

Minutes of the Board of School Directors  
May 28, 2008

**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, May 28, 2008, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. William Hellmann, President, called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm with the following members present on roll call:

Mrs. Heater; Mrs. Mihok; Mrs. Reithmeyer; Mr. Kemp; Mr. Hellmann; Mrs. Worob and Mr. Farrell. Mr. Radosti was not present.

*Quorum Present.*

Also attending this evening's meeting were Dr. Elizabeth Yonson, Superintendent; Mrs. Reba Dunford, Business Administrator; Mrs. Melanie Gehrens, Secondary Principal; Mr. William Ferrara, Secondary Assistant Principal; Ms. Kate Taylor, Director of Curriculum and Instruction/Elementary Principal; Mrs. Karen Huggins; Elementary Principal; MEA representation, and media.

*Dr. Yonson requested a moment of silence for Mr. Ed Frankenfield, a board member who recently passed away.*

**ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Morrisville Middle Senior High School**  
**Student Representative Report**

**Speaker:** Gabriela Argueta

**Co Speaker:** Michael Leather

- Mr. Eriksson's physics trip was held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The National Honor Society participated in the MS Walk at the Tyler State Park on May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The senior high chorus, concert and jazz bands participated at Dorney Park on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The high school chorus received an excellent in the scoring.
- Mr. Teefy, Mrs. Bramble and the Student Government students held a Blood Drive at the high school on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The faculty and students donated over 40 pints.
- The Parent Advisory meeting was held in the LGI on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Discussions included ASAP camp including high school camper opportunities, Kids Voting Projects, Award Ceremonies and end of the year events. There was a request for parent volunteers for the Kids Voting Project and those interested should contact Johnny Manning or me. This is the last meeting for the year. Thank you parents for attending and supporting the programs at the Middle/Senior High School.
- The National Honor Society collected, to date, over \$2,000 for this event. The NHS Team had 65 people on the team and they were the biggest team at the Newtown site.
- The band and chorus held a concert preview for the elementary third thru sixth grade students on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The students enjoyed the concert and the outing to the high school.
- The Festival of the Arts/ Spring Concert was held on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Staff, parents and students enjoyed the performance and students' work.
- The Junior/Senior Prom was held at the Buck Hotel on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The winner of the 2008 Prom King and Queen was awarded to Brandon Pappalardo and Jamie Demi.
- Students in grades sixth thru eleventh grade took the 4Sight test the week on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The Student Form students will be attended their last meeting for 2008 on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Palisades High School.

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- Schools will be closed on May 26<sup>th</sup> for a Memorial Day Observance.
- The Student of the Month Breakfast will be held for May and June recipients on May 27<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria at 7:20 am.
- The Mobile Dentist will be here on May 31<sup>st</sup> to see students in sixth thru eighth grade.
- The Senior Award Ceremony will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> in the LGI at 7pm, all are welcome to attend.
- We would formally like to invite all of the Board Members to the Class of 2008 Graduation Ceremony on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

*Thank you for your continued support for our student activities*

District Enrollments as of May 21, 2008

Elementary Students.....	458
Secondary 6-12.....	475
Technical School.....	47
Home Schooled.....	17
Out-of-District Placements.....	97
Total .....	1076

(18 students in out-of-district placements are housed in our district and are included only once in the total)

District enrollments .....	8
District withdraws .....	3

*Mrs. Mihok advised that there are 933 students housed in district.*

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***Mr. Fitzpatrick read the following resolution***

Morrisville Borough School District  
MEMORIAL RESOLUTION  
honoring  
Edward H. Frankenfield  
August 23, 1946 - May 28, 2008

WHEREAS, Edward H. Frankenfield, a long-time resident of Crown Street, Morrisville Borough, Bucks County, PA, passed away on Wednesday, May 28, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Ed was married to Patricia A. Frankenfield and was the proud parent of Eric Frankenfield, an Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Ed was a dedicated member of the community, involved in the Historic Morrisville Society, Actors NET of Bucks County, Morrisville Rotary for many years, and many other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ed served with distinction as a member of the Morrisville Borough Zoning Hearing Board for many years and was an officer of the Executive Board of the Bucks County Technical High School; and

WHEREAS, Ed was appointed to the Morrisville Borough School District Board of School Directors in February 2005 and was elected by the citizens of Morrisville Borough to a full term on the Board in November, 2005; and

WHEREAS, within the School District, Ed was known for his sensitivity and commitment to students' needs, his dedication to after-school programs including plays and concerts, and his commitment to make a difference in the lives of students and colleagues.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morrisville Borough School District Board of Directors acknowledges its sense of loss for a colleague whose life of service to students and the community serves as an example for all of us as we work to make Morrisville a better place in which to live and Directs that a copy of this Resolution be affixed to the permanent minutes of the School District and that the Original be transmitted forthwith to the family of School Director Edward H. Frankenfield.

Adopted this 28th day of May 2008

Morrisville Borough School District  
Board of School Directors

Bill Hellmann  
President

Gloria Heater  
Treasurer

Robin Reithmeyer  
Member

Alfred Radosti  
Vice President

William M. Farrell  
Member

Brenda Worob  
Member

Marlys Mihok  
Secretary

Joseph Kemp  
Member

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***Mr. Bill Gulla from WRG Consulting Group gave a presentation on employee medical benefits, Express Scripts prescription benefits, group life insurance benefits, dental benefits and the proposed \$113,000 savings his company would offer to the district.***

***Mr. Fitzpatrick suggested that we appoint the broker of record subject to solicitor review with collective bargaining agreements.***

**1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

⇒ Athletic Accomplishments – *Dr. Yonson announced that the boys' baseball team and the girls' softball team are BAL division champions. Additionally, Coach Dave Vaccaro was named coach of the year along with Coach Ivan Colon. Several of the team players were named to the All League team. She presented certificates to all involved.*

⇒ This week in our Schools

**Elementary Report**

No report is available this month.

**Secondary Report**

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- The Festival of the Arts/Spring Concert was held on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Staff, parents and students enjoyed the performance and students' work.
- The Junior/Senior prom was held at The Buck Hotel on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The nominees in the court for the king were Brandon Pappalardo, Matt Evans, Chad Demi, Kyle Schnee, Juan Trejos and the nominees for the queen were Maggie Kalouch, Jessica Jordan, Jamie Demi, Kierra Williams and Janae Gonzalez. Brandon Pappalardo and Jamie Demi were crowned King and Queen of the 2008 prom.
- The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Service Learning Group held a Prom Challenge. Students were challenged to attend a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant Club for at least 30 days; be present and on time daily; and meet all school academic, attendance and disciplinary requirements. The winners of prom tickets were Chad Demi, Breanna Frazier, Nicole Kamann, Michael Tribbey, Jacob Walbridge, and Kaylee White.
- Schools will be closed on Memorial Day Observance which is May 26<sup>th</sup>.



**Tara Hutchinson, 53 Deiter Ave.**

I am disappointed that this board wants to cut special education funding. I understand that this district spends a lot of money on special ed funding; however, breaking the law is not an acceptable way to cut the funding. If you make this decision you will not be meeting student needs and parents will sue you. Who is going to pay for that – the taxpayers? I understand you have a difficult job to provide a quality education at a reasonable cost. Your job is not just the financial responsibilities. You have to ensure a quality education. The fact that I just graduated from a 4 year university and I am headed to law school – somebody did a good job. Prior school boards gave me and other students the opportunity to be successful – that is your primary job. I hope you will listen to the advice given to you by administration.

**Mark Coassolo 229 Melvin Ave. S.**

We should have a non-profit organization to help fund our district. It should have happened a long time ago. He read a portion of a letter he wrote to the BCIU that a 501c3 should have been established and that it should not be part of a strategic plan that is on paper only. This should be in place before the next school year. He asked if they know what the process is to get this rolling or could they meet to discuss it. He offered his services. I received a reply that the administration and board have incorporated this in the strategic plan and once the plan is approved steps could be implemented. That was not good enough. I do not appreciate being pushed out of this issue with a stern note from anyone. Words on the strategic plan are just words. I have offered my time and effort and I will not be put aside. This is the kind of response I get here. I suppose I should contact Harrisburg.

I'm still waiting to get a report on the substitute teacher suggestions. I have not heard anything.

**Kathy Panzitta, 401 Hillcrest**

My comments are not affiliated with my Borough Council involvement. In March the board voted 7-1 to adopt a resolution opposing high school assessments. It so happens there was an opinion in today's Courier Times on this matter. I am against this resolution. A diploma should be a diploma throughout every high school. In our traditional society you should be able to move a child from one district to another. Everyone should take the opportunity to reach out to the state and state your own opinion.

**Gary and Josh Taylor, Hamilton Blvd.**

Rev. Taylor came to the meeting tonight in support of special education. His son, Josh, accompanied him and demonstrated the abilities he has learned through the special needs education he has received. These kids have a future in our society and our town and I hope you take this into consideration when considering the special education budget. This town has a lot going for it and we need to raise our image with education. Special education funding will continue to rise and I think the new school would have helped us down the road. We have made some hard choices and

now we need to make other choices but I don't think special education should be one of them. Sometimes we ignore the progress of our students. I have watched the school score progress that has been presented here. I hope you will be able to find some solutions to continue the excellence in education that our teachers and administrators have provided.

**Ana Ramierez 10<sup>th</sup> Grader**

Your decisions affect every single student and faculty member that contributes to this school. You were elected by the residents to see this school progress. I instill my trust in you to provide a proper education. I intend to go onto a higher education. How can that happen when our school is portrayed as digressing rather than progressing? I may not know any of you personally, but I do know the administration and they do an extreme job. I would also like to see that through your actions.

**Ron Stout, 149 S. Delmorr**

After reading Kate Fratti's article I couldn't help think that a lot of elderly people will be planning the sale of their house because they can't afford the tax increase if they don't get rid of this overpriced failing school system. Pumping money into the school won't make a difference in the children's education. All it will do is bring in more teachers, aides and overpriced administrators to plan how to overspend our money. Why all the dragging about giving facts and figures on the health insurance? How much did the board cut from the budget without cutting one program? How much did we overpay on the bond loan? Wake up people.

**Mary Lou Freund, 205 Prospect**

As a concerned citizen over 60 I am concerned about the education our students will be receiving. My children and grandchildren graduated from Morrisville. Due to the quality education they received they have been admitted to schools such as LaSalle, Temple and Shippensburg. As the grandmother of a student who learns differently I recognize the need for continued special education services. Because of the services and programming she has received she looks forward to coming to school every day and learning. Don't take this away from the children who need the services we are required to provide for them.

**Sharon Hughes**

Condolences to the Frankenfields. 82% of the Morrisville people elected you to do things more fiscally sound. To me, having two principals for 440 students does not seem fiscally sound. One principal for 440 students should work.

What you are doing is not cutting special education but not increasing as much as administration would like you to. It's not a cut, but not raising as much. Morrisville spends more money than anyone in Bucks Co. to educate students. Morrisville cares about education but I think the money could be spent better. That's what you were elected to do. It's unfair that property taxes pay for

education. It hurts everyone. On June 2 there is a property tax rally at the Capitol Rotunda. Go and be heard. Ptcc.us is the website to get information. There is a serious push to abolish property taxes and increase sales tax – everyone would contribute.

**Damon Miller, 249 W. Franklin**

Check 34147 to Curtin and Heefner – is this for the review of Dr. Yonson’s contract? How much has been spent and what is the status of the contract? To Mrs. Mihok – how are we going to get a tax rebate for the money spent on the new school? The sports win, the student’s achievements, the art show, the concert and many of the residents speaks highly of Morrisville. Even though the board has a stance on a particular item, they need to realize they should step back and review it. We have to stop thinking about the building of a need school. You need to start thinking about everyone in this district. Let’s move on. I commend you on the costs on health care. If you are going to cut in special education that means you are cutting from the programs.

**John Centaviva, 467 Stockham**

He named a Bala Cynwyd attorney specializing in special education law and suggested the board might want to get to know his name if they under fund special education services. He will be fighting for federally mandate rights of special education services. He will want his fees paid when he wins. Parents only want what is best for their children. This school board was elected to stop the new school. It is uncaring and irresponsible to stop special education services.

**Jack Buckman, 617 Rutland**

Condolences to the Frankenfields. I currently use Delta Dental and Escripts and I have been happy so far. I believe in using the IU for special ed. It is possible that our administrators are overstating the need for services. Funding subsidies do not come in until after the money is spent and you don’t get 100% reimbursement. Being prudent is the best plan. Each student should have an IEP and the best plan is to mainstream the student if possible. Students do better when you raise the bar of expectation. Don’t over expect them to need more help than they need. Keep the cost down at the same time. You can do that by targeting your financial expenditures.

**John and Ann Perry, Fairview Ave.**

Mrs. Perry spoke in honor of Mr. Frankenfield. Ed gave the children of this district a voice. Mr. Frankenfield was honored with 3 minutes of silence.

**RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Members of the Board of School Directors will take this opportunity to respond to comments recently brought to the attention of the School Board.*

**Mr. Farrell**

He will not cut special education services. They are the students he is concerned about. All the services needed will be provided. If they are not he will leave. He is for education and in 1987 he suggested a merger would be the best fiscal remedy. Unfortunately, that did not happen.

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The state continues to come up with different types of tests to satisfy and prove themselves. NCLB is a disaster. Keep the politics out of education; keep education from the politics. I'm here for the kids. The Borough is in crisis and it started years ago. Let's move on for the survival of Morrisville.

There is zero trust between the board and administration. But I will speak my mind independently.

**Mr. Kemp**

501c3 – we are working on it.

Graduation assessments – I forwarded an email to everyone and I hope they filled it out and sent it along.

Special increase in the budget is based on the students we had this year.

Mr. Stout – it is not true that this is an overpriced failing school district.

Superintendent's contract – the review was incomplete and still up in the air.

Mr. Buckman – our administration is of the belief that every child is capable of learning. Our goal is to push each child to their potential.

**Mrs. Reithmeyer**

Tara Hutchinson -- Congratulations on your graduation and goal of law school.

Joshua Taylor – thank you for speaking.

Special education – these are not cuts but increases. Mrs. Myers qualified clearly our needs at the first budget meeting. Any lawsuits will be paid by the taxpayers.

Check 34147 was for Dr. Yonson's contract review.

Mrs. Perry, thank you for your thoughts on Mr. Frankenfield.

**Marlys Mihok**

I would like to express my sympathy for the Frankenfield family.

Special education costs – The administration wants an 11.59% increase = \$228,000. The board wants a 7% increase = \$137,000. This is an increase; not a cut. We want to reduce the increase. We have not cut programs. We have increased programs and money to the programs.

Charter schools -- Administration wants a 75% increase = \$147,000. The board wants a 45% = \$88,271. It is a reduction in the increase.

Alternative schools – Administration wants a 51% increase = \$211,000. The board wants a 24% increase = \$114,210. We are not cutting special education, charter schools or alternative schools – we are cutting the increase.

501c3 – this is on the agenda tonight and I will do my best to get this approved.

Mr. Miller, you will hear from me and the board in the June meeting.

**Mrs. Heater**

I refer to our Solicitor on the legality of the budget. I will not vote for a budget that is illegal or would harm any party that will come back to us. I don't have trust in anyone which is part of my resignation as Treasurer. I need more information on these programs. I don't like the negative publicity. I don't like that Mr. Hellmann has said a number of times not to invest in our town. We have to stop fighting; we can't keep doing this. We are moving too slow. We need to renovate and restore.

**Mrs. Worob**

Extended her condolences to the Frankenfield family. He will surely be missed. Congratulations to Tara Hutchinson. Thank you Josh Taylor for speaking; it was very special. Special education – I think Marlys explained that clearly. We should perhaps revisit the special education issues in the budget. We should ask the Solicitor if we are doing anything illegal. I hope that we can provide the students with a quality education while striking a balance.

501c3 – Are we moving forward with this? Dr. Yonson stated she has been talking about this since she came to the district. It is part of the Strategic Plan and if the board approves it we will be able to move forward. Substitute teachers – Ms. Taylor did give a response to this. A committee was formed, there is a plan and it is currently in place.

**Mr. Hellmann**

I take most of the criticism for the budget. I know education is important; I have 3 children of my own. I am not against education one iota. These are not cuts; they are reductions of what administration asked for. They give us their wish list and we deal with it. We have until June 25 to keep working on the budget. We could go out to referendum and what the town wants we will do. This year we will have a tax reduction from the defeasance. Next year we are looking at a 45 mill increase. We just reduced the requests. We are not going to do anything illegal. Everyone needs to realize we have a crisis here. I am looking for accountability, efficiency and competition.

**Dr. Yonson**

You are absolutely correct; Mr. Hellman. However, Dr. Yonson stated this is not a wish list. There was no fluff in that budget. However, many children with special needs are moving into the district. In special education alone we will have 9 children coming in from preschool which will cost \$200,000. We must honor IEP requirements. I took an oath to uphold the constitution of the state of Pennsylvania which states each child in the Commonwealth is entitled to a free and appropriate education. I told you a couple months ago about the number of special needs students that have moved into our schools this year. In the last month we had a charter school child enroll which was not budgeted. I will do everything I can to follow the budget you pass.

This is an excellent district and we are moving ahead. As I have said, we still need improvement in our high school. We give every child a rigorous education. Our staff has been working very hard to achieve this.

Mrs. Heater, you made a statement that you double check everything administration does. I don't want the community to think that. Mr. Farrell, since you shared the 0 trust factor and you have everything that we do checked, we have given you everything that you needed and we have never denied anything except what is prohibited by law. We have given you all the numbers on special education that we can. You received a copy of the letter we received from the state saying we are not permitted to give you the information you requested. Mrs. Heater commented that the 0 trust comes from the disciplines for the education and business fields. Every year we are audited and they go through things with a fine tooth comb. Never once have we gotten anything but the highest ratings in our audits.

Mrs. Mihok, I am disappointed that the information Mr. Miller asked for will be at the June 25 meeting. As the Superintendent I would really like to know where I stand.

**Ms. Taylor**

Regarding the need for a replacement principal -- I'm in education 37 years and I have never worked as hard as I have in Morrisville. It's about the business of education. When I taught I had up to 75 kids; I have administrated in buildings with up to 800 kids. That's not what it is now. We have before school and after school programs. We have grants that take hours and hours of work. We have more needy students than we have ever had. We have parents who are overwhelmed with needs and they need presence and they need relationships. Not only are you setting me up for failure, but you are setting the teachers and the students up for failure. It is inappropriate and I am concerned about the future of the district. I hear we don't care about the kids we only care about the dollar sign. It's bigger than the dollar sign. With no disrespect, if you don't know education and you are not there every day you are clueless about what goes on every day. I can not do two buildings.

**Mrs. Reithmeyer**

I came to the art show and the talent show ad wow it was such a good time. The kids were having such a good time you get drug into it. It was very enjoyable; come out and support the kids.

**Mrs. Worob**

A group of us attended the prom and it was quite enjoyable.

*An executive session was held this evening on a personnel matter. Mrs. Reithmeyer noted there was an executive session held last week regarding personnel and asked that in the future she would like to be notified.*

Addition to agenda:

The Board approved a motion to adopt the memorial resolution for Mr. Frankenfield read by Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by all; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

**2.1. Approval of Minutes**

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2008 monthly business meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

## **2.2. Approval of Minutes**

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2008 monthly business meeting of the Board of School Directors, as amended.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a voice vote of 6 ayes 1 abstention. Member abstaining was Mrs. Worob.

*Mrs. Reithmeyer noted on page I item 4 it should read education committee instead of finance committee.*

## **2.3. Approval of Minutes**

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2008 special meeting of the Board of School Directors, as amended.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes. Amendment accepted.

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

### **INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **3.1. Approval, Resignation of Board Treasurer**

The Board presented a motion to accept the resignation of Mrs. Gloria Heater from the position of Board Treasurer, effective May 28, 2008.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Kemp.

*After a discussion explaining that Mrs. Heater's term would expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Heather withdrew her resignation. This motion was tabled.*

The Board tabled motion 3.1. Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

### **3.2. Election, Board Treasurer**

This item has been placed on the agenda because of a resignation and the School Code 404 requirement to elect a Treasurer annually during the month of May to serve for one year beginning the first day of the following July.

#### **Nomination of Candidate(s) for Treasurer to the Board of School Directors**

The President of the Board of School Directors solicits nominations of candidate(s) for Treasurer to the Board of School Directors.

Mr. Kemp nominated Reba Dunford  
Mrs. Worob nominated Mr. Farrell (declined)  
Mrs. Mihok nominated Mrs. Worob

#### **Close Nominations of Candidate(s)**

#### **Appointment/Election of Treasurer to the Board of School Directors**

A roll call vote was taken for the nominees:

Mrs. Dunford – 5 nays; 2 ayes. Members voting nay were Messrs. Farrell and Mr. Hellmann ~~Kemp~~; Mrs. Mihok, Mrs. Worob and Mrs. Heater. Members voting aye were Mr. Kemp and Mrs. Reithmeyer.

Mrs. Worob – 7 ayes.

The Board approved a motion to elect and appoint Brenda Worob as Treasurer to the Board of School Directors, to serve May 29, 2008 until June 30, 2009. Compensation for this office is \$250 per year.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Kemp; approved by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

*Mrs. Worob offered to donate her stipend to the district.*

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**3.1.1. Approval, Designation of Bank Depositories**

**3.1.1.a. Wachovia Bank**

The Pennsylvania School code mandates the Board of School Directors pass a resolution authorizing the depository of school funds for the school year 2008-2009.

The Board approved a motion to approve that accounts in the name of the School District of Borough of Morrisville be with Wachovia Bank. Said bank is hereby authorized to make payment of funds on these accounts according to checks, drafts, notes of acceptance of the School District of Borough of Morrisville signed manually or with a facsimile signature by William Hellmann, President; Alfred Radosti, Vice President; Brenda Worob, Treasurer; and Marlys Mihok, Secretary, including checks drawn to his or their own order.

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William Hellmann, President

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Alfred Radosti, Vice President

And

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Treasurer

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Marlys Mihok, Secretary

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Hellmann; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

**3.1.1.b. Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust**

The Pennsylvania School code mandates the Board of School Directors pass a resolution authorizing the depository of school funds for the school year 2008-2009.

The Board approved a motion to approve that accounts in the name of the School District of Borough of Morrisville be with Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust. Said institution is hereby authorized to make payment of funds on these accounts according to checks, drafts, notes of acceptance of the School District of Borough of Morrisville signed manually or with a facsimile signature by William Hellmann, President; Alfred Radosti, Vice President; Brenda Worob, Treasurer; and Marlys Mihok, Secretary, including checks drawn to his or their own order.

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William Hellman, President Alfred Radosti, Vice President

And

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Treasurer Marlys Mihok, Secretary

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

**3.1.1.c. Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)**

The Pennsylvania School code mandates the Board of School Directors pass a resolution authorizing the depository of school funds for the school year 2008-2009.

The Board approved a motion to approve that accounts in the name of the School District of Borough of Morrisville be with PSDLAF and PA Invest. Said bank is hereby authorized to make payment of funds on these accounts according to checks, drafts, notes of acceptance of the School District of Borough of Morrisville signed manually or with a facsimile signature by William Hellmann, President; Alfred Radosti, Vice President; Brenda Worob, Treasurer; and Marlys Mihok, Secretary, including checks drawn to his or their own order.

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William Hellmann, President

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Alfred Radosti, Vice President

And

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Treasurer

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Marlys Mihok, Secretary

*Mr. Hellmann commented that this is managed by RBC Capital Markets which also managed our bond issue which he thought was significantly overcharged. He would like account removed. Mrs. Dunford commented that if the board does this all of our eggs would be in one basket. Therefore, the board amended this motion as noted. Dr. Yonson cautioned the Board to consider this in a business manner. Mr. Hellmann suggested the funds be moved when they mature. Mrs. Dunford will investigate. Mrs. Mihok has a problem with this being called a vendetta. If Bristol Borough is charged less – is this a vendetta?*

*Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed as amended by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes. Amendment accepted.*

**3.1.1.d. PNC Bank**

The Pennsylvania School code mandates the Board of School Directors pass a resolution authorizing the depository of school funds for the school year 2008-2009.

The Board approved a motion to approve that accounts in the name of the School District of Borough of Morrisville be with PNC Bank. Said bank is hereby authorized to make payment of funds on these accounts according to checks, drafts, notes of acceptance of the School District of Borough of Morrisville signed manually or with a facsimile signature by William Hellmann, President; Alfred Radosti, Vice President; Brenda Worob, Treasurer; and Marlys Mihok, Secretary, including checks drawn to his or their own order.

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William Hellmann, President

or

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Alfred Radosti, Vice President

And

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Treasurer

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Marlys Mihok, Secretary

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

### **3.3. Approval, Resignations**

The Board approved a motion to accept the resignations, with regret, for the individuals listed below.

<b>Individual</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
David Cylinder	Natl. Jr. Honor Society Advisor	6/16/08
Charlene Bolos	Paraeducator	6/16/08

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Hellmann; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

### **3.4. Approval, Appointments**

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointments listed below:

- 3.4.a. **Aigen Lenox** as a full time one-to-one paraprofessional. Salary in accordance with district policy group II at \$11.42/hour, effective 5/20/08. This position was approved 1/23/08.
- 3.4.b. **Amanda Matika** as a full time paraprofessional. Salary in accordance with district policy group II at \$11.42/hour, effective May 12, 2008 until May 19, 2008. This is a replacement for Charlene Bolos.
- 3.4.c. The Board approved a motion to approve the hiring of per diem substitutes, as needed, during the 2007-2008 school year. Compensation will be in accordance with district policy #429 and Group II policy. **Melissa Mazur Rhonda Wilkinson Kimberly Super**
- 3.4.d. **Richard Boats** to continue in position as long substitute elementary teacher for the 2008-2009 school year. Placement on the salary schedule will be at B level, Step OB = \$43,532 (replaces Mrs. Conforti).
- 3.4.e. **Karen Bondi** as a full time non-instructional substitute paraeducator effective May 20, 2008 until end of current school year. Compensation will be in accordance with group 2 policy @\$10.82/hour. This appointment is the result of a temporary reassignment.

*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. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

### **3.5. Approval, Appointment of Summer Maintenance and Custodial Staff**

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Hellmann; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

**3.5.a. Summer Student Maintenance**

The Board approved a motion to hire four (4) students to work in the summer to assist the maintenance and custodial staff at a rate of \$7.15 per hour.

**McKenna Markgraf          Mark Agazarian          Jamie Schlosser          Ruben Bresnen**

— Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Hellmann; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes. (removed because of duplication)

**3.5.b. Supervisors for Summer Student Employees**

The Board approved a motion to hire two (2) individuals to work in the summer to assist the student maintenance and custodial staff at a rate of \$10.83 per hour in accordance with policy #2411.

**Donna Colon          Pam Velez**

*This was done last summer and worked well.*

**3.5.c. Approval, Summer Substitute Custodial Help**

The Board approved a motion to approve the following district employees as custodial substitutes to fill in for vacationing employees during the summer at the rate of \$10.83 per hour in accordance with policy #2411.

**Sandy Buzby          Tom Turbert**

**3.6. Approval, Summer Guidance Clerical Services**

The Board approved a motion to approve an additional 10 days (70 hours) of clerical service for the guidance office. The compensation for this item is approximately \$1,000.00.

*This is done each year because extra help is used for college transcripts, etc.*

**3.7. REAPPOINTMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL/NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PARAEDUCATORS**

*Salary and benefits in compliance with District Policy Option II. Administration reserves the privilege of reassignment of these positions as deemed necessary. All appointments are contingent upon meeting qualifications for paraeducator.*

The following individuals are presented for re-appointment for the 2008-2009 school year:

<b><u>Elementary</u></b>			
<b><u>Individual</u></b>	<b><u>Grandview Assignment</u></b>	<b><u>Individual</u></b>	<b><u>Reiter Assignment</u></b>
Sandy Buzby	Full Time	Lisa Castillo	Full Time
Elizabeth Basdeo	Full Time	Donna Colon	Full Time
Angel Stamps	Full Time	Pam Velez	Full Time
Karen Rue	Full Time	Natasha Thomas	Full Time
Ana Ramirez	Full Time	Jay Patel	Full Time
Ed Parkinson	Full Time	Corey Latch	Full Time (one-to-one)
Cindy Schnee	Full Time	<del>Sally Spencer</del>	<del>Full Time</del>
Vacant	Full Time	Barbara Waldron	Full Time
Vacant	Full Time	Debbie Buttmer	Full Time

Kelly Marlin	Full Time (one-to-one)
Kathleen White	Full Time (Pre-K Counts)
Carol Lang	Full Time
Kelly Cahill	Full Time
Judy Forest	Full Time
Melissa Pilla	Full Time

**Secondary**

Barbara Bucuy	Full Time Office Aide	John Hubiak	Full Time Non-Instructional
Patricia Evans	Full Time Instructional	Louise Lewis	Full Time Instructional
Maria Woolston	Full Time Instructional	Joann Schlosser	Full Time Non-Instructional
Ivan Colon	Full Time Instructional	Beth Tusina	Full Time Non-Instructional
Patti Ebert	Full Time Non-Instructional	Georgette Davis	Full Time S E
Colleen Nay	Full Time Instructional	Aigen Lenox	Full Time One-on-One

The Board approved a motion to appoint the individuals as listed above for the 2008-2009 school year. Salary and benefits in compliance with District Policy Option II.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

**3.8. 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>
Pamela Montanya	Understanding the Effects of Age & Development on Motor Performance	CA State East Bay Univ.	2	\$225
Pamela Montanya	Motivating Youth in Sport & Performance Activities	CA State East Bay Univ.	2	\$225
Mary Killion	Assess. Techniques	Gratz	3	\$835
Pamela Montanya	Promoting Health Through Physical Activity	CA State East Bay Univ.	2	\$225
Dennis Rodgers	Brain Based Teaching	Gratz	3	\$835
Erica Poland	Tchg. The Gifted Child	Univ. of Scranton	3	1225.79

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Hellmann; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

**3.9. Approval, Renewal of Extra-Curricular Programs**

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

**3.9.a. Approval, Continue Summer Band Program**

The Board approved a motion to continue the summer band program for the 2008-2009 school year. Stipend remains \$900.

**3.9.b. Approval, Continue Weight Room Program**

The Board approved a motion to continue the position of weight room supervisor for 2008-2009. Stipend remains \$2,700.

**3.9.c. Approval, Continue J. V. Baseball Coach Position**

The Board approved a motion to continue the position of JV baseball coach position for 2008-2009. *Contingent upon sufficient student interest.* Stipend remains \$1,950.

**3.9.d. Approval, Continue Varsity Cross Country Team**

The Board approved a motion to continue the Varsity Cross Country Team for the 2008-2009 school year. *Contingent upon sufficient student interest.* Stipend remains \$2,350.

**3.9.e. Approval, Continue 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Team**

The Board approved a motion to continue the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team for the 2008-2009 school year. Stipend remains \$1,950. *Contingent upon sufficient student interest.*

**3.9.f. Approval, After School Technology Center**

The Board approved a motion to approve the staffing of the Technology Center at the Middle/Senior High School, after school Monday through Thursday, not to exceed 4 hours/week 1/hour/day at the MEA contract curriculum rate of \$22.00 for the 2008-2009 school year or until such time as low technology center utilization results in an elimination or reduction of service.

**3.9.g. Approval, Continuation of the AM/PM Detention Program**

The Board approved a motion to continue the AM/PM Detention Program for the 2008-2009 school year. Salary is in accordance with MEA contract curriculum rate of \$22.00.

**3.10. Approval, Extra-Curricular Appointments**

The Board approved a motion to appoint the following individuals to extra-curricular activities for 2008-09:

Michael Scott .....	Elementary Band Director .....	1,000
Michael Scott .....	Secondary Band Director .....	2,925
John Hubiak .....	Athletic Director .....	5,000
Jim Gober.....	Varsity Football Coach.....	4,275
Demetrius Roberts .....	Assistant Varsity Football Coach.....	2,700
Atiim Bowman.....	Assistant Varsity Football Coach.....	2,700
Rich Poland.....	Boys Varsity Basketball Coach.....	3,675
Anthony Gencarelli.....	Boys JV Basketball Coach.....	2,325
David Howell.....	Girls Varsity Basketball Coach.....	3,450
Danielle Blisko .....	Girls JV Basketball Coach.....	2,175
Kevin Cox .....	Boys Middle School Basketball Coach.....	1,950
Bruce Campbell .....	Girls Middle School Basketball Coach.....	1,950
Catherine Howell.....	Varsity/JV Cheerleading Coach.....	1,950
Karen McDonal.....	Middle School Cheerleading Coach.....	1,500
Dave Vaccaro.....	Varsity Baseball Coach.....	2,625

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Sean Haines.....	Asst. Varsity Baseball Coach.....	1,950
Dan Fox .....	Middle School Baseball Coach.....	1,950
Michele Riley.....	Varsity Field Hockey Coach.....	2,625
Jessica Bateman .....	Assistant Varsity Field Hockey Coach.....	1,950
Erica Schabert.....	Middle School Field Hockey Coach.....	1,950
Drew King.....	Middle School Soccer Coach.....	1,950
Sean Haines.....	Varsity Soccer Coach.....	2,625
Drill Team Coach.....	Donna Wilson .....	1,000
Dan Fox .....	Varsity Bowling Coach .....	2,625
Ivan Colon.....	Varsity Softball Coach .....	2,625
Rich Poland.....	Asst. Varsity Softball Coach .....	1,950
Bernie Derby.....	Middle School Softball Coach .....	1,950

The following appointments are contingent upon renewal of the programs in motion 3.9

Elvin Velez .....	Cross Country Coach .....	\$2,350
Jim Gober.....	Weight Room Supervisor .....	2,700
John Hubiak .....	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach .....	1,950
Michael Scott .....	Summer Band Director .....	900
Drew King.....	J V Baseball Coach .....	1,950
Traci Coley .....	After School Technology .....	\$22/hr.

*All appointments are contingent upon completion of required employment documentation*

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

*At the current time there are 4-6 students on the drill team.*

**3.11. Approval, Leave of Absence**

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

**3.11.a.** The Board approved a motion to continue an unpaid child rearing leave of absence for Mrs. Kim Conforti for the 2008-2009 school year.

**3.11.b.** The Board approved a motion to approve a maternity leave for Mrs. Michele McCann effective September 8, 2009 immediately followed by an unpaid child rearing leave until January 29, 2009.

**3.11.c.** The Board approved a motion to approve an unpaid child rearing leave for Mrs. Christie Nemeth, effective August 27, 2009 until November 19, 2008.

**4. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS** Joe Kemp, Chairperson

The Education Committee presents the following items for consideration.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**4.1. Approval, Proposed New Textbooks**

The following textbooks have been submitted for Board approval for use commencing September 2008.

The Board approved a motion to approve the adoption of the textbooks listed.

**Science**

The Nature of Science and Technology – science – Grade 6 - Pearson/Publisher – 2009

Environmental Science – science – grade 6 - Pearson/Publisher – 2009

Astronomy – science – grade 6 Pearson/Publisher – 2009

Chemical Building – science – grade 6 - Pearson/Publisher – 2009

Biology – science- -grade 10 – Holt, Rinehart and Winston/Publisher – 2008

**Math**

Advanced Mathematical Concepts: Precalculus with Application – HS-Glencoe/Publisher 2006

Holt Mathematics Course 1–grade 6 – Holt Rinehart & Winston/Publisher – 2007

Holt Mathematics Course 2 – grade 7 - Holt Rinehart & Winston/Publisher – 2007

Holt Mathematics Course 3 – grade 8 - Holt Rinehart & Winston/Publisher – 2007

Moved by Mr. Kemp; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes. Mrs. Reithmeyer stepped out of the room.....*These are budgeted items.*

**4.2. Approval, Social Worker Services**

The Board approved a motion to approve the continuation of an agreement with Family Services Association of Bucks County for Social Worker Services. The Social Worker will provide individual, group and family counseling, and case management services for students at both elementary schools three (3) days per week. This program begins in September 2008 and will end in August 31, 2009.

The cost of these services is \$10,000. This item will be paid by the School District. We expect to be reimbursed by the Bucks County Intermediate Unit through Federal I.D.E.A. Funding. ***Approval of this item is contingent upon the I.D.E.A. funding and review and approval of the contract by the Solicitor.***

*(This cost is the same as last year)*

Moved by Mr. Kemp; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

**4.3. Approval, PEACE Center Agreement**

The Board approved a motion to approve an Agreement with the Peace Center for the 2008-2009 school year consisting of peer mediation, peace awareness day and choices program. The District's portion of this program is \$8,700. Funding through ACCESS funds. *(contingent upon review of Solicitor)*

Moved by Mr. Kemp; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes.

*This has been a very successful program.*

**4.4. Approval, Healthy Farms and Healthy Schools Grant**

The Board approved a motion to approve the Healthy Farms and Healthy Schools Grant in the amount of \$15,000.

Moved by Mr. Kemp; seconded by Mr. Hellmann; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

*This is related to the healthy foods program.*

**4.5. Approval, Class of 2008**

The Board approved a motion to approve the Class of 2008, as attached, as being eligible for graduation and a high school diploma, provided they meet the scholastic requirements for graduation. Further, they must account for all financial obligations necessary for graduation and have complied with the various school regulations prior to graduation.

*See next page*

Moved by Mr. Kemp; seconded by Mrs. Reithmeyer; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes (Mrs. Heater stepped out of the room).

*Congratulations to the  
Class of 2008*

Rachel Robin Amoss  
Ivana D. Barbosa  
Jorge Luis Beltre  
Deanna Marie Benoist  
Elizabeth Beyer  
Genevieve E. Bilikiewicz  
Brandon H. Bornea  
Andrew Jeffrey Brake  
Veronica Brandon  
Michael Ryan Brookins  
Miranda Ann Burns  
Sharnell Mone't Bussey  
Brittany Nicole Caldwell  
Ryan Michael Canto  
Benjamin Caulkins  
Kimberly Charles  
Anthony J. Cookson, Jr.  
Sarah Elizabeth Craighead  
David A. Crist, Jr.  
Christina Marie Doan  
Danielle Rose Duncan  
Breana Frazier  
Heather L. Gallant  
Nansea Ernia Girardi  
Krysta Good  
Heather Lynne Graf  
Ronald William Helm, Jr.  
John Edward Holovich, Jr.  
Justin Headley Howell  
Shaquanna D. Jackson  
Jerod C. Jenkins  
Alfonzo M. Johnson  
Colin Johnson  
John M. Jones  
David Kemery  
John Kliesh

Robert M. Kominsky  
Andrew Morris Kropnick  
Jason Robinson Lawrence  
Johnna L. Locher  
Thomas Antonio Lomax  
Terence R. McClees  
Emmanuel Martinez  
Matthew J. Miller  
Alexis Ivy Montero  
Jonah Buddy McKinley Moore, Jr.  
Jasmine Murray  
Sarah Kay O'Connor  
Joel J. Parson  
Joelle Victoria Peterson-Spann  
Scott Polonoli  
Jody Wyanna Pour  
Lauren Ramos  
Alberto A. Reyes  
Chelsea Eileen Roberts  
Elisabeth Anne Rosenwasser  
Susan M. Rounds  
Erick John Ruscitti  
Jonathan M. Ruthrauff  
Ernest Andrew Santone  
Jamie Lynn Schlosser  
George W. Souyack  
Scott William Souyack  
Barbara A. Steele  
Samanatha Tarah Taylor  
Kasheef Thomas  
Tatianna Yeseli Torres  
Christine M. Traub  
Michael Eugene Tribbey  
Michael A. Walker  
De'Sean Watson  
Sharif Marcel Wilson  
Ashley Noel Woodhouse

**4.6. Approval, 2008-2014 Strategic Plan**

The Board approved a motion to approve the 2008-2014 Strategic Plan.

Moved by Mr. Kemp; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

*The only revision was a minor issue under facilities. The grant writer would be hired on a commission basis.*

- 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. Bucks County Comprehensive Technical School Budget for 2008-2009**

The Board TABLED a motion to approve the Bucks County Comprehensive Technical School Budget for 2008-2009.

Move to table by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

*Mr. Hellmann requested this be tabled. He received information late in the afternoon and has not had a chance to review it. Mr. Kemp asked that the information be shared with the board. Mrs. Mihok remarked that she does not think that we should spend an extra \$2,000 per student.*

**5.2. Approval, Bucks Co. Intermediate Unit #22 Cooperative Purchasing Bid**

The Board approved a motion to authorize the Business Administrator to purchase the following items/supplies as budgeted in the 2008-2009 budget from the lowest responsible bidder as set forth in the I.U. Cooperative Purchasing Bid for example:

Audio-Visual	Custodial Supplies	Fuel
Office Supplies	Paper	Printer Cartridges
Sound Field Systems		

Plus any other item that would be beneficial for the District to purchase under the I.U. cooperative purchasing bids.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

*Mr. Farrell was irate about the increase in the cost of fuel of \$22,000 in one day. Mrs. Dunford advised that this will be a fixed price for the year.*

**5.3. Approval, Engineering Proposal**

The Board approved a motion to approve the proposal for engineering services from Wick, Fisher, and White, Consulting Engineers to provide the bid specifications for the electrical safety issues mentioned in their report dated January 30, 2008. The total cost for this work is \$30,000 plus reimbursable expenses and additional hourly rates for additional services if needed. **Hourly rate for additional work, as needed by change order only.**

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Mihok ~~Mrs. Reithmeyer~~; passed by a roll call vote of 5 ayes; 2 nays. Mrs. Heater voted yes with reservations on the change order. Mrs. Reithmeyer voted no. Mr. Kemp voted no because he thought the process was flawed.

*Mr. Kemp asked if we would have been reimbursed if we went through the PlanCon process. Mrs. Dunford replied yes. This is the cost only for the specifications.*

*Mr. Hellmann suggested that this motion be amended to include the following phrase in the motion. Hourly rate for additional work, as needed by change order only. .*

**5.4. Approval, Boiler Replacement**

The Board approved a motion to instruct that the Business Administrator to prepare a bid for the replacement of the following boilers in the District:

- A. Boilers at Grandview Elementary School
- B. Boilers at MR Reiter Elementary School
- C. Boilers at the Middle/High School

Mr. Hellmann moved this motion for item c only; seconded by Mrs. Worob

Mrs. Worob asked that the entire motion be put on the table for discussion. Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

*Mrs. Worob asked Mr. Lastichen if one of the elementary boilers was just replaced. He replied that it was not the boiler but the hot water heater. Mr. Lastichen advised that the boilers are beyond their useful life.*

*Mr. Hellmann commented that his problem is that the board has not decided which schools will stay open. The high school building is definitely going to stay open. Mr. Hellmann would like to approve item c this evening. Mrs. Reithmeyer suggested tabling the entire motion.*

*Mrs. Worob informed that last night the Community Action Plan meeting was held. About 25-30 individuals participated. Mrs. Perotti facilitated and did a wonderful job. One of the important matters discussed was the facilities and what we are going to do with the buildings. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>. She suggested tabling this motion until after the next meeting. Mrs. Reithmeyer advised that this is just to go out to bid, not to have the work done. Mr. Farrell would like to see a natural gas conversion in the high school. Mr. Lastichen stated that we definitely need an engineering to spec this work and this process would be costly. Mr. Hellmann suggested we do a motion to have Wick come in a spec the work. Mr. Kemp it should go out to bid. Mrs. Worob agreed it should go to bid.*

#### Addition to agenda

Mr. Hellmann made a motion to instruct the Business Administrator to prepare a bid for the engineering specs. for the boilers at all 3 schools both oil and gas.

Moved by Mr. Hellman; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

#### **5.5. Approval, Telephone System Replacement**

The Board approved a motion to accept the proposal of Phone America for the replacement of the District's telephone system in the amount of \$26,660 plus a carrier cost of \$9,648 for the year 2008-2009. For the subsequent years only the carrier cost will continue.

Moved by Mr. Hellman; seconded by Mrs. Reithmeyer; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

*Mr. Barrone advised that we would save \$13,000 in the first year. The second year is \$38,000. Mrs. Reithmeyer thanked Mr. Barone.*

#### **5.6. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Audit Services**

The Board approved a motion to instruct the Business Administrator to prepare a RFP for auditing services.

Moved by Mr. Hellman; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

*Mr. Hellmann suggested we get quotes for 1, 3 and 5 years.*

**5.7. Water Heater**

The water heater at Grandview became inoperable and had to be replaced immediately. We requested three proposals and selected the lowest responsible proposal.

<b>Mack Industries</b>	<b>\$6,196</b>
Union Boiler Works	\$8,975
Mormando's	\$6,684

The Board approved a motion to approve the proposal from Mack Industries for the replacement of the water heater at Grandview Elementary.

Moved by Mr. Hellman; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

**5.8. Approval Activity Account**

The Board approved a motion to approve the establishment of the Color Guard Activity Account. Mrs. Donna Wilson is the sponsor of the Color Guards.

Moved by Mr. Hellman; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

*This is an activity account, required by code, to deposit fund raiser funds for uniforms.*

**5.9. 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 Disbursement: (4/23/08 – 5/21/08)	\$ 115,474.61
Athletic Fund (5/7/08 – 5/19/08)	1,978.00
Cafeteria Fund: (April)	42,137.12
Accounts Payable (5/29/08)	446,450.93
Capital Projects	-0-
Capital Reserve	-0-
Procurement Cards (April)	10,754.75
Payroll & Benefits (April)	<u>813,650.46</u>
<b>TOTAL BILLS</b>	<b>\$1,430,445.87</b>

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by roll call vote of 7 ayes. Mrs. Reithmeyer approved the bills with the exception of check 34147 for the review of Dr. Yonson's contract because the lawyer wouldn't talk to her.

*Mrs. Mihok advised that she had asked for individual receipts for the procurement card expenditures. Mrs. Dunford ~~She~~ showed a sample of the large amount of paperwork involved with this request and asked for agreement*

from 5 board members to compile this information. Additionally, two business office staff members were on vacation. Mrs. Mihok stated she would come to the office to go over this information. Dr. Yonson commented that if we dropped what we were doing every time a board member asked for something we would get nothing done. This is a board of 9 not 1. Mr. Hellmann suggested that on an individual basis a board member request a sample.

## **6. SPECIAL EDUCATION**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **6.1. Approval, Summer Psychological Services**

The Board approved a motion to extend the psychological services for 10 additional days during the summer of 2008. The cost of these services is \$250/day for a total of \$2,500 and will be funded by IDIEA and/or Access funds.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

#### **6.2. Approval, Lehigh University Internship Contract**

The Board approved a motion to approve a contract with Lehigh University for Intern services for 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$10,000 (funded by IDIEA funds). (*contingent upon review of Solicitor*)

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

#### **6.3. Approval, Approval of Behavioral Support Specialist**

The Board approved a motion to approve ABA behavioral support for 7.5 hours a week for a six week summer program. It is proposed that we continue to have Michelle Martin deliver these services at the rate of \$17/hour (*funding through IDIEA funds*).

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

#### **6.4. Approval, Extended School Year Program Needs**

In order to address the extended school years the following services need to be continued for an 8 week summer program.

The Board approved a motion to approve

- One behavioral specialist/consultant: Janice Melchiondo at \$75/hour for 6 hrs/month.
- Two behavioral support positions: Jenny Morris at \$17/hour and Elizabeth Cipriano at \$25/hour not to exceed 30 hours per week for this 8 week ESY program. (*Funding through IDIEA funds*)

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

*Dr. Yonson advised that this is a continuation of IEP services. Mr. Hellmann asked why the discrepancy in hourly rate. Dr. Yonson advised due to their experience.*

**6.5. Approval, Agreement with Buxmont Academy**

The Board approved a motion to approve an agreement with Buxmont Academy for alternative education placement for the 2008-2009 school year. Per diem cost for regular education students is \$100.75/day; special education services \$110.75/day. (*contingent upon review of Solicitor*)

*Mr. Hellmann would like this put out to bid. Dr. Yonson explained that each agency has different services specialized for student needs. The needs of the student are considered for placement.*

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6 ayes. Mrs. Mihok was out of the room.

**6.6. Approval, Agreement with Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 for Special Education Administrative Services.**

The Board approved a motion to approve the agreement with Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 for special educational administrative services for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$110,000. (*contingent upon review of Solicitor*)

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

Mr. Hellmann moved TO TABLE this motion; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; tabled by a roll call vote of 5 ayes; 2 nays. Members voting nay were Mrs. Reithmeyer and Mr. Kemp.

*Mr. Hellmann would like to put this position out for interview. He would like to see what else is out there. Dr. Yonson stated we would not be able to hire anyone for under \$100,000. Mr. Hellmann indicated Mrs. Myers is welcome to apply. Dr. Yonson stated Mrs. Myers is an IU employee. Dr. Yonson stated that the IU has been very generous to us. Benefits for one person are 20-30% of a salary. Dr. Yonson stated this will not be simple.*

**ADDITION TO AGENDA**

Mr. Hellmann made a motion to advertise for the position of Pupil Personnel Director for \$100,000 plus benefits.

*Mrs. Reithmeyer asked Mr. Hellmann if he understood that each child is entitled to certain specific services. He replied that he did.*

*Mr. Kemp commented that he does not like the way this disparages Mrs. Myers.*

*Mr. Hellmann stated he is not going to discuss it. He has already gotten ideas from other people how to do things differently. Mrs. Mihok said when we went out for health insurance bids we got better costs. We are going to see what is out there. Dr. Yonson asked who is going to interview for this position; would it be her team? Mr. Hellmann replied yes. Mrs. Worob added but the board hires.*

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Worob; passed by a roll call vote of 5 ayes 2 nays. Members voting nay were Mrs. Reithmeyer and Mr. Kemp.

## **7. POLICY COMMITTEE**

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **7.1. Approval, Revisions to District Policies**

The following policies were reviewed by the Policy Committee several months ago; however, they were overlooked when other policies were presented for approval.

The Board approved a motion to approve the policies listed below.

119	Current Events	120	Human Development Program
121-AR-1	Field Trips	201	Admission of Beginners
319	Outside Activities	320	Rescind
349	Retirement Incentive	351	Drug and Substance Abuse
420	Rescind	435	FMLA
435-AR	FMLA	604	Budget Adoption
613	Cooperative Purchasing	614	Payroll Authorization
615	Payroll Deductions	616.1	Sales Tax
616	Payment of Claims	617	Petty Cash
618.1	Modified Accrual System	618.2	Rescind
618	Student Activity Accts.	619	District Audit – Public
620	Final Fund Balance Proj. Date	621	Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights
622	GASB Statement 34	701	Facilities Planning
813.1	Group Ins. Budgeting/Accounting	2411	Substitute Custodian

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Reithmeyer; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

## **8. LIAISON REPORTS**

- a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School – No report
- b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Mrs. Mihok – no report

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

*From the Legislative News May 15, 2008*

**SB 1281** would amend the Public School Code to consider a child who moves out of state as a result of a military deployment, other than training, to be a resident of the parent's home district, as long as the parent maintains residency there.

**SB 472** would secure statutory authority for the "Science in Motion" grant program, which funds institutions of higher education that partner with public and nonpublic schools to enhance their science curricula. A grant can be used to: 1) Make scientific or technical equipment available to students; 2) augment the science curriculum; and 3) provide additional professional development opportunities to science educators.

Under this legislation, each partnership with an institution of higher learning must involve three or more schools or school districts. The entities must enter into a written agreement that demonstrates the partnership's benefits to the students and teachers as well as make science technology equipment accessible to participants.

The Senate Education Committee held a hearing to discuss the State Board of Education's proposed high school exit exams called Graduation Competency Assessments. Testifiers at the hearing were invited by the committee to discuss their support or opposition to the plan. PSBA's Assistant Executive Director of Governmental and Member Relations Timothy Allwein submitted testimony on behalf of the association and also presented remarks on behalf of statewide education organizations. In conjunction with the hearing, a group of 23 statewide organizations issued a joint statement expressing opposition to the GCA plan. A report on PSBA's testimony and the joint statement will appear in next week's issue of *School Leader News*.

In other news, school boards are invited to submit proposals for consideration for PSBA's 2009 Legislative Platform. The association is accepting proposals now until **Friday, July 18, 2008**. The PSBA Platform Committee will review proposals and rationale submitted for the platform on **Aug. 23**. The recommendations of the committee will be brought before the Legislative Policy Council for a final vote on **Oct. 16**. Guidelines for platform submissions were mailed to the PSBA Liaisons and board secretaries. This information also is posted on PSBA's Web site at [www.psba.org](http://www.psba.org).

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

The Board approved a motion to appoint WRG Consulting Group as broker of record for the Morrisville Borough School district for a term of one year subject to solicitor review and approval (for health insurance).

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mrs. Worob; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

*Mr. Kemp asked if this would be run by the union. The Solicitor will do that. The give back of the commission is for this one year agreement.*

CPR – Mrs. Mihok would like the board members to be offered a CPR course.

Mrs. Mihok went to Harrisburg and she found that she was not registered for the program. We talked about the graduation competency and the role of the IU in the 501 school districts. Many of the schools instituted their own programs at substantial savings.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

⇒ Mr. Hellmann's alternative plan for the school district (*see addendum A*) *Mr. Hellmann will make this available on website.*

*This is a plan; nothing is set in concrete. The plan includes:*

- *ongoing monitoring of student residency*
  - *hire a special education manager independent of the IU*
  - *perform upgrades and improvement on the high school building only*
  - *close M.R.Reiter and make it a park and/or theater complex*
  - *close Grandview and make it an income producing property*
  - *attrition the teaching staff by using an early retirement incentive*
  - *continue to work on tuitioning out 9-12 grade students*
- ⇒ 501(c) (3) This item is part of the approved Strategic Plan. The process can now be put into place. A committee should be formed; the committee should select the board members for the plan. Volunteers will be solicited through the TV and the website.

Mrs. Worob relayed information from the recent maintenance report regarding a problem with the heater at Reiter. Several items were address and for the time being the heater is working.

Mrs. Reithmeyer asked if the special ed assurance was submitted to PDE. Yes it was.

Mrs. Mihok asked for the cost of the cable TV. It is \$100/month = 1200/year.

The board revisited agenda meetings and the following motion was approved. Dr. Yonson suggests that the meetings be discontinued and the board sends agenda items to her for placement on the agenda.

The Board approved a motion to eliminate monthly agenda meetings.

Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a voice vote of 7 ayes. Member abstaining was Mrs. Worob.

*Mrs. Worob would like to have 72 hours notice for items on the agenda. Mrs. Reithmeyer commented that it happens – if you review the past several meetings there are items added to the agenda by the board with no advance notice. Agenda items should be sent to the office by Wednesday prior to the monthly meeting.*

*Future Meetings and Items of Interest*

Tuesday, May 27, 2008 ..... 7:30 pm – Community Advisory Panel  
Wednesday, June 4, 2008 ..... 7:00 pm – Senior Awards Ceremony  
Wednesday, June 11, 008 ..... 7:00 pm – High School Graduation  
Thursday, June 12, 2008 ..... 6:30 pm – Infrastructure/Facilities Committee  
..... 7:00 pm – Finance Committee  
..... 7:30 pm -- Board Agenda Meeting  
..... Last Student Day  
Wednesday, June 26, 2008 ..... 6:30 pm – Education Committee  
..... 7:00 pm – Human Resources/Negotiations Committee  
..... 7:30 pm – Monthly Business Meeting

***For Community and District Information***  
*Visit our community website [www.mv.org](http://www.mv.org)*  
*and Channel 6 on your Local Cable*

**11. Adjournment**

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 am.

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William R. Hellmann, President

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Marlys Mihok

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