

**CENTENNIAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING**

March 8, 2011

7:00 P.M.

Centennial Administration Building Board Room

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on March 8, 2011, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pollock at 7:00 p.m.

The following Board members were in attendance:

Katherine Driban
Michael Hartline
Thomas Hezel
Betty Huf

Mark B. Miller
Cynthia Mueller
Dr. Andrew Pollock
Thomas Reinboth

Mrs. Schrader Lynch was absent from this meeting.

The following Administration members were in attendance at the meeting:

Dr. Jennifer Cressman
Christopher Berdnik

William Gretton

Additional meeting attendees are listed on the attached sheet.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Pollock led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Pollock announced that the Board had met in executive session prior to this Board meeting to discuss legal matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Mueller announced it is time for the Centennial Education Foundation Jackpot Calendar; students should have brought these home.

Ms. Driban announced that the Board is hoping to start a Hall of History for Centennial School District. They are seeking volunteers from the staff, community, and student populations. The Board is looking for older pictures, jerseys, and is open to almost anything. Please write or e-mail Ms. Driban for further information.

Mr. Miller announced that Klinger Middle School will be performing the musical *Beauty and the Beast*, which starts tonight.

PRESENTATIONS

The Black and White Generals from William Tennent High School announced that the festivities begin with an academic competition on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 7:30 a.m. Thursday night is Pool Night,

which begins at 6:15 p.m. Friday is Gym Night, which also begins at 6:15 p.m. The public is invited to attend the activities. The Black and White Generals thanked the community for their support.

GOOD NEWS

Mr. Gretton read the Good News for March 8, 2011.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pollock asked if anyone would like to have any items pulled from consent agenda 1 through 8. The following items were pulled: 2 and 7

Mr. Reinboth moved the consent agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

- 1. Grants final approval for a trip by Future Business Leaders of America students at William Tennent High School to Hershey, Pennsylvania, for their state competition, April 4-6, 2011. The cost to the District is approximately \$11,570 for registration, lodging, transportation, and substitutes.*
- 3. Approves the adoption of the McGraw-Hill Everyday Mathematics Program in grades Kindergarten through fifth in the 2011-12 school year. Implementation will be phased in: 2011-12 - Kindergarten, first grade, second grade; and 2012-13 - third, fourth, and fifth grades. The fiscal note is approximately \$240,000.00 and is included in the proposed 2011-12 budget.*
- 4. Approves the 2011-12 school year payment of approximately \$51,464.53 to ECA Education Services per the agreement with Centennial School District for science kit management and refurbishment services. This price reflects a five percent (5%) early decision discount.*
- 5. Approves the Facility Use Waiver, as attached, for The Wheeled Scotsman Foundation.*
- 6. Approves the Facility Use Fee Schedule for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years per the attached supplement.*
- 8. Approves change orders 007, 011, and 052 in the amount of \$151,386.17 for the Region 3 Elementary School Additions and Renovations Project.*

Seconded by Mrs. Huf

Mr. Miller stated he supports the Everyday Mathematics Program but has concern the District will not have the same technology across the District, in each classroom, for the program. The program can only get maximum effectiveness if the technology to support it is available. Mr. Miller stated it is the responsibility of the Board of School Directors to make sure this happens by the time the program is available in our schools.

Dr. Cressman responded by saying an Administrative team will be discussing implementing technology in all of the buildings.

Leigh Lieberman, Byron Road, Warminster, Pennsylvania, spoke regarding her concerns for Everyday Math.

Motions passed 8-0.

Mr. Reinboth read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

2. *Approves the attached overnight conference requests: (A) at an approximate cost to the District of \$400; (B) at an approximate cost to the District of \$730; and (C) at no cost to the District.*

Seconded by Mr. Miller.

Mrs. Mueller supports this but wanted to point out that there would be a cost to the District; the cost would be for a substitute teacher.

Motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Driban read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

7. *Approves change orders 121, 183, and 184 in the amount of \$120,376.72 for the William Tennent High School Additions and Renovations Project.*

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Mrs. Mueller stated that because contingencies are down to \$47,000, she would like the Board to start scrutinizing change orders for what we should be paying as a District and what should be backed by contract to the architects.

Dr. Pollock suggested Mrs. Mueller ask Administration to look at this.

Dr. Cressman stated that at the Operations Committee meeting, Mr. Gretton spoke very eloquently to that exact point.

Motion passed 7-1-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth, seconded by Mrs. Huf, to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations, Retirements, Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Per Diem Substitute Professional Staff; Substitute Support Staff, Substitute Bus Drivers/Trainees and Co-Curricular.

Motion passed 8-0.

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth, seconded by Mr. Hartline, to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves/accepts the list of financial items, including; Schedule of Bills, Investments, Cafeteria Fund Budget Report, Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report for February, 2011 and Budget Transfers for March, 2011.

Motion passed 8-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Pollock stated that at their last meeting they discussed what was approved tonight, Everyday Math. The Elementary Math Committee did a presentation regarding Everyday Math. Dr. Pollock stated that they also talked about education services to refurbish science kits. There was also a twenty-first century learning lab, which was a real eye opener.

FINANCE

Mr. Reinboth said their next meeting will be Monday, March 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. There has been some discussion on the State budget addressed by the Governor today, and the new Finance Director is looking at what the implications will mean for this District.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Driban stated their meeting started with the school naming; she thanked everyone who sat on that committee. Ms. Driban stated that, as a District, there are policies and procedures in place about naming within the District and all naming rights. While they are very appreciative of that committee and wanted community input, the policies and procedures that are in place still put the whole responsibility for naming on the Board of nine. The final decision is left up to the Board.

Also on the agenda was Indoor Air Quality for Schools report; one Board member and two staff members went to Washington, D.C., for a conference on indoor air quality. At the meeting, they were asked to put together their own air quality committee.

Ms. Driban stated the committee spoke about consolidation of bus stops, when the redistricting is done, and the effect that will have on transportation. Transportation will be coming back to Operations with a little more information; however, it is pretty much determined how Transportation plans on doing consolidating.

Also discussed was the late bus run. They are revisiting the issue of cutting a late bus run and how that will affect the budget.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf stated their next meeting is March 14, 2011, at the MBIT.

Intermediate Unit

Mr. Hartline stated, at their last meeting, there was an appointment of a new director from Neshaminy School District, Rich Ellis. Also at their last meeting, they approved the comprehensive annual financial report, which came out clean. They also were able to re-negotiate the postal meter rates; the savings is not dramatic, but every bit helps. Mr. Hartline announced the Intermediate Unit's Brain Steps Program has been selected to participate in an instructional training module with the Academy of Pediatrics. The Brain Steps Program is a remarkable thing.

Legislative and PSBA Liaison

Mr. Miller stated he received an e-mail about the federal budget. After promising not to support Senate Amendment 149, which will reduce federal appropriation significantly, Congress has reversed its position. The Senate will be voting on the amendment this week. Mr. Miller requested the community contact their senators this week and tell them you do not want our Title I and Federal funding total budget cut by \$700,000,000.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Heather Silinski, Warminster, expressed concerns she and other parents have regarding the afternoon service provided by Bus 93. This bus was involved in an accident yesterday; her daughter was on that bus. Several students have said things regarding that driver that makes her not want to put her child on that bus. Reports are the driver is on his cell phone while driving, and he misses turns and has to turn around to go back. Yesterday, she had no idea where her daughter was for over an hour. She was very upset she did not get a phone call from the District letting her know the bus was in an accident.

Mr. Miller asked if Administration compares the number of accidents this year to previous years.

Mr. Hartline asked if we had a phone chain set up so parents could be notified if students will be delayed.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mrs. Huf read the schedule of upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Driban and, seconded by Mrs. Mueller. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen L. Miller
Board Secretary