

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE
Morrisville, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Work Session—Wednesday, March 19, 2014
Large Group Instruction Room
Morrisville Intermediate/Senior High School
7:30 p.m.

This meeting was recorded for televising

The regular monthly agenda meeting of the Morrisville Board of School Directors was held in the LGI Room located in the Morrisville Intermediate/Senior High School, 550 West Palmer Street, Morrisville, Pennsylvania on March 19, 2014, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Miller made a motion to have Mr. DeAngelo as the Recording Secretary for tonight's meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gilleo and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

The following members were present:

Messrs. Colon, Dingle, Gilleo, Perry, Worob, Stoneburner, Miller and Ms. Kartal

Member absent:

Ms. Reithmeyer

Mr. Miller stated that Ms. Reithmeyer had advised him that she would not be in attendance at tonight's meeting due to a work commitment.

Quorum Present:

Also attending this evening's meeting was Mr. William Ferrara, Superintendent; Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator; Mr. Truelove, Esq., Solicitor; media, MEA representatives and members of the community.

Mr. Miller stated that the following areas will be covered at next week's Business Meeting:

Student Spotlight (to be done at next week's meeting)

- Coach Dave Howell – Girls' Basketball Players/Accomplishments
- Art Teacher Christine Klockner – Student Art Gallery Reception Winner

Student Representatives to the Board

Superintendent/Administrator's Reports

Bucks County Technical High School Report - Ms. Kartal

Enrollment Report

PUBLIC SESSION #1 (Agenda Items Only)

There were no speakers for Public Session #1.

Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation – MOEF – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle reported on the following:

- Approval of requests from teachers for funding of educational class trips for Morrisville students

PTO Report – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle reported on the following:

- Special Someone Dance
- Yankee Candle Fundraiser
- Pencils delivered to students in grades K-6 for St. Patrick's Day
- Talent Show to be held on May 21st
- Science Club/Fair
- The March PTO meeting will be held on the 20th at 7 pm in the Grandview cafeteria
- Market Day pickup
- Upcoming events

Joint Borough Council/School Board Report – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller stated that they met on the first Wednesday of the month and discussed the following:

- Speed limit trailer
- Crossing guards
- Adding additional crosswalks
- Traffic Study
- School Resource Officer

Mr. Miller questioned if we have a policy regarding the wearing of open toed shoes. Mr. Ferrara stated that flip flops are not to be worn for safety reasons.

Public Relations/Communications Report – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller discussed the following:

- Community interest for items being posted on the website
- Link on website for flyers, notices, etc. on the website for community use

Bucks County Intermediate Unit – Ms. Kartal

Ms. Kartal reported on the topics of discussion from the meeting held on 3/18/14. Topics of discussion can be found in Attachment A to these minutes.

PSBA – Mr. Perry

Mr. Perry discussed the PA State Budget, education funding, Charter School reform.

M. R. Reiter Repurposing Committee – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller stated that the committee met at the beginning of the month. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the LGI. At the meeting they discussed the following:

- The three sub-committees have been formed and options were discussed
- They are working on a video tour of the inside of the building is going to be presented next month
- Pros and cons of each option
- Open space options

At next week's Board meeting Mr. Miller stated that the following items will be on the agenda for approval:

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Minutes

1. ***A MOTION*** is in order to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2013 Business Meeting.
2. ***A MOTION*** is in order to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2013 Agenda Meeting.

3. **A MOTION** is in order to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2013 Business Meeting.
4. **A MOTION** is in order to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2013 Agenda Meeting.

Since we have four new Board members who were not on the Board at the time these meetings took place, Mr. Miller asked if they should abstain from voting on these minutes. Mr. Truelove stated that they can abstain, but they are not required to.

INFRASTRUCTURE

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Facilities Committee – Mr. Stoneburner

Mr. Stoneburner stated that they met on 3/12/14. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the LGI. At the meeting on 3/12/14 they discussed the following:

- Potential project at Grandview in the gravel area
- Plowing expenses for the winter
- Creation of new contracts for facility usage
- Request by Fire Department to use our parking lot at M. R. Reiter. Mr. Stoneburner discussed in detail this request and usage by the Fire Department. The Board members discussed their concerns with this request regarding the residents living in this area and possible parking issues, noise level, etc., ordinances, and insurance coverage. Mr. Truelove suggested adding a motion to next week's agenda for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Morrisville Fire Department.

At next week's Board meeting Mr. Stoneburner stated that the following item will be on the agenda under the Infrastructure Section:

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval, Appraiser – M. R. Reiter – Gleason Real Estate, Inc.**
A MOTION is in order to approve Gleason Real Estate, Inc. to do an appraisal of M. R. Reiter in the amount of \$3500.

HUMAN RESOURCES

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Human Resource Committee – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Miller stated that the committee met and discussed the following:

- Personnel issues

At next week's Board meeting Mr. Dingle stated that the following items will be on the agenda under the Human Resource Section:

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval, Renewal of Business Administrator's Contract**
A MOTION is in order to approve the renewal of the contract for Paul DeAngelo as the Business Administrator.
2. **Approval, Leave**
A MOTION is in order to approve Kelly Marlin's leave of absence under SB Policy 434, effective June 9, 2014. Ms. Marlin will return to school at the beginning of the 2014-15 school year.

3. **Approval, Tuition Reimbursement**
A MOTION is in order to approve tuition reimbursement for the following individual:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>College</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mike Teefy	Human Relations and Multiculturalism for Educators	Univ. of Phoenix	3	\$955

BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE COMMITTEE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Finance Report (Informational Item)**
Numbers to be provided in next week's Business Meeting Agenda

Finance Committee – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle stated that the committee met on the 12th and they discussed the following:

- Carl Hogan from BDD attended the meeting to review the audit report in detail

At next week's Board meeting Mr. Dingle stated that the following items will be on the agenda under the Business Operations/Finance Section:

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval, IU #22 Agreement - Schedule of Contracted Costs for 2014-15**
A MOTION is in order to approve the Bucks County IU #22 Agreement and Schedule of Contracted Costs for 2014-15.

Mr. Perry asked if the costs have increased, and if so by how much. Mr. DeAngelo stated that he will put together a spread sheet comparing the costs for 13-14 vs. 14-15 and send it to the Board members in their Friday packet.

2. **Approval, Acceptance of Donations**
A MOTION is in order to approve the acceptance of the following donations:
 - Nebulizer for the Nurse's Office
 - 30 Keyboards and 30 Mice

3. **Approval, Food Service RFP**
A MOTION is in order to approve the Food Service RFP with Metz.

4. **Budget Transfers**
A MOTION is in order to approve budget transfers as follows:

General Fund	\$ 400,838.44
Grants	\$ 48,317.45

5. **Approval, Treasurer's Report**
A MOTION is in order to approve the Treasurer's Report.

6. **Approval, Investment Report**
A MOTION is in order to approve the Investment Report.

7. **Approval, Payment of Bills**
A MOTION is in order to approve payments of bills as listed below, subject to final audit by the Business Administrator:
 (Numbers to be provided in next week's Business Meeting Agenda)

Mr. Dingle stated that the Finance Committee is closely looking at the budget to find out how the money is being spent and looking for areas in which we can cut back and/or save money.

Mr. Miller commended all of the committee members for their hard work in reviewing the budget and looking at ways to cut expenses, save money, and generate additional revenue in order to provide the best possible programs for our students.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Education Committee – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller stated that the committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the LGI. The committee met and discussed the following:

- Lynn Palumbo, Dean of Students Pre-K – 3 was in attendance at the meeting and spoke in regards to our Literacy Initiative mid-year review. Mr. Miller and Mr. Ferrara commended all members of the Intervention Team. Mr. Ferrara gave an update on our reading program and increase in reading scores.

Mr. Ferrara commented on the article in today's newspaper regarding our new Cyber Program. He stated that there will be a demonstration of this program next Tuesday at the Superintendent's Roundtable meeting. Mr. Ferrara invited all to attend. Mr. Ferrara stated that this is a great opportunity for Morrisville and our students in having cutting edge technology.

Ms. Kartal stated that she has been contacted by several individuals regarding this program.

Mr. Miller stated that at the April Education Committee meeting on the first Thursday of April (4/3/14 at 7:00 in the LGI), options, pros and cons, and laying out a plan for the Cyber Program will be discussed.

At next week's Board meeting Mr. Miller stated that the following items will be on the agenda under the Education Section:

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval, Revised 2013-14 School Calendar**
A MOTION is in order to approve the revised 2013-14 School Calendar.
2. **Approval, Agreement with the Intermediate Unit (Ombudsman Alternative School)**
A MOTION is in order to approve an agreement with the Intermediate Unit (Ombudsman Alternative School) for three seats for the 2014-15 school year at a cost of \$9,855 per seat for a total cost of \$29,565, and three seats for the 2015-16 school year at a cost of \$10,150 per seat for a total cost of \$30,450.

POLICY COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Policy Committee – Mr. Miller

No report.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval, 2nd Reading of Policy #113.1 – Behavior Support**
A MOTION is in order to approve the 2nd reading of Policy #113.1 – Behavior Support.
2. **Approval, 2nd Reading of Policy #006.1 – Attendance at Meetings**
A MOTION is in order to approve the 2nd reading of Policy #006.1 – Attendance at Meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kartal reminded everyone that Cinderella's Closet will have its first opening this Saturday the 22nd from 10-4 for all 9-12th grade girls. A second event will take place on March 29th from 10-4. Dresses, etc. are available to the girls for the prom and also for graduation.

Mr. Miller announced that there is a Youth Orchestra Program that will be starting as early next year with the 21st Century Grant for grades 4-8. There will be an on-line survey for parents to take if your child is in grades 3-7 on our website to determine if there is any interest, if this program is able to be run.

PUBLIC SESSION 2

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary