

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE
Morrisville, Pennsylvania

The regular monthly meeting of the Morrisville Board of School Directors was held in the LGI located in the Morrisville Middle/Senior High School, 550 West Palmer Street, Morrisville, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, August 27, 2008, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. William Hellmann, President, called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm with the following members present on roll call:

Mr. Radosti; Mrs. Mihok; Mrs. Reithmeyer; Mr. Kemp; Mr. Hellmann; Mrs. Worob; Mrs. Heater; Mr. Buckman and Mr. Farrell.

Quorum Present.

Also attending this evening's meeting was Dr. Elizabeth Yonson, Superintendent; Mrs. Reba Dunford, Business Administrator; Mr. Tony Gesualdi, Supervisor of Special Education; Mr. William Ferrara, Secondary Assistant Principal; Michael Fitzpatrick, Esq., Solicitor; MEA representation, and media.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Representative to the Board – There will be no representation during the summer months.

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

⇒ Report of the Re-Registration Results – since the re-registration process is not complete a more detailed report will be available next month. As of last Thursday 244 student had not re-registered. Another phone blast has been sent out to those families. Since the beginning of this week, re-registration has picked up. Elementary numbers are stable; however, secondary numbers are still lagging behind.

⇒ PSSA Results – Dr. Yonson presented a power point on the recent PSSA results. More detail on this information is available from the Administration office.

4 th grade	87.2% proficient in math	74.5% proficient in reading
5 th grade	79% proficient in math	65% proficient in reading
6 th grade	68% proficient in math	58.2% proficient in reading
7 th grade	72.2% proficient in math	60.6% proficient in reading
8 th grade	70% proficient in math	67.1% proficient in reading
11 th grade	54.4% proficient in math	65.1% proficient in reading

Mr. Fitzpatrick explained a change in the format for public session. To comply with school board policy (*Local Board Procedures*) there will be two public sessions. The first session will deal with federal projects/agenda-related items; the second for general business or other matters.

Mr. Fitzpatrick drew attention to board policy *Guidelines for conduct at public meetings* (page 6 of this evening's agenda). These policies should be posted from time to time on the entrance doors. New items presented at a meeting and not listed on the agenda will be afforded an opportunity for public comment. The board has the discretion to waive a portion of a board policy.

PUBLIC SESSION – Agenda Related Items

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John Ceneviva, 467 Stockham Ave.

- Corrected spelling of his name
- Discussed resignation of Mrs. Dunford

ACTION ITEMS:

2.1. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2008 regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors. Minutes are to be amended subject to review of the tape of the meeting.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a voice vote of 8 ayes; 1 abstention. Member abstaining was Mr. Buckman.

Mrs. Reithmeyer suggested corrections to the minutes.

- Page m – vote on Appointment of Treasurer – Mr. Kemp’s name is listed twice in the vote.
- Page r – vote of item 3.5 listed on page r and s
- Page aa – item 5.3 – verify the individual who seconded the motion
- Page cc – last line – “she” should be Mrs. Dunford

The DVD of this meeting was verified and requested changes were made to the original minutes of May 28, 2008.

2.2. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2008 special meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

2.3. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2008 regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors, as amended.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

Mrs. Reithmeyer asked that Mr. Fitzpatrick’s attendance at this meeting be included in the minutes. This change has been made to the original minutes.

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Dr. Yonson suggested that board members review their Friday packets when they are received and call the office Monday or Tuesday to make changes so that they may be changed prior to the public meeting and included in the public agenda.

2.4. Approval of Minutes

The Board presented a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2008 special meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Farrell.

- *Mrs. Mihok requested a change to page b, sixth line from the bottom – change vote to boat.*
- *Mrs. Mihok also requested a change to page d – at the top. Mrs. Mihok presented a written addendum to become part of these minutes (Addendum A).*

Mr. Fitzpatrick suggested a procedure for approving the minutes. Motion and second to the approval of the minutes followed by a discussion. If amendment(s) to the minutes are discussed, a motion to approve the minutes as amended be presented and voted on. This will take precedence over checking the tape and amending the minutes after the recording is reviewed.

Mrs. Reithmeyer asked Mr. Fitzpatrick if the board would be open to a lawsuit if information was not recorded on tape but included in the printed minutes. Mr. Fitzpatrick replied that the minutes are a reflection of what occurred at the meeting.

The Board approved a motion to amend the minutes of July 15, 2008 to reflect the statement that Mrs. Mihok as well as six other people heard as was just read (Addendum A).

Motion to amend moved by Mrs. Mihok; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a roll call vote of 7 ayes; one nay; one abstention. Member voting nay was Mrs. Reithmeyer. Member abstaining was Mr. Kemp.

The original minutes of July 15, 2008 will be amended to include these changes.

Dr. Yonson asked Mr. Fitzpatrick if the content recorded in our minutes are the norm. Could he talk about the length of our minutes?

Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that the most important thing is that the minutes are an accurate record of what occurs. How this is done is subject to personality and the board.

Mrs. Worob advised that there have been instances when comments were included verbatim in the minutes.

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Dr. Yonson agreed and stated she never understood it but the board has discussed this and has continued to want this. She does not believe it should be done for anyone and this is why she is asking Mr. Fitzpatrick to speak to this issue. Just because it was done to someone doesn't mean it should continue. If a board member wants a tape of any meeting let her know and she will have it supplied to them.

Mrs. Mihok stated that anytime there is a slur against someone, particularly the board she wants it included in the minutes.

The Board approved a motion to amend the minutes of July 15, 2008 page b six lines from the bottom to reflect that the word "vote" should be "boat."

Motion to amend moved by Mrs. Mihok; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a roll call vote of 8 ayes; one abstention. Member abstaining was Mr. Kemp.

The Board approved a motion to amend the minutes of July 15, 2008 to reflect the statement that Mrs. Mihok as well as six other people heard as was just read.

Motion to amend moved by Mrs. Mihok; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a roll call vote of 7 ayes; one nay; one abstention. Member voting nay was Mrs. Reithmeyer. Member abstaining was Mr. Kemp.

The Board approved a motion to accept the minutes of the special school board meeting of July 15, 2008, as amended.

Moved by Mrs. Mihok; seconded by Mr. Hellmann; passed by a roll call vote of 8 ayes; 1 abstention. Member abstaining was Mr. Kemp.

Mr. Hellmann reiterated that in the future the board review the minutes and call any changes to Jeanne on Monday.

**3. HUMAN RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE Mrs. Robin Reithmeyer,
Chairperson**

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS

3.1. Approval, Appointments

The Board approved the following motions as stated below.

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3.1.a. Mr. William Ferrara as Secondary ~~Acting~~ Principal, effective August 28, 2008 at the pro-rated salary of \$98,000.

Mrs. Reithmeyer suggested that we change 3.1.a. to Secondary Principal.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a roll call vote of 5 ayes; 4 nays. Members voting nay were Mrs. Mihok, Mrs. Worob, Mrs. Heater and Mr. Hellmann.

The Board asked the difference between Acting Principal and Principal. Dr. Yonson recommended that Mr. Ferrara be appointed as Principal. Appointment as Acting Principal would mean we continue to look for a candidate to fill this position. This position is part of the Act 93 agreement; Mr. Ferrara is currently a participant in Act 93. This would be continuing employment unless an individual is let go for a viable reason. This appointment was listed as Acting because at the time the agenda was prepared the position had not been posted, since that time the posting has taken place. Mr. Hellmann stated he would rather appoint as Acting Principal to see how it worked out.

3.1.b. Mrs. Karen Huggins as substitute elementary principal, effective September 3, 2008 until the leave affecting this position terminates at a pro-rated salary of \$97,000.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 9 ayes.

Dr. Yonson advised that Mrs. Huggins is not working along side of Ms. Taylor. Ms. Taylor will be on medical leave during this time. At the present time we do not have a definite return date for Ms. Taylor. Dr. Yonson explained that there is no one else in the district to fill this vacancy and how difficult it would be to find a replacement for a short period of time.

3.1.c. Mr. Tony Gesualdi as Director of Pupil Personnel, effective August 4, 2008 at a pro-rated salary of \$94,000.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 9 ayes.

Dr. Yonson advised this position is without benefits. She outlined Mr. Gesualdi's experience for this position. We will continue to advertise for a permanent replacement for this position.

3.1.d. Mrs. Joanne Schlosser as school secretary, effective August 28, 2008, in accordance with the current agreement between the Morrisville Education Support Personnel Association and the Board of School Directors at the hourly rate of \$14.49.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Farrell; **defeated** by a roll call vote of 2 ayes; 4 nays; 3 abstentions. **Motion defeated.** Members abstaining were Mr. Radosti, Mr. Buckman, Mr. Farrell. Members voting aye were Mrs. Reithmeyer and Mr. Kemp. Members voting nay were Mr. Hellmann, Mrs. Worob, Mrs. Heater and Mrs. Mihok.

Dr. Yonson stated that we must have an individual in this position; this office is very chaotic. This motion will be brought up later this evening following an executive session.

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3.1.e. Instructional Paraeducators at the rate of \$12.12/hour per group II salary and benefits

Tammi Bresnen effective August 27, 2008Replacing Corey Latch

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Kemp. **Defeated** by a roll call vote of 6 nays; 3 ayes.
Members voting aye were Mrs. Reithmeyer, Mr. Kemp and Mr. Farrell.

Helen Leasure effective August 27, 2008one-on-one as required in IEP

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 9 ayes.

Holly Prickett effective August 27, 2008one-on-one as required in IEP
replacing Barb Waldron

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 9 ayes.

3.1.f. Hiring of per diem substitutes, as needed, during the 2008-2009 school year. Compensation will be in accordance with district policy #429.

Asra Ahmed	Shelley Baker	Amanda Brown
Diane Chiocchi	Victor Cicero	Angela Cincotti
Megan Goodwin	Lynn Ingenhuett-Quinn	Victoria Johnson
Karl Klein	Daniel Levy	Jayne Marcinkowski
Marion McNulty	Rhonda Wilkinson	Meredith Robson
Michael Southrey	William Watkins	Nicole White

All appointments are contingent upon completion of district employment requirements and verification of PA Department of Education Certification.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 9 ayes.

Mrs. Dunford advised that our budget in this area is \$215,000 per year.

3.2. Approval, Resignations

3.2.a. The Board approved a motion to accept the resignation, with regret, from Mrs. Reba Dunford, Business Administrator, effective October 18, 2008.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a roll call vote of 9 ayes.

Dr. Yonson advised that Mrs. Dunford is one of the finest business administrators she has worked with and will be missed dearly.

3.2.b. The Board approved a motion to accept the resignation, with regret, from Barbara Waldron, Instructional Aide, effective August 21, 2008

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a roll call vote of 9 ayes.

3.3. Approval, Tuition Reimbursements

The Board approved a motion to approve payment of tuition reimbursement to the individuals as listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>College/School</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Traci Coley	Algebra	Converse College	3	\$484
Traci Coley	Middle Mathematics	Converse College	3	16
Mike Teefy	Performance Project	Gratz	3	765
Erica Poland	Inclusionary Classroom	Univ of Scranton	3	375
Jessica Polistina	Education Research	Cabrini College	3	500

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 9 ayes.

3.4. Approval, Mentors for Teacher Induction

The Board approved a motion to appoint the individuals listed below as mentors for the Teacher Induction Program during the 2008-2009 school year. Compensation in accordance with collective bargaining agreement is \$750.

Cindy Hasness.....	Karen Maziarz
Diane Woodruff.....	Shirley Mallino
Erica Poland.....	Justin Woodruff

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 9 ayes.

Dr. Yonson advised that the state requires new teachers to go through this induction plan.

3.5. Approval, Tenure Eligibility

The Following individuals are eligible for a Professional Contract/Tenure, having received satisfactory evaluations and having served three years under a Temporary Professional Contract.

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Date of Tenure</u>
Laurie Ruffing	8/30/08
Jessica Bateman	8/30/08
Kevin Jones	8/30/08
Demetrius Roberts	8/30/08
Christin Sauers	8/30/08
Teresa Lynn Palumbo	8/30/08

The Board approved a motion to approve the above individuals for tenure and to direct the Administration to issue a Professional Employee Contract.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 9 ayes.

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Tenure is a requirement by law. Mr. Hellmann stated we are adding more permanent people to our expenses.

The Board directed the Business Administrator position be advertised in PASBO. Weidenhammer Co. has recommended an individual to act as an interim and Dr. Yonson will call and arrange to meeting with this person.

4. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS Joe Kemp, Chairperson

The Education Committee presents the following items for consideration.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

4.1. Approval, 2nd Year of PreK Counts Grant Agreement

The Board approved a motion to approve the renewal of the Pre-K Counts Program Grant Agreement in the amount of \$280,800 (2nd year).

Moved by Mr. Kemp; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 8 ayes. Mrs. Reithmeyer had stepped out of the room.

The District has an agreement with the Morrisville teacher of PreK that if the grant is curtailed she will no longer have a position.

4.2. Approval, Title I Program, Title II Program A for 2008-2009

The Board approved a motion to approve the Title I Program for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$198,241.00.

The Board approved a motion to approve the Title II Program A for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$58,340.00.

Moved by Mr. Kemp; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes. Mrs. Reithmeyer was out of the room.

4.3. Approval, 2008-2009 Classrooms for the Future Grant

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2008-2009 Classrooms for the Future Grant in the amount of \$45,413.

Moved by Mr. Kemp; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes. Mrs. Reithmeyer was out of the room.

4.4. Approval, 2008-2009 Dual Enrollment Grant

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2008-2009 Dual Enrollment Grant in the amount of \$14,443.14.

Moved by Mr. Kemp; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes. Mr. Buckman was out of the room.

5. BUSINESS OPERATIONS Bill Hellmann, Chairperson

The Finance Committee presents the following items for consideration.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Contracts approved by the Board are available for viewing in the Business Office.

ACTION ITEMS:

5.1. Approval, Loan to Education Foundation

The Board approved a motion to approve a loan to the Education Foundation in the amount of **\$2,400**. The amounts are: (Morrisville Educational Opportunity Foundation)

Directors Insurance	\$1,200.
PA Incorporation Fee	\$75.
IRS 501(c) 3 filing fee	\$750.
Misc. Costs	\$500. Stationery, etc.
MACEF Dues	\$150.
MACEF Conference	\$140./person (Oct 9 th)

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

Mr. Fitzpatrick offered to incorporate the foundation at no cost to the district. Additionally, Mr. Fitzpatrick outlined several of the legalities of the foundation.

5.2. Approval, PenServ As 3rd Party Administrator to 403(b) Plan

The Board approved a motion to approve PenServ as the Third Party Administrator for the administration of Morrisville’s 403(b) plan for employees.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

The cost to the district is small. The cost will be available at a later date, when the plan is approved.

5.3. Approval, Food Service Prices for 2008-2009

Prices for the food service program are as follows:

	<u>2008-2009</u>
Breakfast	\$1.40
Lunch	\$2.50
Faculty lunch	\$3.75

The Board approved a motion to approve the prices suggested by Metz Services for the student and faculty lunches.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes. Mr. Farrell was out of the room.

5.4. Approval, A-La-Carte Prices for Cafeteria Items

The Board approved a motion to approve the A-La-Carte Menu prices for the elementary and secondary levels for the 2008-2009 year as listed in Addendum #1.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 8 ayes. Mr. Farrell was out of the room.

5.5. Approval, Peirce College

The Board approved a motion to approve a lease agreement between the Morrisville School District and Peirce College. The term of the agreement will be from September 1, 2008 through February 24, 2009.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

This information will be posted on the website for interested individuals.

5.6. Approval, Grant from Pennsylvania Department of the Environment

The Board approved a motion to approve the Schools Chemical Cleanout Grant.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

Mrs. Dunford estimates this saves the district \$5,000.

5.7. Payment of Bills

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

Miscellaneous Disbursement: (6/625/08 – 8/20/08)	\$1,158,751.40
Athletic Fund	-0-
Cafeteria Fund: (June 2008)	14,857.92
Accounts Payable (8/28/08)	939,106.67
Capital Projects (7/31/08)	4,607.14
Capital Reserve	-0-
Procurement Cards (June/July 2008)	39,413.42
Payroll & Benefits (June 2008)	1,743,989.58
Payroll & Benefits (July 2008)	<u>555,020.48</u>
TOTAL BILLS	\$4,455,746.61

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Worob; **motion defeated** by a roll call vote of 6 nays; 3 ayes. Members voting aye were Mrs. Reithmeyer, Mr. Kemp and Mr. Farrell.

Mrs. Mihok reviewed the procurement card bills for July and August. She asked for an explanation of the 21st Century Grant cards. Mrs. Dunford advised that charges to Mrs. Pattley and Mrs. Berry Johnson are entirely for 21st Century. The grant allows expenditures in different categories which were approved by the state. There is an audit twice a year.

I am also concerned with expenditures by Ms. Taylor for the Holiday Inn. Dr. Yonson advised this would be for a consultant.

What is the \$750 charge at Disney for Mrs. Gehrens? Dr. Yonson advised it was probably a conference she attended which is in the conference budget. Dr. Yonson will research this and advise the board.

Mrs. Reithmeyer questioned the \$180 for Begley, Carlin and Mandido to represent Mr. Buckman at his swearing in. In the future Mrs. Reithmeyer would like this to be done at a board meeting.

Mrs. Dunford advised that non-payment of the bills will cost the district thousands of dollars.

The Board approved a motion to pay all the bills with the exception of procurement cards in the amount of \$39,413.42.

Moved by Mr. Farrell; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 9 ayes.

6. SPECIAL EDUCATION

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

6.1. Approval, 2008-2009 Agreement with Youth Services Alternatives

The Board approved a motion to approve an agreement with Youth Services Alternatives. Regular Education per diem rate is \$75.50; special education services per diem rate is \$79.50 (*contingent upon review of Solicitor*).

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 9 ayes.

Mr. Hellmann questioned what the difference between this is and Delaware Valley High School. Mr. Gesualdi explained placement is by IEP. At Delaware Valley you pay for a slot for the year. At this school you pay by the day for the number of days a student attends.

6.2. Approval, SPIRIT Agreement with Wordsworth Private Academic School

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2008-2009 SPIRIT Memorandum of Understanding with Wordsworth Private Academic School for extended school year services placement from July 7, 2008 until August 15, 2008. Per diem cost is \$190/day (*contingent upon review of Solicitor*).

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 9 ayes.

Mr. Gesualdi explained that this is an extended school year program that typically services multi-disabled students. Services depend on the student's IEP needs. Currently there are 5 students in alternative programs; 2 in this program.

7. POLICY COMMITTEE

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Policy Committee met this evening prior to this meeting. Chairperson to be selected at next meeting. Mrs. Worob reported that this evening policies discussed were: Opening Exercises/Flag Displays; Bullying Policy which is due by 2009 and Graduation Requirements. Also slated for discussion is Purchasing Procedures and Changes to agenda procedures.

8. LIAISON REPORTS

- a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School – Mr. Buckman
 - *Student Ryan Knecht took home the silver medal in welding and will participate in the world competition in Las Vegas. His trip will be sponsored by Gilmore Engineering Firm.*
 - *Meeting in September on tech school funding. Mr. Hellmann and Mrs. Mihok will attend.*
 - *They will be hiring a coordinator for special education.*
- b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Mrs. Mihok -- *There was no meeting in August. Mr. Farrell would like to review the oil contract with the IU. He would like to explore the lock-in price as it relates to drop in oil prices.*

- c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative – Mrs. Worob

This is from the legislative report for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association filed on Aug. 14, 2008.

“This week, the state Department of Education released the results of the 2008 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment tests, noting 92% of school districts are meeting all of their Adequate Yearly Progress targets in spite of higher achievement goals in 2008.

No Child Left Behind requires Pennsylvania to evaluate all public schools and districts annually for AYP based on the results of the PSSA and other factors, including test participation, attendance and graduation. In 2008, at least 63% of students had to be on grade level in reading (compared to 54% last year) and at least 56% of students had to be on grade level in math (compared to 45% last year). In all, 92% of Pennsylvania’s school districts – 461 out of 501 – and 72% of its schools – 2,235 in all – made AYP or were classified as “making progress” in 2007-08.

In other news this week, Gov. Edward Rendell announced that he has named Joseph M. Torsella as the new chairman of the State Board of Education. Torsella joined the board this spring after he was confirmed by the state Senate in April. The PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference will be held August 14-17 at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center. The Legislative Policy Council will meet on Thursday, Oct. 16, beginning at 8:30. The PSBA Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Yonson, Mrs. Mihok and Mrs. Worob will be attending.”

9. OLD BUSINESS

⇒ Monthly Agenda Meetings

The Board approved a motion to restart the agenda meetings one week before the regular monthly meeting.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

⇒ Policy Committee Meeting – to be held prior to agenda meetings at 6:30 pm.

⇒ **Health Care Savings** -- Mr. Fitzpatrick recapped that Mr. Gulla presented to the Board in May on health benefits. A follow-up meeting is being scheduled with the unions. At that meeting Mr. Gulla indicated a \$20,000 savings to the school district. There have been some discussions on this since and some approvals are required from the PA Insurance Department. Additionally, I have been in discussions with attorneys from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. I haven’t been successful yet, but am hopeful it will occur. Mr. Gulla is anxious to reduce his commission and see the savings come to the district. Mrs. Reithmeyer has concerns that we are paying legal fees to negotiate this process which ultimately will lessen the savings the district is to incur.

⇒ **Sunshine Law/Executive Sessions** – Mr. Fitzpatrick suggested that an executive session be scheduled at the same time as each monthly meeting. Mrs. Reithmeyer requested 24 hour notification denoting the purpose of each meeting. Mr. Hellmann directed Mr. Fitzpatrick to research this issue and send an email to the board.

⇒ **Detailed Minutes** – By consensus of the Board, verbatim is not required unless directed by the board.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Approval, Short Term Actions – Wick Fisher White Report

The Board presented a motion to approve the following short term actions listed on the Wick Fisher White report.

- 10.1.a. Replace classroom ventilators and repair/replace common ventilation fans.
- 10.1.b. Provide isolation valves on piping distribution to classroom ventilators.
- 10.1.c. Install new DDC automatic temperature control system. Replace existing inoperative pneumatically controlled valves and dampers.
- 10.1.d. Initiate a program of water treatment to reduce corrosion in piping systems.
- 10.1.e. Investigate and give an estimate for the application of tinted reflective and insulating film, and resealing the perimeters of the existing window systems or provide an alternative plan and estimate for weather proofing the windows.
- 10.1.f. Repair flexible duct connection to auditorium h&v unit.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok.

Mrs. Reithmeyer noted this motion is based on the cursory report prepared by Wick Fisher White.

To more clearly define item 10.1.a to 10.1.f. the following motion was made.

The Board approved a motion for Vittetta Engineering Firm to prepare the specs for items in 10.1.a to 10.1.f shown above.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a voice vote of 8 ayes; 1 nay. Member voting nay was Mrs. Reithmeyer.

10.2. Approval, Vittetta Engineering Firm Inspection

The Board approved a motion to approve Vittetta Engineering Firm to conduct an inspection of the HVAC, plumbing, electrical and windows to determine if they should be repaired, replaced or left as is in the M. R. Reiter School building and the Grandview building.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a voice vote of 9 ayes.

10.3. Attendance as School Leadership Conference

The Board approved a motion to approve Marlys Mihok's registration at the School Leadership Conference in the amount of \$315 plus related expenses of approximately \$800 and the cost of registration fee and mileage for Mrs. Brenda Worob.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Buckman; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

The Board adjourned for executive session from 10:34 until 11:20 pm to discuss personnel and real estate.

3.1.d. The Board approved a motion to appoint Mrs. Joanne Schlosser as school secretary, effective August 28, 2008, in accordance with the current agreement between the Morrisville Education Support Personnel Association and the Board of School Directors at the hourly rate of \$14.49.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

10.4. Approval, Memorandum of Understanding

The Board approved a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Morrisville Education Support Personnel Association and school district employee Ellen Smolinski school district secretary.

Moved by Mr. Buckman; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 9 ayes.

PUBLIC SESSION – Non-Agenda Items

Mrs. Reithmeyer requested that for the convenience of the audience at future meetings the second public session be held prior to executive session.

Tonight's comments included but were not limited to:

Damon Miller

- How will taxpayers receive back their money spent on the new school?
- What is the status on contacting Bristol and Pennsbury for exploration?
- Board members' prom expenses vs. district expenses

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Kathy Panzitta, 401 Hillcrest

- Board minutes
- Meetings flow more smoothly

Mr. Farrell advised that he attended the end of the year award ceremony. His wife did not attend the prom and he was an invited guest.

Future Meetings and Items of Interest

Wednesday, September 3, 2008..... Students Return to School
Monday, September 8, 2008 7:00 pm – CAP meeting in LGI
Tuesday, September 9, 2008..... 6:45 pm – Back-To-School Night – Middle School
..... 7:45 pm – Back-To-School Night – High School
Wednesday, September 10, 2008..... 6:30 pm – Infrastructure/Facilities Committee
..... 7:00 pm – Finance Committee
..... 7:00 pm – Back-To-School Night at Grandview
Thursday, September 11, 2008 7:00 pm – Back-To-School Night at Reiter

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 6:30 pm – Education Committee
..... 7:00 pm – Human Resources/Negotiations Committee
..... 7:30 pm – Monthly Business Meeting

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11. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 pm.

William R. Hellmann, President

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