote from our District to reject the final Technical School budget, we sent our School Board Technical School Representative to convey the majority vote of our School Board. She asked why the Morrisville School Board Technical School Representative vote in favor of passing their unfair final budget, with a son that attends the Tech School, apparently this School Board Representative votes for the interests of their own child and not the interest of the Morrisville School District. Ms. Mihok asked if the School Board is satisfied with their Technical School Board Representative when

they serve their own interests and vote in blatant disregard against the majority decision of our School Board. Ms. Mihok stated that since the decisions of the School Board will be ignored by the Technical School Board Representative anyway, why not stop talking about this Tech School at public meetings and we could all get home a little bit earlier. Ms. Mihok stated that this is the third time that the Tech School has not achieved Average Yearly Progress, and is not something to be proud of. She thanked the Board for letting her speak a second time and stated that she hopes that this continues as per the agenda.

Mr. Ferrara stated that there was a long discussion about the Tech School Representative for our Board and the final vote for the Tech School budget. Mr. Ferrara stated that those who understand the budget process, our Tech School Representative approved the preliminary budget. This budget, much like we do, is passed in May and then the Board votes on the budget in June. He stated that the Tech School Board that the members sit on does not have the authority to pass the budget unless there is a second meeting for a budget vote, which happened two years ago. Mr. Ferrara stated that if you look at the record for the Tech School budget, Morrisville voted no for the final budget, because this School Board voted no. He stated that for the budget process to get to that point, the preliminary budget has to be passed. Mr. Ferrara stated that our School Board Representative on the Tech School Board voted for the preliminary budget, as did most of the members of that Tech School Board, which is the only thing that the Tech School Board is authorized to approve. They are not authorized to approve the final budget, therefore, the vote of the Morrisville School Board was reflected by our vote at the May or June meeting to reject the Tech School budget.

Mr. Buckman stated that he has asked for a copy of that information, and he has still not received it and he stated that he would appreciate a copy of it because when he was there, they did vote on the final budget.

Mr. Miller stated that it is very clear that the chain of events happened where our representative voted yes to present it to the School Board, and then we did not pass it through Morrisville. He continued stating that for people to sit there and say that she voted yes to pass it and that she ignored our vote is ridiculous because you are talking about the yes vote that happened before our no vote. Mr. Parker agreed and stated that it is very upsetting.

Jon Perry – 43 Fairview Avenue

Mr. Perry stated that this has been a very good meeting, except for 2 or 3 minutes of it. He stated that it was very constructive and civil. Mr. Perry stated that he attended the Back to School Night (Elementary) held at the high school in the gymnasium and it was a very nice evening, but he asked if we could possibly get a microphone in the future because of the acoustics. He also stated that the front door was locked that night, and suggested in the future to have a sign on the door to use the side of the school for parking and to enter on the side. He also stated that the gym was portioned off, and it was a little crowded. Mr. Perry stated that he was very impressed with the fifth grade team. He stated that the cafeteria looks great and thanked those involved in those improvements. Mr. Perry stated that he is glad to see the playground equipment moving forward and also stated that he plans to make a donation for the playground. He thanked Mr. Jones and Mrs. Rodriguez for their donations. Mr. Perry asked who he should make a check out to and asked if it needs to be earmarked for the playground. Mr. Perry stated that he was glad to see that the MEA Contract was approved, and stated that it looks like our enrollment figures are up and that it is very encouraging.

Ms. Kartal asked where and when the Back to School Night would be held for the high school. Mr. Ferrara stated that it will held in two places this year due to the fact that we will be explaining the PSSA's and Keystones to the 6th, 7th and 8th grade parents in the auditorium. The high school parents will meet in the LGI. Both will start at 6:30 p.m. and then at 7:00 p.m. they can then meet with the teachers.

12. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

John DeWilde, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary