

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 27, 2015

Large Group Instruction Room

Morrisville Middle/Senior High School

7:30 p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE

Morrisville, Pennsylvania

This meeting was recorded for televising

The regular monthly meeting of the Morrisville Board of School Directors was held in the LGI Room located in the Morrisville Middle/Senior High School, 550 West Palmer Street, Morrisville, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, after due notice of this meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. with the following members present on roll call:

- Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance: Messrs. Colon (via phone), Gilleo, Perry, Worob, Stoneburner, Miller and Ms. Reithmeyer and Ms. Kartal

Member absent: Mr. Dingle

Quorum Present:

Also attending this evening's meeting were Mr. Michael Kopakowski, Superintendent; Mr. Michael Braun, Business Administrator; David Truelove, Esq., Solicitor; media, MEA representation, and members of the community.

Mr. Miller stated that an Executive Session was held prior to this evening's meeting regarding litigation and real estate.

Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Colon is in attendance at tonight's meeting via phone, and Mr. Dingle had contacted him stating that he would not be able to be in attendance at tonight's meeting.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

- **Jen Sullivan/Rick Sabol – Teachers**

Ms. Sullivan stated that she and Mr. Sabol run an after school program for students in grades 4 and 5 who are interested in Math and Science. They are able to run this program through MOEF and the EITC Grant Program. Some of the students that participated in this program gave a presentation pertaining to their E Mission – Moon, Mars and Beyond. Mr. Sabol stated that this was a fun and innovative way of learning for our students and commended them for a job well done.

- **Drew King – Teacher/FBLA Advisor**

Mr. King gave recognition to three of the four students in attendance at tonight's meeting from the FBLA Team that attended the FBLA State Competition in Hershey, PA. The students gave a brief description of their experiences at the competition. They stated that it was a great experience and a good way to interact with other kids from across the State. Mr. King stated that our student's did a great amount of work to make it to this competition, competing against much larger schools than ours, and that the work and the effort that the students in FBLA put forth is remarkable.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Representative to the Board – (Morrisville High School)

There was no Student Representative from the High School in attendance at tonight's meeting.

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

There was no Student Representative from the Bucks County Technical High School in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Bucks County Technical High School Report – Mr. Gilleo

Mr. Gilleo reported on the following from their last meeting:

- Mr. Kopakowski will now be the Superintendent of Record for the Tech School
- Tech graduation will be held on June 15th
- The next meeting will be held on June 22nd

1. SUPERINTENDENT’S/ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS

→ **This week in our Schools**

Mr. Kopakowski - Superintendent

Mr. Kopakowski’s report can be found in Attachment A to these minutes.

Mr. Braun – Business Administrator

Mr. Braun stated that the Board approved the Proposed Preliminary Budget and we are now heading in the direction of the approval of the Final Budget next month. Budget information can be found on the website, as well as in each one of the school buildings.

⇒ **Enrollment Report**

District Enrollments as of May 21, 2015			
<u>Student Population</u>			
Pre-Kindergarten	18		
Kindergarten	66	GRANDVIEW	297
Grade 1	57	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (4-5)	<u>159</u>
Grade 2	79		456
Grade 3	77		
Grade 4	83	INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (6-8)	220
Grade 5	76	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12	<u>247</u>
Grade 6	68		467
Grade 7	68		
Grade 8	84	TECHNICAL SCHOOL	42
Grade 9	67	HOME SCHOOLED	19
Grade 10	60	CHARTER SCHOOLS	35
Grade 11	50	Regular Ed	27
Grade 12	70	Special Ed	8
		OUT OF DISTRICT	49
		Regular Ed	9
		Special Ed	40
TOTAL ENROLLMENT			1068

Routine Action Items

At the meeting of the Board of School Directors on September 22, 2010, the Board of School Directors approved a motion that Agenda meeting action items considered routine will be enacted under one motion unless removed for separate action upon Board request. The purpose of the consolidated motion is to expedite Governing Board action on all consent items, which are not held for discussion. Items that have been held for discussion by the Governing Board will be enacted upon at the time the item is discussed.

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

There were no speakers for Public Session #1.

ACTION ITEMS

Motions 2.1 and 2.2 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 *The Board approved a motion* to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2015 Agenda Meeting.

2.2 *The Board approved a motion* to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2015 Business Meeting, with the correction to Item 9.2 to 9 votes instead of 8.

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

3.1 **Approval, Blackboard Agreement (Website)**

The Board approved a motion to approve the Blackboard Agreement (Website) for the 2015-16 school year in the amount of \$5,065.90 (same rate as 2014-15 school year).

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

3.2 **Approval, Genesis Student Information System**

The Board approved a motion to approve the Genesis Student Information System for the 2015-16 school year in the amount of \$15,425 (same rate as 2014-15 school year).

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

3.3 **Approval, CDW-G – Trend Micro Anti-virus**

The Board approved a motion to approve the CDW-G Trend Micro Anti-virus for the 2015-16 school year in the amount of \$5,250 (same rate as 2014-15 school year).

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

3.4 **Approval, Apex Learning on-line Learning Program for Grades 9-12**

The Board approved a motion to renew the Apex Learning on-line Learning Program for Grades 9-12 enrollment subscription in the amount of \$12,100.00.

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

3.5 Approval, Grass Cutting and Snow Removal Contract

The Board approved a motion to approve the Grass Cutting and Snow Removal Contract with WDB for a three year period, per attached contract (Attachment B to the minutes).

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

4. HUMAN RESOURCES
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 Approval, Agreement with Special Education Advisors, Inc.

The Board approved a motion to approve the agreement with Special Education Advisors, Inc., as a consultant for special education to the District for the 2015-16 school year, effective July 1, 2015, at the rate of \$62 per hour, not to exceed \$125,000 yearly.

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

4.2 Approval, Resignations

4.2.a *The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept, with regret, the resignation of Carol Lang (Personal Care Assistant), effective June 13, 2015.

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

4.2.b *The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept, with regret, the resignation of Linda Henry (Personal Care Assistant), effective May 1, 2015.

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

4.2.c *The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept, with regret, the resignation of Angel Stamps (Paraprofessional), effective June 13, 2015.

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

4.2.d *The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept, with regret, the resignation of Laura Fekete-Colon (Personal Care Assistant), effective May 23, 2015.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Worob, and passed by a voice vote of 7 ayes and 1 abstention. Member abstaining was Mr. Colon.

4.2.e *The Board approved a motion* to approve and accept, with regret, the resignation of Amanda Matika (Paraprofessional), effective June 13, 2015.

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

Mr. Miller wished all employees that resigned the best of luck in their future endeavors.

4.3 **Approval, Appointments**

4.3.a **Paraprofessionals – Instructional**

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of the following Paraprofessionals (Instructional) per Policy for the 2015-16 school year:

Alan Benjamin

Nicole White

Melissa Pilla

Robin Jennings (replacing Angel Stamps)

Tara Ulerick Sharkey (replacing Amanda Matika) Pending verification of all clearances

Donna Colon

Ana Ramirez

Pat Evans

Jamie Ratti

Colleen Nay

Georgette Davis

Marcy Cohen

Lisa Castillo
Maria Woolston
Vince Paravecchia
Kara Meshanko
Jayne Fritsch
Katie Klausner

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Reithmeyer, and passed by a voice vote of 7 ayes and 1 abstention. Members abstaining was Mr. Colon.

4.3.b Paraprofessionals – Non-Instructional

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of the following Paraprofessionals (Non-Instructional) per Policy for the 2015-16 school year:

John Hubiak
Beth Tusina
Amanda Snyder (replacing Patti Ebert) *Pending verification of all clearances*

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

4.3.c Personal Care Assistants

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of the following Personal Care Assistants per Policy for the 2015-16 school year (these positions are contingent upon the need for such a service):

Christine Sullivan
Jay Patel
Shamira English (replacing Carol Lang) *Pending verification of all clearances*
2 New Hires (replacing Laura Fekete-Colon, Linda Henry)

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

4.3.d Summer Work Crew

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of the Summer Work Crew at the rate of \$7.25 per hour as listed below:

PAINTERS

Denise Sacco

Mike Sacco

Joe Lipski

Jordan Neal

Emmanuel Bamfo

IT TECHS

Chris Rivera

Liam Getty

SUBSTITUTES

Prince Farley

Kevin Culver

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kartal, and passed by a voice vote of 7 ayes and 1 abstention. Member abstaining was Mr. Colon.

4.3.e Part-time Nurse's Aide

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Judith McClusky as the part-time Nurse's Aide (2 hours per day), per MESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement, for the 2015-16 school year.

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

4.3.f Nurse's Aide

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Mary Bracken as a 7 hour a day Nurse's Aide, per MESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement, for the 2015-16 school year.

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

4.3.g Floater Substitute

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of Erica Schabert, Floater Substitute, per MEA contract, for the 2015-16 school year.

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

4.3.h Class Advisors – 2015-16 School Year

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointment of the following Class Advisors for the 2015-16 school year:

<i>Cindy Hasness</i>	<i>Senior Class of 2016</i>	<i>Stipend \$1,875</i>
<i>Jim Gober</i>	<i>Junior Class of 2017</i>	<i>Stipend \$1,500</i>
<i>Mike Teefy</i>	<i>Sophomore Class of 2018</i>	<i>Stipend \$1,000</i>

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

4.4 Approval, Tenure

The Board approved a motion to approve tenure for Summer Branche.

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

4.5 Approval, Extended School Year (Summer Program)

The Board approved a motion to approve an ESY Program in the Morrisville School District for the summer of 2015 at the cost of \$6,150.

In lieu of sending ten (10) students to IU/Neighboring District placements for Extended School Year for the total cost of \$35,000-\$40,000, the District will operate its' own program at Morrisville High School for a total cost of \$6,150 (this includes 1 Teacher, 1 Paraprofessional, Transportation and light snacks).

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

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

• **Finance Report (Informational Item)**

Expenditures

Budget 2014-15	Year to Date Encumbrances	Y-T-D Expended	Available Balance
\$17,397,770	\$1,748,776	\$11,757,466	\$3,891,527

Revenues

Budget 2014-15	Y-T-D Amount	Balance
\$17,397,770	\$15,275,917	\$2,121,852

ACTION ITEMS:

5.1 Approval, Donation

The Board approved a motion to approve and accept the donation from Patricia Pordash, Former Tax Collector, in the amount of \$11,000.

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

Mr. Braun and several of the Board members thanked Ms. Pordash for her generous donation and wished her well in her retirement.

5.2 Approval, Extension of Negotiation Period between the Morrisville School District and Morrisville Borough for the Borough to acquire the M. R. Reiter Property

The Board approved a motion to approve an extension of the negotiation period for an additional three (3) months between the Morrisville School District and the Morrisville Borough for the Borough to acquire the M. R. Reiter property.

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

5.3 Approval, 2015-16 Final Food Service Budget

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2015-16 Final Food Service Budget in the amount of \$443,429.60.

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

Motions 5.4 and 5.5 were moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Reithmeyer, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes.

5.4 Approval, Treasurer's Report

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

5.5 Approval, Investment Report

The Board approved a motion to approve the Investment Report.

5.6 Approval, Insurance Coverage

The Board approved a motion to approve insurance coverage as presented.

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

5.7 Approval, Payment of Bills

The Board approved a motion to approve payments of bills as listed below, subject to final audit by the Business Administrator:

Miscellaneous (4/22, 4/29 - 5/7 - 5/13 - 5/20)	\$ 57,857.06
Legal (5/27/15)	\$ 12,129.50
Athletic Fund (4/21, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20)	\$ 4,420.00
General Fund (5/27/15)	\$ 384,414.62
Capital	\$ -0-
Cafeteria Fund (5/31/15)	<u>\$ 43,206.45</u>
 TOTAL BILLS	 \$ 502,027.63

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

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

6.1 Approval, Graduating Class of 2015

The Board approved a motion to approve the Graduating Class of 2015, per certification by the Administration.

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

Mr. Miller wished the graduates good luck as they move on into their future whether it be college, the military, the workforce or a technical school.

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

None at this time.

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

The meetings will be held in the LGI
Wednesday, June 17, 2015.....Monthly Agenda Meeting 7:30 p.m
Wednesday, June 24, 2015.....Monthly Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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Mr. Miller stated that the PR/Communications Meeting and the Joint Meeting between the School Board and Borough Council scheduled to be held on June 3rd have been cancelled. An Executive Session will be held that evening in regards to Real Estate.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Approval, Summer Program with School Resource Officer

The Board approved a motion to approve a summer program with our School Resource Officer at a rate of \$1,400. This program would run for three weeks and it is contingent upon receiving additional SRO Funds. The SRO funds would pay for the officer's salary, and the 21st Century would pay for the additional staff member. This program is also contingent upon a minimum of 10 participating students for each session.

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

Mr. Miller stated that week one would be for 7th graders, week two would be for 8th graders, and week three would be for 9th graders. Some topics of this program would include bullying, drug awareness, and there would also be activities and sports which would include team building. Officer Reardon will be running this program and it is a great opportunity for him to build on the relationships that he has already begun to build within our schools.

Since this was a new item added to this evening's agenda, the floor was open for public comment prior to the Board voting. There were no comments from the public.

PUBLIC SESSION #2

Chris Zawodniak – 121 Chambers Street, Morrisville, PA

Mr. Zawodniak discussed the Morrisville Spring Art Show and Concert Band. He stated that the programs were outstanding, and he thanked the administration and Board members for supporting these programs. He also thanked everyone involved with putting together these programs, especially the students who really stepped up and did a wonderful job. Mr. Zawodniak asked that summer band camp be continued in the summer.

Don Moyer – 166 N. Main Street, Yardley, PA

Mr. Moyer discussed music education in the Morrisville School District. Mr. Moyer, Owner of Pro Line Music, presented the Board and administration with two proposals for the music program for 2015-16.

Ms. Reithmeyer reminded everyone that on June 5th and June 6th in the auditorium the Drama Club will be performing this year's play.

10. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary