

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on September 13, 2011, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pollock at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were in attendance:

Katherine Driban	Mark B. Miller
Michael Hartline	Cynthia Mueller
Thomas Hezel	Dr. Andrew Pollock
Betty Huf	Thomas Reinboth
Jane Schrader Lynch	

The following Administration members were in attendance at the meeting:

Dr. Jennifer Cressman	William Gretton
Christopher Berdnik	Robert Reed
Polly Moore	Dr. Susan Klyman
Wayne Robinson	

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

None.

PRESENTATIONS

National School Bus Rodeo Competition

Mr. Gretton recognized Mr. Larry Hannon, a bus driver with the District since 1976, as a winner in the National School Bus Rodeo Competition. Mr. Hannon has won numerous awards in state, local, and national bus competitions.

GOOD NEWS

Mr. William Gretton read the Good News! for September 13, 2011.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Ms. Denise Donlon, Maple Avenue, Southampton, requested a bus stop change for Bus 68; the current stop is on a road that has been designated as hazardous.

Mr. Steve Gresh, Citation Lane, Warminster, addressed the Board regarding the tenth grade at William Tennent High School not having an assistant principal at this time.

Dr. Cressman responded by stating Mrs. Poroszok, the high school principal, is assigned to the tenth grade house. At this time, there is one principal and three assistants in the building with no plan to add another assistant principal.

Michelle Hezlett, Wallace Drive, Warminster, spoke regarding the current litigation against the District.

Michelle Chester, Sycamore Drive, Southampton, spoke to the Board regarding class size at Stackpole Elementary for the second grade. Ms. Chester asked if another second grade class could be added for the current school year since they are very close to capacity. Ms. Chester requested Administration not increase class sizes when going into the new building.

Dr. Cressman responded class size is being closely monitored, and at this time, there is no plan to add an additional second grade class. Dr. Cressman suggested Ms. Chester attend Education Committee meetings over the course of the school year for information regarding class size in the new building.

Christine Bailey Alff, Nancy Drive, Southampton, also spoke to the Board about class sizes once they are moved into the new building.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pollock asked if anyone would like to have any items pulled from consent agenda 1 through 13. The following items were pulled: 8, 9, 10, 12C, and 13.

Mr. Reinboth read 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, for Student 18-13 to attend Willow Dale Elementary School for the 2011-12 school year. The parent will provide transportation.
2. Approves the Standard Contract for Services, as attached, with:
 - A. Therapy Source, Inc., for speech services for 2011-12.
 - B. Buxmont Academy for student placement for 2011-12.
 - C. Pediatric Therapy Services, Inc., and their Service Agreement for speech services for 2011-12.

- D. Bucks Learning Academy for student placement for 2011-12.
3. Approves the transportation of: (A) Student 10-6 and (B) Student 10-19 to Central Bucks School District per the attached documents.
 4. Approves the attached Facility Use Waiver for Archbishop Wood Girls' Soccer. The cost to the District is \$1,085.00.
 5. Approves the attached overnight conference requests: (A) at an approximate cost to the District of \$490 and (B) at an approximate cost to the District of \$200.
 6. Approves the attached agreement between Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 and Centennial School District for the use of IDEA funds.
 7. Approves the attached Storm Water Best Management Practices, Operations, and Maintenance Agreement between the Township of Warminster and Centennial School District for the Region 2 Elementary School Project.
 11. Approves the Floor Cleaning Equipment Bid No. 2012-04 and awards same to the vendors as listed on the attached recommendation for a total cost of \$32,735.

Seconded by Mr. Hartline.

Motion passed 9-0-0.

Ms. Driban read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

8. Approves the attached Job Change Orders 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 in the amount of \$27,411.60 to the previously executed agreement with Strategic Telecommunications Consulting, Inc., (STC) and Centennial School District for VoIP.

Seconded by Mr. Miller.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch requested attachment 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8F, 8G, and 8H be read openly for the individual amounts that would equal the amount of \$27, 411.60.

Ms. Driban stated this is for the new telephone system that is in every District building. This had to be done because the old system is no longer being serviced or made.

- Attachment 8A was for Job Change Order 1 for the amount of \$3,917.10.
- Attachment 8B was for Job Change Order 2 for the amount of \$1,710.00.
- Attachment 8C was for Job Change Order 3 for the amount of \$2,280.00.
- Attachment 8D was for Job Change Order 4 for the amount of \$1,890.00.
- Attachment 8E was for Job Change Order 5 for the amount of \$6,537.60.
- Attachment 8F was for Job Change Order 6 for the amount of \$7,779.40.
- Attachment 8G was for Job Change Order 7 for the amount of \$297.50.
- Attachment 8H was for Job Change Order 8 for the amount of \$3,000.00.

Seconded by Mrs. Schrader Lynch.

Mr. Miller commented that these are expenditures that would have been invisible to us in the past because they would have been purchased off of the state contract; however, we saved approximately \$500,000 over the estimate because we bought this competitively.

Motion passed 8-1.

Ms. Driban read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

9. Approves change orders 209, 265, and 280 in the amount of \$82,732.50 for the William Tennent High School Addition/Renovation Project per the attached.

Seconded by Mr. Miller.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated she believes people want to know what these change orders are for. She asked Mr. Gretton, “If the Board did not approve the \$82,732.50, would it hurt the school?”

Mr. Gretton responded by saying the one change order for approximately \$45,000 has to do with a design factor; because of a change in the technology we are using in the buildings, additional wiring was needed. The other items are things that needed to be done along the way.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch added one was ADA revisions to the science casework; another was removal of the oil tank.

Dr. Cressman stated Administration has been wording resolutions for the last year. If there is a way the Directors prefer they be worded, Administration can do that. Attachments have been made public.

Motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Driban read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

10. Approves change orders 4 and 8 in the amount of \$30,724.80 for the Region 1 Elementary School Project per the attached.

Seconded by Mr. Hezel.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated this is another thing that has to be done. It is adding a stone walkway along Maple Avenue, adding an ADA line, adding a concrete footing, and existing storm water line.

Ms. Driban corrected Mrs. Schrader Lynch by stating the stone walkway, the ADA striping and the concrete was approved by the Superintendent. This approves existing storm water line and remediates the underground spring.

Motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Reinboth read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

12. Approves the following exceptions to the consolidated bus stops previously approved by the Board of school Directors:

C. Establish a bus stop at Centennial Road and Revolutionary Way.

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Ms. Driban stated this particular stop was a problem on the middle school and elementary school run. At the Operations Committee meeting, the lines got a little blurred because, while she understands that the middle school can be moved to one stop, the committee was concerned about not having two stops for the elementary level to accommodate the walking distance and to avoid the corner where there is a walking hazard and a drainage problem. Ms. Driban asked Administration to include in the resolution where to add the additional stop.

Motion passed 8-1.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Paul Cammarota, Buchanan Way, Warminster spoke regarding the route of Bus 45. He stated he cannot put it any more eloquently than Ms. Driban did. They are asking for an additional stop to accommodate for the water. Mr. Cammarota asked to please not make the middle school students walk around that corner. It would be a dangerous situation for them.

Donna McGuinness-Allen, Florence Avenue, Warminster spoke regarding the bus stop at Florence Avenue and Ann Lane. She is not always able to get down to the bus stop to monitor her child and the children she cares for. She finds it not safe to have her daughter walk down to Florence Avenue and Ann Lane by herself. Also, she cares for a child that has to get off the bus at Newtown Road and Ann Lane, two blocks to her home, and she feels this is also unsafe.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated the Board received a letter from Rose Roccamo. She has a severe illness which merits a hardship. Ms. Roccamo's letter stated there are no sidewalks at Fern, Holly, or Davisville Roads and asked that a safer route be established for her child. She is unable to walk her to the bus stop.

Mr. Miller asked Administration to look into this particular situation and make an accommodation that works for the family and the District.

Dr. Cressman stated this will be investigated, and the family will be made aware of the outcome. This will be done in a short period of time.

Ms. Driban read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

13. Approves the attached Letter of Intent with Tangent Energy Solutions to prepare a grant application for placement of solar energy systems at facilities throughout the District at no cost to the District.

Seconded by Mr. Hezel.

Mr. Miller asked if the district solicitor approved this agreement, because he does not know how the Board can approve an agreement that does not have a cost in it. Mr. Miller stated this is a letter of intent allowing Tangent to do a study, and during the study time, we will give them exclusivity in a category, but we do not know how much it will cost. Mr. Miller added under Board Policy 7.31, Purchasing Procedures, *“it is a policy of the Board to obtain ‘competitive bids’ for materials and services where they are required by law or where they may provide cost savings to the school district”*. Mr. Miller feels this is a situation where the District does need to get competitive bids. Mr. Miller feels we should not get into a twenty-year program, granting exclusive rights to run the program, without knowing what we are going to pay and receive.

Mrs. Huf stated she is opposed to this. She serves on the MBIT Board, and they did take the time to get involved with the Letter of Intent. The promised grant money never came forward. There is no guarantee that the District is going to get that money, and down the road, we may get a better deal. Mrs. Huf stated once we know if the MBIT project is successful or not, then we can take a look at this again. Mrs. Huf feels this is not the right time, and she does not support this.

Mr. Hezel commented he is also on the MBIT Executive Council, and they did apply for a state grant. The whole agreement was based upon getting the state grant, which did not come through. The amount of effort that went into it with MBIT was hours with their lawyers to review contracts, which is the only money that went into it. There is a chance of money coming into it again, because of those who did receive grant money were not ready to proceed, they had to return the money; now we have a chance to go after that money. Mr. Hezel stated he is not sure how long there will be grant money available in this economy. We have an opportunity to strike while the iron is hot and save the District hundreds of thousands of dollars over the next twenty years without having to put any money into it, with the exception of having our lawyers look at it. Mr. Hezel feels this is a win for the District.

Mr. Miller responded he feels that someone is offering us something for nothing, we have to wonder what is in it for them. We have no numbers to go by, and at the very least, this agreement would need to be looked at by our solicitor.

Mr. Gretton stated this Letter of Intent is a commitment for this organization to do the study at no cost to the District. It has been reviewed by Mr. Levin, and the final attachment the Board is looking at has been reviewed by his office. Mr. Gretton stated the Board is being asked to approve this organization to go forth and do the study and then to come back to the Board with a proposal for the PPA at no cost to the District.

Dr. Pollock asked Mr. Gretton if this could be amended now to include: (A) no cost to the District at any point and (B) a time limit of 12 or 24 months, at which point it becomes null and void.

Mr. Gretton responded the agreement has a 120-day time limit. The grant money is only available until October 30.

Mrs. Mueller stated her concern is if the Board is presented with another opportunity and Tangent has done the study, it will cost the District. Mrs. Mueller is in favor of the solar but not this.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated Mr. Gretton alluded to if Centennial uses any information or documents, Centennial must reimburse Tangent up to \$8,000. Solar energy is the future but not this way. She does not support this.

Mr. Miller stated he has not seen the latest agreement so he cannot support this at this time.

A roll call vote was taken to call the question.

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>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Schrader Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</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>

Motion passed 9-0.

A roll call vote was taken for Item 13.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion failed 1-8.

PERSONNEL

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

Co-Curricular and Curriculum Resource Team Members and accepts the Award of Tenure per the attached list.

Motion passed 9-0.

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Hartline to resolve that Centennial School Board accept the following:

Schedule of Bills, Investments, Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – August, 2011
Budget Transfers – June, 2011

Motion passed 9-0.

MINUTES

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

Regular School Board Meeting – August 16, 2011

Motion passed 9-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mr. Miller requested a discussion be started regarding technology in elementary classrooms except for Willow Dale. In prior meetings, there was discussion about making sure there was technology in every elementary classroom for the teachers to be able to use the features of *Everyday Math*. At present, the technology is only in the Willow Dale School. Mr. Miller would like to know the timeline for getting the technology in every classroom.

Mr. Reed responded the installation of the interactive whiteboards is anticipated to begin at the end of this week or early next week.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch commented that the opening of *Safety Town* in Warminster Community Park is a wonderful project. Also, the 9/11 program at the Hartsville Fire Department, where the beam was placed, was a treasured moment. Hartsville Fire Department did a wonderful job.

REPORTS

ALTERNATIVE REVENUE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Mr. Miller spoke about the upcoming grand opening celebration and dedication for William Tennent High School.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated Mr. Miller has done a tremendous job with this.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Schrader Lynch reported the next meeting will be September 26, 2011, at 7:00.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Reinboth reported the next meeting will be on September 19, 2011, at 7:00.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Driban reported most of what was discussed at the last Operations Committee meeting was discussed here tonight. Everything is on schedule with construction except for the Region 1 School but that is expected to be back on schedule before bad weather hits.

MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Huf reported the following for the August meeting: The 2010-2011 School Assessment report was presented. Highlights included: PSSA reading scores – 55% exceeded the state average of proficiency for part-time schools; PSSA math scores – 49% exceeded the state average; secondary average daily membership rate remained consistent at 89.60 %. Students earned a total of 1,119 industry recognized certifications during the 2010-2011 school year; NOCTI scores increased by 14% to 83%; 62% of students scored advanced; 21% scored proficient; 76% of MBIT students plan to continue onto post-secondary education, with 48% planning to attend Bucks County Community College; Adult Education earned a profit of \$20,000 during the 2010-2011 school year; Middle Bucks earned a profit of \$10,000 during the year; secondary enrollment declined during the 2010-2011 school year. Approximate enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year is 800 students.

Mrs. Huf reported the following for the September meeting: 790 students are enrolled at Middle Bucks Institute of Technology this year, which represents a 7.3% increase over last year; in addition, attendance on Friday, September 9, when all four districts were in session, was 99.7%, with only three students absent.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Hartline reported the next meeting will be on September 20, 2011.

PSBA LIAISON

Mrs. Schrader Lynch reported that PSBA is looking into urging the General Assembly to enact legislation to correct deficiencies in current charter school legislations; also to call for the provisions to House Bill 1369, the Strike-Free Education Act, to go to the General Assembly. PSBA is studying school size in the State of Pennsylvania; a twenty-six page report by the School Board Association and Education Research and Policy Center makes no firm recommendation on the sizes of school buildings. The PSBA is considering reviewing the voucher programs, they are seeing little gain.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ms. Driban read the upcoming meetings and calendar of events.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen L. Miller
Board Secretary

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING

Date September 13, 2011

Please print clearly. Thank you.

Name	Address	Organization
Amanda Peterson	MBIT	MMT
Joe Zorawitz	MBIT	MMT
Josh Heistand	MBIT	MMT
Ryan Dougherty	MBIT	MMT
Brandon Hew	MBIT	MMT
Will Mullen	721- m	
Paul Capomata	91 Buchanan Way	PARENT
Denise Danton	339 Maple	PARENT
Michelle Heist	709 Wallace	PARENT
LARRY Hannon	892 NorrisTown Rd.	TRANSPORTATION
Jane Hannon	11	
Doreen M... ..		T... ..
Mary-Jane Oziminsk	602 Reddick St Southampton	
Kate Hartenstein	711 King Way Warrington Pa	Parent
Ellen Hoetermann	1014 Meadows Glen Blvd Warrington	Parent
Angela Grantland	20 New Rd Southampton	Parent
Solar Angelucci	22 New Rd Southampton	Boy Scouts
Christine Bailey Allf	1495 Nancy Dr S/H	Stackpole
Michelle Chester	885 Sycamore Dr	Stackpole
Paul Johnson		Nativity of Our Lord
Shirley K... ..		CEO
AL G... ..	658 Lily Rd	
CHUCIL / K... ..	1140 Woods Ln	RESIDENT
Al Caporin	WTKS	CEA

