

CENTENNIAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
March 22, 2011
7:00 P.M.
Centennial Administration Building Board Room

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

A Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on March 22, 2011, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Reinboth 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

Dr. Pollock arrived late to the meeting.
Mrs. Schrader Lynch was absent from this meeting.

The following Administration members were in attendance at the meeting:

Dr. Jennifer Cressman
Christopher Berdnik
Polly Moore

William Gretton
Dr. Susan Klyman
Robert Reed

Additional meeting attendees are listed on the attached sheet.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Reinboth led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Reinboth announced that the Board had met in executive session prior to this Board meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Miller announced that Southampton Library Association is holding a Girls' Night Out on April 8, 2011.

Mr. Miller also announced the Warminster Rotary is looking for anonymous suggestions of candidates in need of assistance; the Rotary can provide up to \$5,000 for one family in need. Get in touch with Dr. Cressman for the name of whom to contact at the Rotary.

Dr. Cressman said the last day of school will be determined at the April 12, 2011, Board meeting. The community should be aware that, due to the construction schedule, graduation will be held outside in the Alumni Stadium. There is a contingency plan for inclement weather.

GOOD NEWS

Mr. Gretton read the Good News for March 22, 2011.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth, seconded by Mrs. Huf, to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the minutes from the following meetings:

- Regular School Board Meeting – November 9, 2010
- Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – November 23, 2010
- Education Committee – January 24, 2011
- Finance Committee – February 7, 2011
- Operations Committee – February 9, 2011

Motion passed 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Driban read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

Approves the revised Tamanend Park agreement per solicitor recommendation.

Seconded by Mrs. Mueller.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>No</i>

Motion passed 6-2.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pollock asked if anyone would like to have any items pulled from the consent agenda 1 through 14. The following items were pulled: 4, 12, and 14.

Mr. Reinboth moved the consent agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

1. *Approves an exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident, and Tuition Status, to allow Student 19-12 to remain at Klinger Middle School on a tuition basis for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. The family has agreed to provide transportation.*

2. *Approves the attached overnight conference requests: (A) at an approximate cost to the District of \$435.00, (B) at an approximate cost to the District of \$490.00, and (C) at no cost to the District.*
3. *Approves the Centennial School District Calendar for the 2011-12 school year per attachment.*
4. *Approves the attached Facilities Use Agreement between Archbishop Wood High School and Centennial School District.*
5. *Approves the 2011-12 Middle Bucks Institute of Technology Proposed Budget as attached.*
6. *Authorizes the Administration to approve the Solicitor's representation at tax assessment appeals subject to subsequent ratification by the full Board based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee.*
7. *Approves Christopher Berdnik as Purchasing Agent of the Centennial School District in accordance with 24 P.S. § 8-807 in addition to his other duties as Business Administrator/Chief Financial Officer.*
8. *Authorizes District Officials to execute forms and documents necessary to update staff designated to initiate and approve bank wire transfers and access electronic reports necessary to conduct the day-to-day business of the District.*
9. *Approves a contract for month-to-month cellular phone service with Verizon at an estimated monthly cost of \$1,116.40, which is projected to be \$614.02 net of eRate discount.*
10. *Approves a 60-month contract with Sunesys for Metropolitan Area Network services of 1,000 Mbps (1 Gbps) at an estimated monthly cost of \$6,000, which is projected to be \$3,300 net of eRate discount.*
11. *Approves a 51-month lease with ITS Neopost for a mailing system at an estimated monthly cost of \$425.00.*
13. *Awards the Request for Proposals for Depository Services to the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund and PNC Bank (joint proposal) for a four-year period starting on or about July 1, 2011, with an option to renew for an additional three years.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Mr. Miller abstained from consent agenda items 9, 10, and 11.

Motion passed 8-0 for items 1 through 3, 5 through 8, and 13.

Motion passed 7-0-1 for items 9, 10, and 11.

Mr. Reinboth read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

12. *Authorizes a three-year renewal of the contract with Jostens for yearbook printing at Klinger Middle School, Log College Middle School, and William Tennent High School reflecting a 0% price increase from 2011 to 2012, and a 1.8% per year increase to the second and third years of the agreement. The projected first-year costs are \$9,747, \$9,747, and \$38,770.51, respectively.*

Seconded by Mr. Miller.

Ms. Driban stated that she does not see any backup that past problems with Jostens have been corrected.

Mr. Miller stated that his previous disputes with these agreements were discussed at the Finance Committee meeting, and he commends Administration for an excellent job putting all of his previous issues into perspective and for excellent negotiations of a new agreement. This came out of the Finance Committee with approval.

Ms. Driban requested, in the future, please include the backup.

Motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Driban read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

- 14. Having resolved to advertise for and receive bids for the construction of the Region I Elementary School Project; and Having received such bids on March 15, 2011; and Having considered the bids received and having consulted with the Project Architect and the Project Construction Manager; Now, therefore, the Board of School Directors of the Centennial School District hereby resolves as follows:*
- I. The Board resolves to award contract on the terms and conditions herein stated.*
 - II. Subject to: (i) the satisfactory execution and submission of the written Contracts for Construction, surety bonds and insurance certificates, all as required by the contract documents for the Project and in such form as provided in the Contract Documents, and (ii) the approval of the Project by all authorities having jurisdiction thereof, the Board intends to accept the following bid proposals totaling \$23,574,550 and:*
 - A. Award the following accepted alternates for each of the eight (8) trade contracts identified hereinafter: Alternate No. 1 for Storage at the End of Class Wings and Alternate #4 for Terrazzo on the Floors of the Classroom Wings; and,*
 - B. On the basis of such accepted alternates and the base bids submitted by the bidders, award the:*
 - 1. General Trades Construction Contract #1 to Skepton Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$10,845,000; and*
 - 2. Site Work Construction Contract #2 to Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$3,073,703; and the*
 - 3. Roofing Construction Contract to CHM Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$1,231,850; and*
 - 4. Food Service Equipment Contract to Commercial Appliance in the amount of \$462,097; and*
 - 5. Plumbing Construction Contract to Apex Plumbing & Heating, Inc., in the amount of \$1,242,000; and*
 - 6. Fire Sprinkler Construction Contract to S. A. Comunale in the amount of \$386,500; and*
 - 7. Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) Construction Contract to B & S Sheet Metal Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of \$3,122,900; and*
 - 8. Electrical Construction Contract to Electri-Tech, Inc., in the amount of \$3,210,500.*
 - III. The Board further authorizes and directs the Administration, Project Architect, and Construction Manager to take all such actions as may be necessary to give notice of its actions as herein resolved to all parties in interest in such form and manner as they may deem appropriate.*
 - IV. The Board further authorizes and directs the Administration, Project Architect, and Construction Manager to take all other actions that they may deem necessary and proper to execute the foregoing resolutions of the Board, including the execution of appropriate Contracts for the construction work awarded herein and the preparation and submission of all documents required*

by the Pennsylvania Department of Education under PlanCon, including Part F (Attachment C) and Part G.

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Mr. Hezel stated that when the Operations Committee went through the high school project bidding process: they went over what the bid alternates would be; they were outlined and given justification; and they were given the ability to scratch any off of the list and prioritize them. Mr. Hezel requested that for the Region 2 building project, they have discussions before they go into bidding. Mr. Hezel also requested information on the alternate for the storage at the end of the class wings.

Dr. Pollock stated this needed to get on tonight’s agenda; if it was held up two more weeks, this school might not open on time.

Mr. Hezel stated we cannot afford to cut corners even though we have a deadline.

Dr. Cressman stated she does concur with Mr. Hezel and remembers the discussion he references; she will ensure the Region 2 bid is done that way.

Mr. Hartline asked: what the total expense for the Region 1 project is; what is the remaining balance available under the bond fund for the Region 2 School; will we be needing additional cash contributions from the General Fund; and will there be any surplus funds from these two projects that can be given back to the high school for some of the items that are coming out of the General Fund.

Dr. Pollock stated Mr. Hartline’s questions should go to the Finance Committee; anything they decide to do would then come to the full Board.

Mr. Gretton stated he had sent a revision with the breakdowns on this agenda item. One was \$162,050 for the additional storage space, and the other was \$145,000 for the floor in the classroom wing. The original budget for the Region 1 School was \$30,827,690. With construction costs and all the other fees as budgeted, the cost is now \$29,544,102, which is about \$1.3 million under the amount. That amount includes \$1.0 million of contingency funds, which is a significant percentage for a contingency fund.

Dr. Cressman pointed out the terrazzo flooring is in place in the Region 3 School and that is something that would be comparable in Region 1 and Region 2. She asked for an exception on Administration’s part for putting that in; it was put there to create equal schools.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>No</i>

Motion passed 6-2

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; Substitute Support Staff; Tutors and Co-Curricular.

Motion passed 8-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mr. Miller stated the Governor's budget cuts put the District in a tight spot. Kindergarten is seriously jeopardized by those cuts. Mr. Miller stated that in 2007 the Board approved the construction of the stadium, and an \$800,000 note was taken from the General Fund with the promise it would be repaid through the operation of the stadium. They have not been doing that. Mr. Miller feels it is time we call the note and reinstate the Stadium Fundraiser Committee to start raising money.

Dr. Pollock asked Mr. Reinboth to please see this gets on the Finance Committee agenda to decide what to do with it.

REPORTS

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf announced the meeting for MBIT was last night. Mr. Tully gave a nice presentation on how he is working with students in creating, inventing, and motivating a classroom environment. Mr. Lamb, an Apple representative, was at the meeting. He presented a Certificate of Recognition from Apple to MBIT for its exemplary program.

PSBA Liaison and PASA Report

Mr. Miller thanked Dr. Pollock for providing District facilities to PSBA. We had received a call that the PSBA regional meeting scheduled to be held at Eastern County Vo-Tech was in jeopardy because their cafeteria was undergoing renovation and would not be ready in time. Centennial School District will be hosting the Region 11 Spring Cabinet Meeting and Conference in the Board Room.

Mr. Miller attended this year's PASBO conference in Pittsburgh. Mr. Miller saw an excellent presentation by Mr. Berdnik about predicted budgeting. Everyone was very engaged during and after the presentation, which shows where our District is and where we are heading.

FINANCE

Mr. Reinboth stated their meeting was on March 14, 2011. Items 5 through 13 on tonight's Board agenda were discussed. In addition, they discussed the potential shortfall in our budget, which is a little over \$2 million, due to the Governor's proposals. Mr. Berdnik sent an e-mail to the Board members letting them know what the potential shortfall would be. Mr. Reinboth thanked Mr. Berdnik for that information.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Mueller and, seconded by Mrs. Huf. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen L. Miller
Board Secretary