

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**Board Meeting** – Wednesday, December 12, 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, December 12, 2012, after due notice of this meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. with the following members present on roll call:

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

Members absent: Mr. Stoneburner

Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Stoneburner had notified him that he would be out of town and would not be able to attend this evening's Board meeting.

*Quorum Present:*

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

- Pledge of Allegiance

## **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**



### **Teacher – Tarisa Rorick**

Ms. Rorick and her Pre-K student sang holiday songs

### **Teacher – Kevin Jones**

Mr. Jones stated that he asks every year if there are any students who are interested in making toys in their woodworking classes. These toys are then given to the Ivans Outreach Center and distributed to local children in the area. Samples of some of the toys

were on display at this evening's meeting. Mr. Jones stated that 56 toys were made by three students this year who were Jesse Hollopeter, Christian Peluzzo, and Alec Marcakis. Mr. Jones stated that these toys are made from 95% recycled materials, this is the eighth year of the program and it is a 6 week project each year.

Mr. Miller stated that an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting at which time they discussed HR and personnel matters, collective bargaining and litigation.

Mr. Miller stated that updates have been made to the agenda this evening and they will be incorporated into the agenda as the meeting progresses.

### **ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### ***Student Representative to the Board – (Morrisville High School)***

There was no student representative present at tonight's meeting.

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

There was no student representative present at tonight's meeting.

#### **MOEF Report – Mr. Dingle**

Mr. Dingle reported that they raised \$1004 from the combined auctions at the Winterfest.

#### **PTO Report – Mr. Dingle**

Mr. Dingle reported that the PTO meeting will be held this Thursday and pizza will be served courtesy of the PTO. He stated that the holiday shop is currently open and will be open Thursday evening at the meeting.

#### **Facilities Committee Report**

No report.

#### **Finance Committee Report – Mr. Dingle**

Mr. Dingle, being recently appointed to this committee, stated that a meeting will be held in January and a report will be given after that meeting.

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

Mr. Miller stated that the Education Committee met last evening at which time they discussed class sizes as well as examining the different options for the District's future. More information will be provided next month after further discussion.

#### **Joint Borough Council Report – Ms. Kartal**

Ms. Kartal stated that this committee will be meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. She stated that they will have an update on the PA Safe Schools Grant next month.

Ms. Yeager and Ms. Gavalla presented to the School District \$532.30 on behalf of the Morrisville High School All-Years Reunion Committee. They stated that this money was raised during the reunion which took place in October. Ms. Yeager stated that they would like this money to go towards the auditorium fund.

Mr. Buckman forwarded information he received from PSBA to Mr. DeAngelo regarding insurance.

## **1. SUPERINTENDENT'S/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

→ **This week in our Schools**

### **Mr. Ferrara – Superintendent**

Mr. Ferrara stated that we had very successful Keystone Exams and thanked everyone who helped out. He stated that we are looking into the possibility of having Cyber courses through a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cohort 6A Grant. Mr. Ferrara thanked everyone for coming out for the Winterfest and wished everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

### **Mr. DeAngelo – Business Administrator**

Mr. DeAngelo stated that at this time in the 11/12 school year our revenues were at 11.8 million dollars, and we are currently at 11.3 million dollars. He also stated that at this time in the 11/12 school year our expenditures were at 5.3 million dollars, and we are currently at 5.3 million dollars.

### **Mr. Harm – Educational Advisor for Administrator**

Mr. Harm stated that at the elementary level, Spirit Day raised money for the Ivans House, the Winterfest Concert was held, the Holiday shop is open for business, Pajama Day will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup>, an internal lockdown drill was held and was very successful, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century tutoring will end on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December and resume on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Mr. Gesualdi – Director of Special Education/Pupil Services**

Mr. Gesualdi discussed the Federal Count of all special education students which takes place on December 1<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. He stated that we receive federal funding for all special education students only if they are found to be in compliance. Mr. Gesualdi stated that he is happy to report that all documents were found to be in compliance and he thanked the teachers and his staff for their help in reaching this goal. Mr. Gesualdi also stated that at the end of January special education monitoring/audit will take place by the Department of Education.

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Mr. Ferrara stated that on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December we will have an early dismissal; Grades 6-12 and Pre-K will be dismissed at 11:00, Kindergarten will be dismissed at 11:15 and Grades 1-5 will be dismissed at 11:30. He also stated that interim reports for secondary students will be distributed this Friday.

Mr. Miller stated that he had the opportunity today to see the Winter Concert and stated that the band did a fantastic job and urged everyone to attend the concert tomorrow evening.

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

<b>District Enrollments as of December 5, 2012</b>			
<u>Student Population</u>			
Pre-Kindergarten	18		
Kindergarten 56 + 15	71	GRANDVIEW	338
Grade 1	88	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4-5)	<u>155</u>
Grade 2	78		<b>493</b>
Grade 3	83		
Grade 4	81	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (6-8)	220
Grade 5	74	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12	<u>206</u>
Grade 6	85		<b>426</b>
Grade 7	67		
Grade 8	68	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	39
Grade 9	57	HOME SCHOOLED	16
Grade 10	59	CHARTER SCHOOLS	34
Grade 11	44	Regular Ed	25
Grade 12	46	Special Ed	9
		OUT OF DISTRICT	70
		Regular Ed	19
		Special Ed	51
<b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT</b>			<b>1078</b>

**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 September 19, 2012 Monthly Agenda Meeting.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

***PUBLIC SESSION #1***

**Ms. Mihok**

Ms. Mihok stated that she will not be giving her address until she can get some assurance that it will not be given to the Attorney who represents Head Start that has contacted the School District for all of the addresses. Mr. Truelove stated that he has been in touch with Mr. Profy and he is asking for a prostipulation from Council for Head Start to delete the names of all individual Board members. Ms. Mihok thanked Mr. Truelove.

Ms. Mihok discussed Motion 5.1 regarding tuition reimbursement for Mr. DeAngelo and stated that she hopes that the Board does not table this motion this evening. She stated that she does not know why it was tabled at the last meeting and stated that it is in his contract to be reimbursed and that he is actually required to continue his education, and that he should be paid along with everyone else.

Ms. Mihok discussed Motion 6.3 regarding the approval of the Retired Act 93 ERIP Settlement, and asked that a dollar amount be attached to this motions to find out how much we are spending. She stated that she is concerned about this because she believes that we talking about over \$25,000.

Ms. Mihok asked that she could not hear the dates of the committee meetings when they were announced.

Ms. Mihok wished everyone a very Happy Holiday.

Mr. Ferrara discussed the tuition reimbursement for Mr. DeAngelo, and stated that they have been able to establish verification of timing, credits and procedures, and that it will be approved this evening. He stated that it was not that the Board was going to reimburse Mr. DeAngelo; it was timing and verification issues of Mr. DeAngelo's contract.

Mr. Ferrara stated that any missing dollar amounts will be announced as each motion is voted on this evening.

Mr. Miller stated that the meeting dates for the committees will be published in the newspaper along with the Board meeting dates.

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

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

*Motions 3.1 through 3.3 were moved by Mr. Dingle, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.*

##### **3.1 Approval, Enernoc – Demand Response**

*The Board approved a motion to approve Enernoc – Demand Response.*

##### **3.2 Approval, RFP – Alarm and Monitoring Release**

*The Board approved a motion to approve an RFP for the Alarm and Monitoring Release.*

##### **3.3 Approval, RFP – Architect Release**

*The Board approved a motion to approve an RFP for the Architect Release.*

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

None at this time.

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

**5.1 Approval, Tuition Reimbursement**

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

Name	Course	College	Credits	Amount
Paul DeAngelo	Quant. Research Design	St. Joseph's Univ.	3	\$2646
Paul DeAngelo	Ethics in Ed. Leadership	St. Joseph's Univ.	3	\$2646
Richard Boats	Classroom Management	Wilkes	3	\$ 813
Carla VanDemark	Phonics & Vocabulary Ed.	Univ. of Arts	3	\$ 990
Lauren Bischof	The Bully Proof Classroom	Gratz	3	\$ 980
Lauren Bischof	Cooperative Discipline	Gratz	3	\$ 980
Lauren Bischof	Increasing Student Responsibility and Self- Discipline in Learning Communities	Gratz	3	\$ 980
Christie Nemeth	Foundations for Early Learning Pre-K to 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BCCC	3	\$ 484
Christie Nemeth	Early Learning and Development I	BCCC	3	\$ 484
Christie Nemeth	Math & Science Experiences For Young Children	BCCC	3	\$ 484
Christie Nemeth	Introduction to Exceptionalities	BCCC	3	\$ 484
Christie Nemeth	Language & Literacy Development	BCCC	3	\$ 484

Moved by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a voice vote of 7 ayes and 1 nay. Member voting nay was Mr. Parker.

**5.2 Approval, Act 93 Salary Adjustments per Contract**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve Act 93 salary adjustments per contract.

Moved by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. DeWilde, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

**5. HUMAN RESOURCES (continued)**  
**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**  
**ACTION ITEMS: (continued)**

**5.3 Approval, Middle School/High School Choral Director**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve Shelly Zuckerman as the Middle School/High School Choral Director in the amount of \$2000.

Moved by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

**5.4 Approval, Middle School Boys Basketball Coach**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve James Donovan as the Middle School Boys Basketball Coach in the amount of \$1950.

Moved by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a voice vote of 7 ayes and 1 nay. Member voting nay was Mr. Parker.

Mr. Miller stated that he believes that Mr. Donovan was the only person who applied for this position, and Mr. Ferrara confirmed this.

**5.5 Approval, Teachers for After School Credit Recovery Program**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve teachers for the After School Credit Recovery Program, which will be funded through COHORT 6A and coordinated by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Rate of Pay</i>
Demetrius Roberts	\$22/hr.
Joe Martino	\$22/hr.
Ken Kelman	\$22/hr.
Dennis Rodgers	\$22/hr.
Len Quicci (BCTHS)	\$25/hr.
Craig Myers (BCTHS)	\$25/hr.

Moved by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Dingle, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.



Ms. Kartal questioned the difference in hourly rates of pay for the teachers listed above. Mr. Ferrara stated that the first four teachers are Morrisville teachers and this rate of pay is per MEA contract. He stated that the last two teachers listed are members of the Tech School staff and that rate of pay is per their contract. Mr. Ferrara stated that the reason we have teachers from the Tech School being approved at our Board meeting is because the Morrisville School District is the recipient of the COHORT 6A Grant, and the Tech School and Pennsbury High School are also part of this Grant. Mr. Ferrara stated that they, therefore, technically become our employees so that Mr. DeAngelo can pay them through the Morrisville School District due to the fact that we are holders of the Grant.

Mr. DeWilde stated that if they are technically our employees, that means they are technically covered by our contract, which means they are topping out at what our other teachers are making, or we should raise the rate of pay for our teachers. Mr. DeWilde stated that this is again another Tech School issue. Mr. Ferrara stated that it is not a Tech School issue because if we had Pennsbury teachers listed to be paid, we would have the same issue.

Mr. Truelove stated that he would have to look at the Grant paperwork to see if the contracts control the rate of pay for each employee if you have more than one participating school under the Grant.

Mr. Ferrara asked the Board if they could approve this motion tonight at the listed rates of pay, contingent upon reviewing the Grant.

Mr. Buckman stated that he believes that since our contract states a rate of \$22 per hour, we should not pay anymore than that amount per hour, because if you start paying more than that everyone will always want the higher rate of pay.

Mr. Ferrara stated that he believes that we have a little bit of leeway since we are dealing with Grant money, and it will not affect our contract with MEA. He suggested that we contact Ms. Darletta Berry-Johnson and have her look into the Grant and see if we could pay a flat \$25 per hour for any teachers approved for this program no matter what District they come from. Mr. Miller stated that we should check to be sure that the Grant does not state that the teachers should be approved at their contracted hourly rate of pay. Mr. Ferrara stated that Mr. DeAngelo stated that he believes that it does state in the grant that all teachers should receive \$25 per hour.

Mr. DeWilde stated that by raising this question this evening is in no way a reflection on any individual, and that it was just a procedural question that he had.

**5.6 Approval, Appointments (21<sup>st</sup> Century Hires)**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the following 21<sup>st</sup> Century hires:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Teresa Rollins	Secondary Library Aide	Volunteer
Dolores Salley	Club Advisor	\$25/hr.
Brandee Garnett	Club Advisor	\$25/hr.

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

Mr. Ferrara stated that a couple of weeks ago in the Friday letter the Board members received information about the goodwill services provided through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. He stated that Ms. Rollins interviewed with Mr. Gober and they believe that she would be a valuable asset to our library at the secondary level. Mr. Ferrara stated that Ms. Rollins is a retired teacher and also has skills in helping students build reading comprehension skills.

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

- Budget 2013-14

Mr. DeAngelo gave a brief discussion on the 2013-14 Budget. He stated that the actual presentation of the budget will take place in January.

Mr. DeWilde stated that he likes the Alio Software, and asked how realistic it would be to color code or delineate areas where we have control and then areas where we don't. Mr. DeAngelo stated that this could be done.

Mr. Miller stated that he feels that a safe projection of the budget would be about 2 years rather than a five year projection. Mr. Buckman stated that, based on what we know now, he feels that a five year projection is better. Mr. DeAngelo stated that we really need to look at the fund balance along with our revenues and expenditures.

Mr. Worob stated that we are limited by law on how much we can raise taxes. He stated that we have tightened our belts over the last few years and we are looking at almost a million dollar budget shortfall by looking at our numbers. Mr. DeAngelo stated that if it were June 30<sup>th</sup>, this is what the budget would like. Mr. Worob stated that this is very scary.

Mr. Miller stated that we have very little in our savings account, and Mr. Worob stated that we are going to have a lot of things to discuss over the next few months and that it doesn't look good.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**6.1 Approval, Vitetta Settlement**

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

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

Mr. Stout questioned what this payment was for and Mr. Ferrara that it was for the architectural drawings for the security doors. Mr. Stout stated that he was originally told that the complete cost for the security doors would be \$35,000, and all of a sudden it went way up above that amount.

**6.2 Approval, MJF – Release of Settlement and Retainage**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the release of the MJF settlement and retainage in the amount of \$24,360.88.

Moved by Mr. Dingle, seconded by Mr. DeWilde, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

**6.3 Approval, Retired Act 93 ERIP Settlement**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Retired Act 93 ERIP Settlement in the amount of \$14,000.

Moved by Mr. DeWilde, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed by a voice vote of 5 ayes and 3 nays. Members voting nay were Messrs. Buckman, Worob and Stout.

Mr. Ferrara stated that the \$14,000 will be paid at \$1000 a month for 14 months.

Mr. Worob asked if this is a settlement that went before an arbitrator or judge. Mr. Ferrara stated that he believes this is a settlement by Mr. Profy, the person in question's Attorney, and a judge. Mr. Truelove stated that there were certain rulings made by a judge to save litigation costs and also due to some past history it may have helped dictate this result, and this seemed to be the more economical way to proceed. Mr. Worob stated that he was not on the Board at the time this incident took place, but what he does understand is that this is a payment going to this individual that this Board stopped making. Mr. Worob stated that even though it was in the approved monthly payment of bills, the Board was not even aware that this payment was being made until someone noticed it, questioned it and a stop was put to it. Mr. Truelove stated that no one on the present Board was on the Board at the time of this incident, and due to the fact that payments were already being made, it was something that had to continue and it decided to make a settlement at a lower amount than it actually would have cost the District if the payments were to continue.

*Motions 6.4 and 6.5 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. DeWilde, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.*

**6.4**     **Approval, PNC Bank – Removal of Citizen's Bank**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve PNC Bank and the removal of Citizen's Bank.

**6.5**     **Approval, Safety Deposit Box at PNC Bank – Removal of Citizen's Bank Safety Deposit Box**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve a Safety Deposit Box at PNC and the removal of the Safety Deposit Box at Citizen's Bank upon the end of the agreement with Citizen's Bank on 6/30/13.

**6.6**     **Approval, STS Agreement for Substitute Teachers**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the STS Agreement for Substitute Teachers, subject to review by the Solicitor.

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

**6.7 Approval, Ratify Title I Repayment 2010-11**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the ratification of the repayment of 2010-11 Title I in the amount of \$133.00.

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

**6.8 Approval, SCS/BUCS Comprehensive Program Agreement**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the SCS/BUCS Comprehensive Program Agreement.

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

**6.9 Approval, 2013 Calendar for the Monthly Meetings for the Board of School Directors and Committee Meeting Dates**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 2013 Calendar for the Monthly Meetings for the Board of School Directors and Committee Meeting dates.

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

Mr. Ferrara stated that it has been decided that any HR Meetings will be scheduled on an as needed basis and that many of these meetings, based on the subjects, will be closed meetings. Mr. Miller stated that the same would apply to the Policy Committee Meetings to be scheduled on an as needed basis.

*Motions 6.11 through 6.13 were moved by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes. (Motion 6.10 was removed, as requested by Mr. DeAngelo, since there were no budget transfers.*

**6.10 Approval, Budget Transfers**

*This motion was removed since there were no budget transfers.*

**6.11 Approval, Excess Items**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve excess items for December.

**6.12 Approval, Treasurer's Report**

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

**6.13 Approval, Investment Report**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the Investment Report.

**6.14 Approval, Payment of Bills**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve payment of bills, as listed, subject to final audit by the Business Administrator in the amount of:

Miscellaneous/General Fund (11/27/12 – 12/3/12)	\$ 851,173.04
Athletic Fund (11/21/12)	\$ 1,440.00
Cafeteria Fund (12/12/12)	\$ 39,474.49
Capital Reserve (12/12/12)	<u>\$ 3,900.00</u>
 TOTAL BILLS	 \$ 895,987.53

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

Ms. Kartal questioned a \$10,000 payment made to the YMCA. Mr. DeAngelo stated that this payment was for services provided to our Pre-K students and paid for through the Pre-K Grant.

Ms. Kartal asked if the Winterfest Security is something that has to be paid each year. Mr. DeAngelo stated that it is paid out of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant.

**6.15 Approval, Acceptance of Donation**

*The Board approved a motion* to accept the donation from the All Year's Reunion Committee in the amount of \$532.30, to be applied to the Auditorium Fund.

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

Mr. Miller thanked the committee for their donation. He also asked Mr. DeAngelo if we have established an Auditorium Fund and Mr. DeAngelo confirmed that we have.

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

**7.1 Approval, Revised 2012-13 School Calendar**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve revisions to the 2012-13 School Calendar as follows:

*Add the following student days: February 19, 2013, March 28, 2013 and May 3, 2013.*

*The last day of school for students will be June 14, 2013, and the last day for teachers will be June 17, 2013.*

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

Mr. Ferrara stated that June 14<sup>th</sup> will now be the last student day, but that date will have to be changed if there are any school closings due to bad weather, etc.

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

**8.1 Approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Policy #246, Food Service, Administrative Regulation**

*The Board approved a motion* to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy #246, Administrative Regulation.

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

Mr. Miller asked what this policy involves. Mr. DeAngelo stated that it is part of the Wellness Policy that is currently on our website and they are outdated and have been updated per the Obama Nutritional standards. Mr. Miller asked if this information could be made available to the teachers to be distributed in the classrooms.

**9. LIAISON REPORTS**  
**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School – Ms. Kartal***  
Ms. Kartal stated that she was ill and was not in attendance at the last meeting.
- b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Mr. Parker***  
Mr. Parker stated that the last meeting was held on November 20<sup>th</sup>, at which time they discussed AYP, changes to School Code (Chapter 4), and there was also a presentation by the Audiology Department. He stated that the next meeting will be held on January 15, 2013.
- c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative - Mr. Buckman***  
Mr. Buckman stated that earlier this evening he forwarded information he received from PSBA regarding insurance to Mr. DeAngelo.



*Future Meetings and Items of Interest*

The meetings will be held in the LGI  
Wednesday, January 16, 2013.....Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 23, 2013.....Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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and Channel 28 on your Local Cable*

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. DeAngelo stated that the playground inspection is scheduled to take place tomorrow.

Mr. DeAngelo informed the Board that we have received a use and facilities request for one of our baseball fields.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Kartal stated that many parents have asked about having a bus for our students attending the Tech School that may stay late on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays for tutoring, participation in clubs, etc. She discussed the possibility of using one of our vans or getting a parent or retired volunteer.

Mr. Ferrara stated that he spoke with Ms. Berry-Johnson regarding this matter and using the COHORT 6A Grant. He stated that this information will be put in the Friday letter.

Ms. Kartal stated that several people have asked about making donations to the school for various things. She asked if there is way that we can add to our website on the front page a PayPal account and have a way to donate to certain funds. Mr. Truelove stated that this is something that we can look at, but the donations would still have to be ratified and accepted at the Board meetings.

Ms. Kartal wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mr. Miller discussed students that attend the Tech School and have to leave early due to participation in athletic games, etc. and transportation for these students. Mr. Ferrara asked Mr. Gesualdi if any of our vans are available between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. during the day which could be used to pick up these students. Mr. Gesualdi stated that our vans would be available during this time period and Mr. Ferrara stated that we will have Mr. Hubiak provide a list of students attending the Tech School with dates and times that they will need transportation.

Ms. Kartal asked if it would possible to change the starting time of the games to a little later in the afternoon so it would give the Tech students more time. Mr. Ferrara stated that we can only control the game times for games that take place here in our District.

## ***PUBLIC SESSION #2***

### **Marlys Mihok**

Ms. Mihok stated that the index is 1.7, we are considered a financially distressed District, and asked Mr. DeAngelo if he said that it could go up to 2.0. She stated that she does not understand, if we are a financially distressed District, why it is not going down. Ms. Mihok stated that we are on track to graduate 46 students, and no wonder Mr. Miller's Education Committee is looking to tuition out our high school students. She stated that when this was brought up in Bristol Borough, they had a room full of people at the Board meetings, so she does not feel that this information is getting out. Ms. Mihok stated that we certainly aren't going to send more students to the Tech School, that hasn't made AYP, which would be lessening their education.

Ms. Mihok discussed Item 6.3 (ERIP Settlement) on the agenda this evening, and stated that this was done before her Board was even on and they noticed these payments. She stated that at least with the \$14,000 settlement, the individual will walk away with \$7000 less dollars than she was on track to get, which she is happy to see. Ms. Mihok stated that if anyone is interested to see who this individual is, you can look on the billing report and you will see the payment of \$1000 next to that name.

Ms. Mihok discussed the Vitetta Settlement and stated that Mr. Stout drew a picture of the driveway for Grandview and the plans were followed off of that, and she told Mr. Stout that that was a \$10,000 drawing and he should have submitted a bill for that.

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Ms. Mihok stated that she agrees with Ms. Kartal about donations for different projects at the School District, and when she was on the Board for four years, she received a \$250 stipend that everyone made she they knew where it was donated to, and she asked Ms. Kartal where her stipend was going. Ms. Kartal stated that she did not receive a stipend this year, and when she receives it, she will certainly take care. Ms. Kartal stated that one of the things they are suggesting is that they do not receive a stipend anymore. Ms. Mihok stated that she feels that this is a wonderful suggestion.

Mr. Ferrara stated that our District is not in distress and we are able to have 2.0 index due to the amount of aide that we receive. He stated that he does agree with Ms. Mihok that it makes no sense that the District receives more aide and can have a higher index for taxes. Mr. Ferrara stated that people should talk to the State letting them know that it makes no sense for District's that receive more aide have to pay more taxes. Mr. Ferrara stated that there is not another District in the County that has that high of a collection rate, so the Morrisville taxpayers come through for our kids and we do what we need to do.

Mr. Buckman informed the Board that he as notified local Legislators about his concern over this issue and asked for documentation of the Judge's justification. He stated that, to date, he has not received this information.

Mr. DeAngelo stated that one of the changes that the State made this year with the AFR process is Act 141 which is looking at a financial analysis for many Districts, but we are not on that list. Mr. Miller asked if the recent information received by our Auditor could be used to get us on that list.

Mr. Miller stated that he was disappointed that no one, other than the committee members, showed up for the Education Committee meeting last night. He stated that the education future of this District is going to be a huge discussion. Mr. Miller stated that the way that he envisions the meetings to happen is that we will be going over each option that has been brought up. He stated that they started going over one of them last night, which was the tuition program, the details were discussed, and they started weighing the pros and cons. Mr. Miller stated that this is only one option and they have another 8 or 9 to go. He stated that each month, after the committee has gone through an option(s), the Board will be presented with that discussion, and they will have an opportunity to add anything else they would like to add or to ask any questions. Mr. Miller stated that this is going to be a very long process and stated that anyone can come to these meetings and add their pros and cons. He stated that he does not want to do a lot of back tracking, but he is willing to be flexible. Mr. Miller stated that when all of the options have been discussed, and all of the pros and cons have been weighed, his goal is to have a community-wide meeting and fill up the Auditorium to hear each option presented. After that point in time is when the Board would make a decision on what we need to do.

Mr. Buckman stated that the only two times that he saw the Auditorium full was when we had a school teacher strike, and the other was when the Board passed an earned income tax. He stated that the only two people who attended the meetings regarding the earned income tax were himself and Mr. Worob, and then a thousand people showed up to complain about it after the tax was levied. Mr. Buckman stated that the people of Morrisville like to react and don't come out when we are looking at these things. Mr. Buckman urged the people of Morrisville to start coming out and give the Board your opinion so they can make the decision that you want.

Mr. Ferrara stated that something like tuitioning out our students does not have to be decided on this year. It is a long process and the Board is aware that the administration has been to Harrisburg a couple of times. Mr. Ferrara stated that we are going to make the best decision for our kids, and not just for next year but for the future. Mr. Ferrara stated that this is a huge decision that the nine Board members should not have to make on their own, and they really do want people's input on this because this will determine the educational opportunities for our students and it will have a large impact on the Borough. Mr. Ferrara urged everyone to attend the Education Committee meetings, as well as other committee meetings.

Mr. Miller stated that all committee meetings dates and times will be made available to the public which will list all meetings for 2013.

## **12. Adjournment**

*The Board approved a motion* to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

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

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Damon Miller, President

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Wanda Kartal, Secretary