

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, April 23, 2008, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. William Hellmann, President, called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm with the following members present on roll call:

Mrs. Heater; Mrs. Mihok; Mr. Radosti; Mrs. Reithmeyer; Mr. Kemp; Mr. Hellmann; and Mr. Farrell. Members not in attendance were Mrs. Worob and Mr. Frankenfield.

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; Mrs. Kimberly Myers, Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services/School Psychologist; MEA representation, and media.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Representative to the Board

Speaker: Jacob Walbridge

Co Speaker: Michael Leather

- Members of the FBLA team competed at the State level from March 30th to April 2nd. Kaylee White placed 6th in the Ms. FBLA competition.
- Ms. Sauers held the second annual 7th grade coffeehouse/ poetry reading on March 19th. This is a culmination of their poetry unit. This was a chance to see students in a different light- expressing their creativity.
- The Middle School Reading Olympics was held on April 15th. Our team finished in second place.
- King's Catering sponsored a College Fair on April 17th. The high school students will be attending this event.
- The High School Reading Olympics was held on April 17th. Our team finished in 3rd place.
- The Freshman/ Sophomore Dinner Dance was held at the Yardley Country Club on Friday, April 18th.
- The Student Forum students attended forum at Bristol High School on April 23rd.
- The 9th grade students took a field trip to the PA Veterans Museum in Media, PA on April 28th.
- The Student of the Month Breakfast will be held in the high school cafeteria on April 29th.
- The Sophomore and Junior high school students had an opportunity to visit West Chester University and tour the North Campus
- The high school SAT Prep class started on April 15th in Mrs. Deliman's classroom.
- The Varsity Softball Team beat Christopher Dock 11 to 1 for the first time on April 15th.

Thank you for your continued support for our student activities

District Enrollments as of April 17, 2008

Elementary Students.....	452
Secondary 6-12.....	475
Technical School.....	47
Home Schooled.....	17
Out-of-District Placements.....	97
Total.....	1070

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

District enrollments.....	13
District withdraws.....	11 (Alternative/charter – 4)

1. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Mr. Damon Miller presented the district with a DVD of the Gym Night competition so that we may air it on the cable TV channel. Mr. Miller commented that this activity shows the true spirit that exists within our school community. He suggested that DVDs of school activities could be used as a fund raiser.
- Villanova Football has informed us that Matt Miller is the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award Winner.
- May 4-10 is staff appreciation week. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and express appreciation to our teachers and staff.
- The Strategic Plan has been on display for 30 days. Tonight we will be asking the Board to approve the Strategic Plan. The plan represents our vision for the district over the next 6 years.
- Mrs. Beth Olenoff from PDE will attend our next agenda meeting. She will be answering questions from the board. Dr. Yonson asked the board to send their questions to her prior to this meeting.
- Monday, May 5th will be the board retreat.
- This week in our Schools

Elementary Report

- Students finished taking the PSSA’s and they have been sent to the scoring company. The state's goal is to have scores back to us by the end of the school year. We are hopeful for another good report.
- Consultant Joe Mills worked with the staff to edit math curriculum maps and provided instructional feedback to teachers.
- Lem Sheperd provided an assembly for the Grandview students on the history of black music. Everyone enjoyed the interactive singing opportunities. The Reiter students were enthralled by the facts and wild animals they met through the interactive Bureau of Lectures program. Thank you PTO.
- Earth Day ~ Teachers engaged the students in a variety of activities to recognize the importance of respecting this world.
- Conferences/Report cards ~ Report cards went home and conferences were held on an as needed basis.
- The PTO sponsored Spring Fling was held Friday, 4/18. As usual, we had a great turn out. Fun was had by all.
- Students at Reiter dedicated Woman’s History month activities to learning about the efforts of Lady Bird Johnson in beautifying America. As a follow up they are taking turns planting and tending to flower boxes at the Presbyterian Towers.
- On April 22nd area preschoolers visited Reiter for transition activities into kindergarten or first grade.

Secondary Report

- The following students were named to the Bucks County Courier Times Golden Teams for winter sports
Boys Basketball - Jonah Moore and John Jones
Girls Basketball - Veronica Brandon and Jody Pour
Boys Bowling - Andrew Wallace
Girls Bowling – Samantha Woodhouse
- The varsity baseball has an impressive start of the season with 8 wins to date.
- The varsity softball team are blazing with a 5-0 (BAL) season so far.
- Members of our FBLA team competed at the State level from March 30th to April 2nd. Kaylee White placed 6th in the Ms. FBLA competition.
- Exams were held on March 31 and April 4. Students were dismissed at 11:15am on April 4th.
- Ms. Sauers held the second annual 7th grade coffeehouse/poetry reading on March 19th. This is a culmination of their poetry unit. This was a chance to see students in a different light—expressing their creativity!
- The Parent Advisory Meeting was held on April 8th. The discussion included programs the high school is looking into: Whytry! Dropout Prevention Strategies and the Olweus Program.
- PSSA testing was held April 1, April 2, and April 3rd for the students in grades 6, 7, 8, and 11.
- SAT Prep classes started on April 15th. They are held three times a week under the direction of Mrs. Deliman.
- The Middle School Reading Olympics was held on April 15th. Our team finished second place.
- King's Caterers will be sponsoring a College Fair on April 17th. The high school students will be attending this event.
- The High School Reading Olympics will be held on April 17th. Our team finished in 3rd place.
- Report cards were distributed on April 18th.
- The Freshman/Sophomore Dinner Dance was held at the Yardley Country Club on April 18th.
- The Student Forum students will attend the forum at the Bristol High School on April 23rd.
- The 9th grade students took a field trip to the PA Veterans Museum in Media, PA on April 28th.
- The sophomores and juniors visited the West Chester University and toured the West Campus.
- The Student of the Month Breakfast will be held in the high school cafeteria on April 29th.

PUBLIC SESSION

Kevin Leather, 480 Hamilton Blvd.

“Back on, Sept 27, 2006, Marlys Mihok, in public comment, quoted from campaign literature of the present school board indicating that they have not fulfilled their campaign promises. Seems like a good strategy:

From the Stoptheschool.com website, the press section: "The current school board should not be teaching values. But if the current board is 'skirting laws' and showing clear 'disdain for citizens' we need to do something."

From the Stoptheschool.com platform section: "We are the candidates that pledge to work together with the parents and residents, in an open and honest partnership in the best interests of our children's education. We will make the school board a more transparent governing entity! We will demand that administration have accountability standards...we will stress academic and behavioral standards."

From the Stoptheschool.com bio section: We are your friends and neighbors and we are here to listen to you. Marlys Mihok, Gloria Heater, Bill Farrell, Al Radosti, Bill Hellmann, and Robin Reithmeyer"

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Public comment on February 13, 2007 included the quote that the then current board was "not setting a good example for the children." That was from Bill Hellmann.

Now, having said all of that, your track record, in just four months, has been rather eventful:

- * Mr. Hellmann unilaterally conducting unauthorized business negotiations in secret
- * Conducting a student farming scheme in secret
- * Using an author admitted incomplete buildings report to authorize some \$200,000 dollars of renovations
- * Sending a secret building renovations survey to selected residents without full board or administration approval
- * The board not providing information to the public, especially on the defeasement
- * Failure to provide timely board meeting minutes
- * And no plan. Nothing. Not a road map in sight. Never an answer to the question, "Where do we go from here?" I think Ed Frankenfield made that pretty clear last month.
- * And finally, the secret meeting: In public comment on March 28, 2007 Steve Worob said "The days of non-transparency on this board and secret scheming meetings is about to come to an end." Last year, he was roasting board members about secret meetings; now this year he's hosting them.

Where is the openness and transparency you pledged? I find it to be the height of arrogance that you point out these misdeeds as candidates and then you go and purposefully recreate them as incumbents. Officeholders are held to a higher level of accountability than a member of the public and that is simply a part of the job. What was wrong then is still wrong now.

Without this transparency and openness, we sit out here as the people you are supposed to serve and all we have to think about is, "What are they hiding now?" "What's the backroom deal they put together this time?" Your integrity as a school board is frankly, in question. In just four months, you have squandered the opportunity for a fresh start with open and honest governing.

Let's also keep in mind that I am simply judging you by your own standards.

I have not been a supporter of this board or its views. However, please do not view me as simply a disgruntled loser because the school I supported failed. That ship has sailed and now your plan is the plan of the day. It is your conduct and performance over the past four months that I find to be question.

I won't waste my time asking if you have any shame or embarrassment about any of these items. If you do, you'll speak up and demand accountability, and for any member who does that, I thank you in advance. If you don't, you'll just sit there quietly waiting for the adjournment gavel and wishing people like me would stop getting up to speak".

Pat Steele, 708 Barclay Ave.

On April 15 the BCCT published an article about Mr. Hellmann's asking for the names of the special education students. I believe this request was to verify the number of special education kids in comparison with the dollar volume. It is unfortunate that this board has come on with hardships that were generated by the past school board. There needs to be a transition period and a working together; I don't see that. They can't do a good job unless they have all their facts in order.

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Jack Buckman, 617 Rutland

It is the district's job to be accountable to the taxpayers and the children. I believe that the meeting that was criticized by the Courier Times met within the law; therefore, I don't see a problem with it. One of the most important things between board members is cooperation; that doesn't mean agreement – it means willingness to cooperate -- that includes administrators too.

Ron Stout, 129 S. Delmorr

Mr. Kelly stated he knows little about bonds although the district paid him \$10,000 to review the bond. Mrs. Dunford stated she knows little about bonds and relied on the bond people. We pay these people over \$100,000 a year to sit in their offices and conspire to better themselves while 3 out of 4 graduates are not proficient in math and reading.

Steve Worob, 101 Grandview Ave.

Mr. Worob wanted to address the perception and impact our school has on the borough. Former board members have moved out of town before sending their children to this high school. Our test scores are awful for such an outrageous cost. Building a \$30M school is not the answer to the problems.

The “blog” is a biased sour grapes group causing the negative image of the school district and town. It seems their agenda is to destroy the school board at any cost. The best thing we can do is to ignore it.

Allegations of secret meetings -- Let us not forget that a \$30M school was planned at Sandy Gibson's house and two school board members were excluded.

Mark Coassolo, 229 Melvin South

What is the status of the 501c3? I have not heard anything.

When a new team comes in they bring in people they can trust. This board has only been on for 4 months. They must start by changing all the roadblocks left by their predecessors. As they attempt to find ideas for change they are blamed for being behind the scenes. How are they supposed to do that without brainstorming? Let them do their job.

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.

Mrs. Mihok

It is a shame that the sound quality on this video will be so poor that no one will be able to hear all the clever things that were said tonight.

ACTION ITEMS:

2.1. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2008 monthly agenda meeting of the Board of School Directors, as amended.

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

Requested changes

Page 1 – Quorum Present – change Farrell to Ferrara

Page j – next to last paragraph – (Mrs. Mihok’s comment referred to video shown at the Dec. 14 meeting)

2.2. Approval of Minutes

The Board TABLED a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2008 special meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; tabled for correction.

Requested changes

Page f – next to last paragraph line 3 – Mrs. Reithmeyer thought it should read she does NOT like how this turned out. DVD will be checked for accuracy.

Page c – last name on page should be Zefferi

2.3. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2008 monthly agenda meeting of the Board of School Directors, as amended.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; amendment accepted; passed by a voice vote of 7 ayes.

Requested Changes

Page f – paragraph #2 – change meeting to conference

Page f – paragraph #4 – line 3 – Mrs. Reithmeyer stated that the Board agreed at the December meeting to send out an RFP.

Page g – paragraph #2 – line 8 – “decided” should read “discussed”.

2.4. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2008 monthly agenda meeting of the Board of School Directors, as amended.

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

Requested changes

Page f – item 11 – paragraph #1 – line 3 – remove 501c3 project – should read plan for the future.

Page f – item 11 -- paragraph #2 – line 2. Remove Mr. Hellmann.

Page f – item 11 -- paragraph #2 -- line 5 – Mrs. Reithmeyer did NOT ask for this position to be placed on agenda. DVD to be checked for accuracy.

3.1. Approval, Resignations

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

Individual	Position	Effective Date
Ashley Oleszewski	ESL Teacher	June 2, 2008
Szilvia Deak-Kent	paraeducator	July 1, 2008
Andy Miller	Assistant Football Coach	April 23, 2008
Chris Gancarz	Assistant Football Coach	April 23, 2008
Robert Kelmmmer	Assistant Softball Coach	March 26, 2008
Elizabeth Glaum-Lathbury	Yearbook Advisor	August 31, 2008

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

3.2. Resignation of Solicitor

The Board approved a motion to accept the resignation of Thomas J. Kelly, Esq. from the position of Solicitor. This resignation is effective as soon as a replacement is appointed.

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

Mr. Kemp voted "with regret".

- ***An executive session was held April 18 to review Solicitor proposals.***
- ***An executive session was held this evening prior to this meeting for legal issues and personnel matters.***
- ***An executive session will be held April 25 to interview candidates for Solicitor.***

Dr. Yonson advised that she was not given notice that this Friday's session would be held. She also advised she was not aware that an executive session was held last Friday. She reminded the Board that she is part of the Board, even though she does not have a vote, and should be informed of all executive sessions. Mr. Kemp encouraged the board to send out notification of meetings via email. Mr. Farrell does not have email and must receive a phone call.

Mr. Kelly advised that if an executive session has taken place this should be announced at the start of a meeting.

3.3. Appointment of Solicitor

The Board TABLED a motion to appoint a new solicitor. Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Hellmann; passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 7 ayes.

3.4. Approval, Appointments

3.4.a. This item was DELETED from the agenda.

The Board approved a motion to approve the appointments listed below (3.4.b to 3.4.e): Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Kemp; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

3.4.b. Rich Poland as Assistant Softball coach for 2007-2008 at a stipend of \$1,950 (pro-rated) in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. This is a replacement for Mr. Klemmer, effective March 26, 2008.

3.4.c. 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. **Bethanne Boggs** **Steven Chaney**

3.4.d. Marlene Guidos as a full time ESL teacher, effective August 27, 2008. Compensation for this position is in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement with placement on the salary schedule at B level, Step OB = \$43,532. This is a replacement for Ashley Oleszewski.

3.4.e. Szilvia Deak-Kent as custodial/grounds employee at an hourly salary of \$13.90 in accordance with the current MESPA collective bargaining agreement. This is a replacement for Ida Heck.

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

These are the same stipends as in the past.

3.5. Approval, Recognition of Retiring Staff Members

The Morrisville Board of School Directors recognizes and appreciates the years of service of **Mrs. Karen Huggins** and the Board wishes Mrs. Huggins a happy and prosperous retirement.

3.5.a. The Board approved a motion to approve and accept a letter of retirement from Mrs. Karen Huggins with the effective date of retirement being June 30, 2008. Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Hellmann; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

Mrs. Huggins received a standing ovation. Dr. Yonson commented that Mrs. Huggins loves children and what she does. She was an excellent teacher and is an outstanding administrator. She is loved by her staff and will be greatly missed.

The Morrisville Board of School Directors recognizes and appreciates the years of service of **Mr. Eugene Fox** and the Board wishes Mr. Fox a happy and prosperous retirement.

3.5.b. The Board approved a motion to approve and accept a letter of retirement from Mr. Eugene Fox with the effective date of retirement being June 30, 2008. Moved by Mrs. Reithmeyer; seconded by Mr. Hellmann; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

Dr. Yonson commented that Mr. Fox is a very caring and nurturing teacher. He truly loves teaching and will be missed.

3.6. 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>
David Vaccaro	Performance Project	Gratz	3	\$765
Kevin Jones	Styles of Teaching	Gratz	3	765
Elizabeth Glaum-Lathbury	Building Character	Gratz	3	835

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

4. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS

The following items are presented upon the recommendation of the Education Committee.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

4.1. Approval, Contract with CLI Financial, a Division of Compass Learning

The Board approved a motion to approve a contract with CLI Financial, a Division of Compass Learning which is a curriculum package in reading and math to be used in tutoring and after school programs. \$40,000 will be paid this school year and the remainder will be paid during the next school year. *This item is funded by 21st Century grant funds.*

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

4.2. Approval, 2008-2014 Strategic Plan

A motion FAILED to approve the 2008-2014 Strategic Plan.

Moved by Mr. Kemp; seconded Mrs. Reithmeyer; FAILS by a roll call vote of 4 nays; 3 ayes. Members voting nay were Mr. Hellmann, Mr. Radosti, Mrs. Mihok, and Mrs. Heater. Members voting aye were Mr. Farrell, Mrs. Reithmeyer and Mr. Kemp.

Mr. Hellmann stated that he is not in favor of this plan because it states that all 3 schools should be renovated and he is not prepared to do that. I have an alternative plan that I will present at the next meeting.

Ms. Taylor explained that the plan is not a mandate but an articulation of a committee's vision of potential implementation.

Dr. Yonson pointed out that what is included in the plan is a need to address the aging facilities. She asked Mr. Hellmann how he would like this changed in the document.

Mr. Farrell stated that his only concern is that this is for 6 years. If it is a plan he has no problem, but if it is a legal commitment he has concerns.

Dr. Yonson explained that it is a plan, a vision. In the past the board has stated that the aging facilities need to be addressed. This is not a monetary commitment. This is a suggestion of the committee. If the board has another plan to address the goal, that's fine. The goal is the important part, not so much as the action steps. If the facilities committee wants to change those steps it is not a problem. Fifty people from the community worked on this and came up with this as one of the areas that needs to be worked on.

Mr. Hellmann stated he feels very uncomfortable voting for this. I have a plan that I will present at the next meeting. I don't like the way this is written. You're asking for a stamp of approval and I am uncomfortable with that because it looks like we are going to do all three buildings.

Mr. Kelly advised that the Strategic Plan is a roadmap suggesting where the district should go.

Ms. Taylor added that this is an opportunity to hear what the community is saying. It is an articulation to the board saying here is what we see and this is something for you to think about. What you are approving here is the group's thoughts.

Mrs. Reithmeyer asked where we are going from here.

Dr. Yonson advised that the board needs to give direction to administration. Do you want us to call the committee back or does the board want to work on this themselves?

Mr. Hellmann stated he'd like the board to work on it themselves. Dr. Yonson advised that the state feels that is inappropriate. Mr. Hellmann advised to bring the committee back together with board input. Dr. Yonson stated that the facilities portion of the committee will reconvene with the board and decide what to do. Mr. Ferrara advised how the committee works -- each member of the committee is an equal and decisions are made by a vote.

5. BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Upon the recommendation of the finance committee the following items are presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

ACTION ITEMS:

5.1. Agreement with Interquest Detection Canines of Eastern PA

The Board approved a motion to approve the agreement with Interquest Detection Canines of Eastern PA.

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

Mrs. Mihok voiced concerns that this service was utilized last week without a contract approval. Dr. Yonson explained that this contract is for 2008-2009. Last week's exercise was \$100 and covered in the budget. Because of the sensitivity of this exercise only two people will be pre-informed. Afterward, it was broadcast on the website and the TV. In the future this information will be included in the Friday packet to the board.

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

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

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

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

Motion to table moved by Mr. Farrell; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

Mr. Kemp advised that Mrs. Dunford has looked into the formula for this budget. This year some of the schools are not filling their quota which increases our portion of the budget. Mr. Hellmann is scheduled to visit Tech School next Tuesday to discuss the budget. Therefore, this item will be tabled.

5.3. Property and Casualty Insurance

The Board approved a motion to have the Business Administrator request proposals for property and casualty insurance and all employee benefits other than health insurance for the 2008-2009 school year.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Radosti; amendment accepted, passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

5.4. Fresh-Air Cooking Hoods

The Board approved a motion to have the Business Administrator request proposals for three fresh-air cooking hoods for the high school kitchen.

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

5.5. Approval, Award of Bids

5.5.a. Boiler Cleaning Bid

Bids were received from vendors for boiler cleaning for the 2008-2009 school year. Bid award is recommended to Union Boiler Works.

Union Boiler Works	\$4,775 & \$90 per hour
Mack Industries, Inc.	\$5,789 & \$84 per hour
Benson Maintenance	\$7,150 & 75.00 per hour

The Board approved a motion to approve the bid award for boiler cleaning to the lowest responsible bidder for the 2008-2009 school year to Union Boiler Works in the amount of \$4,775 and \$90 per hour.

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

This bid covers contracted work for cleaning. Repairs are an additional cost.

5.5.b. Approval, Grass Cutting/Snow Removal Bid

Two bids were received from vendors for grass cutting and snow removal for the 2008-2009 school year, WDB Landscaping Inc, and Greenscape.

<u>Grass Cutting</u>	<u>WDB</u>	<u>Greenscape</u>
Morrisville Middle/Senior High	\$235	\$700
Grandview Elementary School	85	200
M.R. Reiter Elementary	65	300
Capitol View Athletic Field	160	300

	<u>M/S High School</u>	<u>Grandview</u>	<u>MR Reiter</u>
Snow Plowing 0-3"			
WDB	\$450	\$250	\$150
Greenscape	\$2,950	\$995	\$1,295
Snow Plowing 3"-6"			
WDB	\$620	\$365	\$225
Greenscape	\$5,950	\$1,895	\$2,295
Snow Plowing 6"-12"			
WDB	\$940	\$475	\$275
Greenscape	\$9,950	\$3,450	\$3,995
Snow Plowing 12'+			
WDB	\$940	\$475	\$275 (Plus time & material)
Greenscape	\$14,950	\$5,450	\$6,450 (Plus amounts over 12")
Salt Spread- Price Per Ton –			
	WDB	\$175	
	Greenscape	\$195	

The Board approved a motion to approve the bid award for grass cutting and snow removal to the lowest responsible bidder for the 2008-2009 school year to WDB Landscaping, Inc.

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

5.5.c. Trash Removal Bid

Bids were received from vendors for trash removal for the 2008-2009 school year. Bid award is recommended to Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc.....	\$17,438
J.P. Mascaro & Sons.....	\$21,540
George Lech.....	\$21,864

The Board approved a motion to approve the bid award for trash removal to the lowest responsible bidder for the 2008-2009 school year to Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc. in the amount of \$17,438.

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

5.5.d. Transportation Services

Only one bid was received from vendors for transportation services for the 2008-2009 school year. Bid award is recommended to Rick Bus,

Rick Bus	\$88,742.59
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The Board approved a motion to approve the bid award for transportation services to Rick Bus Company for the 2008-2009 school year.

Moved by Mr. Kemp; seconded by Mr. Farrell; passed by a voice vote of 5 ayes; 2 nays. Members voting nay were Mr. Hellmann and Mrs. Mihok.

Mr. Hellmann and Mrs. Mihok would like this to be re-bid. Mr. Hellmann stated this is too much money for the service. Mrs. Dunford advised that in the past we had one other bidder that we used and the service was very poor.

5.5.e. Electrical Bid

There were no bidders. Therefore, Mrs. Dunford proposed we have an engineering firm review the statements of Wick Fisher White’s plan and do specs so that people who bid know what needs to be done.

Mr. Hellmann moved the following motion; seconded by Mrs. Mihok; passed by a roll call vote of 5 ayes; 2 nays. Members voting nay were Mrs. Reithmeyer and Mr. Kemp.

The Board approved a motion to have Wick Fisher White come back and do specs for electrical work.

5.5.f. Fire Alarm and Suppression Bid

Bids were received from vendors for the fire alarm and suppression bid. Bid award is recommended to the lowest responsible bidder.

Mrs. Dunford advised that this bid was split into two items. One bidder came in for each item.

The Board approved a motion to approve the bid award for fire alarm to 3-Sigma LLC in the amount of \$22,830.

The Board approved a motion to approve the bid award for suppression to Kint Fire Protection in the amount of \$4,307.

Mrs. Reithmeyer asked if there were specs for this bid. There were not. Mr. Hellmann stated they came in with bids to do spec work would be more costly. Mr. Kemp stated that he does not agree with the way this is being done. Mr. Farrell stated that the individual doing the work has to abide by code.

5.5.g. Plumbing Bid

Bids were received from vendors for the plumbing bid. Bid award is recommended to the lowest responsible bidder **A & M Mechanical**.

The Board approved a motion to approve the bid award for plumbing to A. & M Mechanical for \$7,690.

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

Mrs. Dunford advised we had only one bidder.

5.6. Budget Transfers

The Board approved a motion to approve the budget transfers in the amount of \$310,197 (see Addendum A).

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

Mr. Hellmann advised that he talked to Mrs. Dunford about these and is in agreement. Mrs. Dunford advised that sometime we overspend in one area and we move the bill to another area that has funds remaining.

Mrs. Mihok questioned the grant money transfers. Mrs. Dunford explained that we received an increase in the grant and funding had to be moved around to comply with the grant requirements.

5.7. Forgiveness of Real Estate Lien

The Board approved a motion to forgive the liened real estate taxes due the School District from the Redevelopment Authority of Bucks County in the amount of \$12,089.28.

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

Mrs. Mihok asked for an explanation. Mrs. Dunford advised that Mr. Mount had explained this to Mr. Hellmann therefore she referred to Mr. Hellmann for details. Mrs. Panzitta explained this is the redevelopment of the cloverleaf property and there was an error. They are asking forgiveness of the paperwork, not to put it in tax exempt status. This is to move development forward. Mr. Hellmann read the letter received from the Borough related to this matter.

5.8. Acceptance of Donation

The Board approved a motion to accept a \$250 donation to the Performance Arts Boosters from Dennis and Lois Warburton. We appreciate their support.

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

5.9. Approval to Proceed with Review of Feasibility Studies

The Board DEFEATED a motion to approve the awarding of the facilities study bid of March 7, 2008 and to proceed with the selection of the winning firm.

Moved by Mr. Kemp; seconded by Mrs. Reithmeyer; DEFEATED by a roll call vote of five nays; 2 ayes. Members voting aye were Mr. Kemp and Mrs. Reithmeyer.

Mr. Kemp commented that the board solicited proposals to study our schools and we'd like to see what needs to be done with the facilities.

5.10. Approval, Hiring Attorney to look into Property Assessments

The Board presented a motion to approve hiring a firm to look into property assessments.

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Farrell. NO VOTE was taken.

Mrs. Mihok advised that a law firm does not need to be hired, the Board can do this by having property assessment brought up to date. The Board will contact the Board of Assessment.

5.11. 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:

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Miscellaneous Disbursement: (3/26/08 – 4/16/08)	\$ 151,579.50
Athletic Fund (3/31/08 – 4/21/08)	3,182.00
Cafeteria Fund: (March)	40,625.14
Accounts Payable (4/24/08)	569,489.91
Capital Projects (April)	633.00
Capital Reserve	-0-
Procurement Cards (March)	7,647.52
Payroll & Benefits (March)	<u>836,866.19</u>
TOTAL BILLS	\$1,610,023.26

Moved by Mr. Hellmann; seconded by Mr. Kemp. Passed by a roll call vote of 7 ayes.
Mrs. Mihok approved the bills with the exception of the procurement cards.

Mrs. Mihok questioned checks

- #33852 D'Ignazio's Restaurant \$645.00 – this was a 9th grade field trip for which the children reimbursed the school district.
- #33895 Animal Junction \$375 – this is a group that offers assemblies in the schools.
- #33890 Achieve 3000 \$6,375 – we have been using this for the past few years and it is grand funded.

Mr. Hellmann questioned the procurement cards – the Board was given the breakdown for this month tonight and will continue to receive this information in the future.

Dr. Yonson advised that the procurement cards are used for specific items as a convenience and to expedite a purchase. Each expenditure listed is coded to a specific account. Mrs. Dunford advised that we are in a conglomerate with other school districts and receive a percentage cash back incentive. This is sponsored through PASBA.

6. SPECIAL EDUCATION

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

6.1. Approval, Agreement with Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 for Special Education Services.

The Board approved a motion to approve the agreement with Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 for special educational services for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Mrs. Myers explained that this motion approves the schedule of cost. At this time it is impossible to determine how many students we will service. Mr. Kelly advised that the board does not have a choice in this; you are approving the costs for special education students as they come into the district. Mr. Hellmann commented that this gives him more reason why this district has to be restructured.

6.2. Approval, Special Education Assurance

The Board approved a motion to approve the Assurance for the Operation of Special Education Services and Programs 2008-2011 requirements during the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Mrs. Myers explained that this assurance comes from the state in connection to our special education plan. It is assuring that the district will abide by state and federal law for special education students. It must be signed and submitted to PDE by the end of May. There are penalties if it is not signed.

6.3. Approval, Special Education Litigation

The Board approved a motion to approve a special education litigation settlement.

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

7. LIAISON REPORTS

- a. Lower Bucks County Vocational-Educational School – Mr. Frankenfield
Mr. Frankenfield was not in attendance.
- b. Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 – Mrs. Mihok
Mrs. Mihok attended the April 15 meeting. This is autism awareness month. I learned a lot about autism. The student art collection was presented. A painting by Morrisville student Madison Castillo was incredible.
Pennsylvania School Boards Association/Legislative – Mrs. Worob
Mrs. Worob was not in attendance.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Yonson advised that on May 5 at 6:00 pm the Board will be attending a board training system hosted by the I.U.

Several of the Board members attended the school play “Cinderella” and remarked that it was wonderful. Mrs. Habel and Mr. Jones were recognized for their efforts.

On May 18 & 19 Mrs. Mihok will be participating in a legislative advocacy program in Harrisburg. Along with other school board directors she will be given the opportunity to lobby for educational issues. Of particular interest are the discussions which will be held on charter schools and unfunded mandates.

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Future Meetings and Items of Interest

Wednesday, May 7, 2008 6:30 pm – Budget Work Session
Wednesday, May 14, 2008 6:30 pm – Infrastructure/Facilities Committee
..... 7:00 pm – Finance Committee
..... 7:30 pm -- Board Agenda Meeting
Wednesday, May 21, 2008 6:30 pm – Budget Work Session
Monday, May 26, 2008 Memorial Day Observance/Schools Closed
Wednesday, May 28, 2008 6:30 pm – Education Committee
..... 7:00 pm – Human Resources/Negotiations Committee
..... 7:30 pm – Monthly Business Meeting

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10. Adjournment

The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm by voice vote.

William R. Hellmann, President

Marlys Mihok

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