

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE  
Morrisville, Pennsylvania**

The May 14, 2008 agenda meeting of the Morrisville Board of School Directors was held in the Large Group Instruction room located in the Morrisville Middle/Senior High School, 550 West Palmer Street, Morrisville, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. William Hellmann, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the following members present on roll call:

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

*Quorum Present.*

Also attending this evening's meeting was Dr. Elizabeth Hammond Yonson, Superintendent; Mrs. Reba Dunford, Business Administrator; Mrs. Melanie Gehrens, Secondary Principal; Mrs. Karen Huggins; Elementary Principal; Mr. William Ferrara, Assistant Secondary Principal; Mrs. Kimberly Myers, Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services/School Psychologist.

**1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- ⇒ Phone America ..... Steven Tevis, a representative from Phone America distributed a proposal to the school board and gave a presentation for savings on a new phone system. Up front costs would be \$24,000 in year one; \$1,200/month. Currently the budget is \$50,000 for Verizon. In subsequent years we would save \$13,000.
- ⇒ Beth Olenoff, Dir. Of Policy for the State, Liaison for BCIU..... PDE  
Ms. Olenoff discussed Graduation competency assessments (GCA) – statewide end-of-course Exams and NCLB. She answered questions from several board members including school mergers and obtaining a copy of the school code.
- ⇒ Arnold Klein..... ECBM Insurance  
Mr. Klein discussed the current dental program, life insurance program and Blue Cross/Blue Shield program
- ⇒ This week in our Schools
- ⇒ **Addition** – Mr. Gulla – health plan presentation
- ⇒ **Addition** – Mr. Stalker – health plan presentation

*The Board convened to an Executive Session for personnel issues.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- 2.1. January 2, 2008 Special Meeting
- 2.2. January 30, 2008 Special Meeting
- 2.3. March 26, 2008 Monthly Business Meeting

- 2.4. April 23, 2008 Monthly Business Meeting
- 2.5. May 2, 2008 Special Meeting
- 2.6. May 14, 2008 Agenda Meeting

**3. HUMAN RESOURCES**  
**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 3.1. Approval, Appointment/Election of Treasurer to Board of School Directors  
*This is required by school code each May.*  
*The following 4 motions are needed **ONLY** if a new Treasurer is Elected*
  - 3.1.1. Approval, Designation of Bank Depositories
    - 3.1.1.a. Wachovia Bank
    - 3.1.1.b. Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust
    - 3.1.1.c. Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)
    - 3.1.1.d. PNC Bank
- 3.2. Approval, Resignations
- 3.3. Approval, Appointments
  - 3.3.1. Approval, Per Diem Substitutes
  - 3.3.2. Paraeducators (2)
  - 3.3.3. Approval, Summer Maintenance/Custodial Help
    - 3.3.3.a. Student Summer Program
    - 3.3.3.b. Supervisors of Students
    - 3.3.3.c. Summer Custodial Substitutes
- 3.4. Renew 2008-2009 Extra-Curricular Positions
  - 3.4.a. Summer Band Program
  - 3.4.b. Varsity Cross Country Team
  - 3.4.c. J. V. Baseball Coach
  - 3.4.d. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach
  - 3.4.e. Weight Room Program
  - 3.4.f. Appointments, Extra-curricular for 2008-2009
- 3.5. Approval, Reappointment of Paraeducators for 2008-2009
- 3.6. Approval, Summer Clerical Services for Guidance Department
- 3.7. Approval, Tuition Reimbursements

**4. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 4.1. Approval, Healthy Farms & Healthy Schools Grant
- 4.2. Approval, 2008-2009 PEACE Center Agreement
- 4.3. Approval, Textbooks
- 4.4. Approval, 2008-2009 Social Worker Services

- 4.5. Approval, Continue After School Technology Center Program
- 4.6. Approval, Continuation of the AM/PM Detention Program
- 4.7. Approval, Class of 2008

## **5. BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- 5.1. Approval, Bucks Co. Intermediate Unit #22 Cooperative Purchasing Bid
- 5.2. Approval of 2007-2008 Proposed Final General Fund Budget for Programs and Services  
*Dr. Yonson explained that we must a 30-day gap between proposed budget and final budget approval. We can have as many work sessions as the Board would like between these dates. It was proposed that a special meeting be held on May 21 for the purpose of passing the proposed final budget. Mr. Hellmann stated he would give the figures to Administration by noon on Tuesday before the meeting so that Mrs. Dunford could work up the final proposed figures. Dr. Yonson stressed that budget items can be changed at anytime up until the voting approval of the final 2008-2009 budget.*
- 5.3. Approval, Proposed 2008-2009 Capital Reserve Budget
- 5.4. Approval, Proposed 2008-2009 Proposed Capital Projects Budget
- 5.5. Approval, 2008-2009 Proposed Cafeteria Fund Budget
- 5.6. Approval, Proposed 2008-2009 Athletic Fund Budget
- 5.7. Approval, 2008-2009 Bucks Co. Technical School Budget  
*Mr. Hellmann visited the technical school but did not finalize the information he was discussing with them. He plans another visit prior to approval of their budget. Dr. Yonson offered to have representatives of the tech school come to the District; Mr. Hellmann declined. Mr. Hellmann would like this item removed from the agenda.*
- 5.8. Approval, Payment of Bills

#### **The following are requested additions to the proposed agenda**

- 5.9. Approval of Air Intake
- 5.10. Approval, New Water Heater at Grandview – *this is an emergency item since the water heater broke this week.*
- 5.11. Approval of bid specifications for electrical work -- \$30,000
- 5.12. Approval of boiler service/repair/replacement – *Mrs. Dunford requested this motion so that work could be done over the summer. Mr. Hellmann advised he would present his plan for the district at the next meeting.*
- 5.13. *Approval, Purchase of Telephone Equipment*
- 5.14. *Approval, Prepare RFP for Audit*

*Mrs. Worob proposed setting up the first meeting for the CAP (Community Action Plan) committee. Mr. Hellman appointed Mrs. Mihok, Mr. Kemp, Mrs. Heater and Mrs. Worob to the committee. The committee will meet at 7:30 pm on June 27. This will be advertised on the TV and website.*

*Dr. Yonson advised that a meeting of the Facility Committee of the Strategic Plan will be meeting at 6:30 on May 19 in room F-10 and it would be helpful if the board could attend.*

*Mrs. Mihok asked that the 5013c be placed on the agenda under new business. Also, payments for the tax collector. Mrs. Dunford advised that the tax collector issue would be on the June agenda along with proposed installment dates. The Solicitor will draft a resolution for this purpose.*

*Mr. Hellmann added Mr. Gulla under Superintendent's Report for a health care presentation. Mrs. Dunford suggested Mr. Stalker also attend and give a presentation on health care.*

## **6. SPECIAL EDUCATION**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 6.1. Approval, Summer Psychological Services
- 6.2. Approval, Psychological Intern from Lehigh University
- 6.3. Extended School Year Program Services
- 6.4. Approval, Behavioral Specialist
- 6.5. Contract with the IU

## **7. LIAISON REPORTS**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School
- b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22
- c. Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

- ⇒ Strategic Plan
- ⇒ 501c3 Foundation

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- ⇒ Mr. Hellmann's alternative plan for the school district

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

*The agenda meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm*

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William R. Hellmann, President

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Marlys Mihok