

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 11, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on October 11, 2011, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pollock at 7:40 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	Joyce Mundy

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, real estate, and personnel matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Miller announced that Friday, October 21, 2011, is the Whiteout at the William Tennent High School Alumni Stadium. Come to the game wearing white.

Mr. Hartline announced the Annual Band Competition is October 22, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$8.00.

Mrs. Mueller announced Casino Night at Ann's Choice will be November 4, 2011, to support the Centennial Education Foundation.

GOOD NEWS

Mr. Gretton read the Good News! for October 11, 2011.

STUDENT REPORTS

Mr. Harris reported on upcoming events at William Tennent High School, including:

- The Homecoming Dance and Coronation will be held on October 14 and 15, 2011.
- PSAT testing will be held on October 15, 2011.
- ACT testing will be held on October 22, 2011.
- Celebration of the Bands will also be held on October 22, 2011.
- SADD Red Ribbon week will be the week of October 24, 2011.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Reinboth read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

1. Approves the Standard Contract for Services, as attached, with:

- A. Bancroft Neurohealth and the Residential Services Contract and the New Jersey State Department of Education Tuition Contract for Student 10-23 for the 2011-12 school year.*
- B. Student Assistance Program services through the Council of Southeast Pennsylvania, Inc., as revised, and the Letter of Agreement for 2011-12.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Motion passed 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pollock asked if anyone would like to have any items pulled from consent agenda 1 through 11. The following items were pulled: 1, 3, 9, and 11.

Mr. Reinboth read the consent agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

- 2. Approves an exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident, and Tuition Status, for Student 1-16 to attend Log College Middle School for the 2011-12 school year. Transportation will be provided by the District.*
- 4. Approves the attached Influenza Vaccination Agreement between CVS Pharmacy, Inc., and Centennial School District.*
- 5. Approves the attached overnight conference request at an approximate cost to the District of \$675.00.*

6. *Approves change orders 062, 165, 286, 299, and 300 in the amount of \$89,916.29 for the William Tennent High School Addition/Renovation Project per the attached.*
7. *Approves change orders 284, 285, 291, 292, and 303 in the amount of \$143,170.00 for the William Tennent High School Addition/Renovation Project per the attached.*
8. *Approves change order 119 in the amount of \$10,772.13 for the Region 3 Elementary School Additions and Renovations Project per the attached.*
10. *Approves the Release and Settlement Agreement for Student 4-12 as attached.*

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Reinboth read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

1. *Approves the following exceptions to Policy 4.14., Transportation:*

1. *A change to the bus routes to establish a bus stop at 339 Maple Avenue;*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Ms. Driban stated this particular item was not recommended by Administration when it came before the Operations Committee. When the parent expressed concern with the student's assigned bus stop, the District offered to change the student's assigned bus stop so the student could utilize an existing bus stop at Harding and Baner Roads. After this offer was made, the parent then requested a new bus stop be established at Maple Avenue and Harding Road.

Mr. Gretton explained the home is situated on the corner of Maple Avenue and Harding Road. The side yard is on Harding Road, and the student would be required to walk across a piece of their yard, if they did not want to walk on Maple Avenue, to reach the existing stop at Harding and Baner Roads.

Denise Donlon (parent), 339 Maple Avenue, Southampton, Pennsylvania, stated she modified her request and wants her daughter to be picked up at their driveway. She feels her daughter's walking on Maple Avenue is hazardous.

Motion failed 0-9.

2. *A change to the bus routes to reinstate the bus stop at Yale Drive at Charles Street;*

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Ms. Driban stated in this situation the bus stop was moved to a corner at New Road where there are sidewalks. This did not pass out of the Operations Committee. Dr. Cressman requested this come to the full Board.

Mr. Miller stated he has visited this site and believes it is a dangerous intersection. There are too many people, too much traffic, and it is unmonitored.

Ms. Driban believes a lot of the traffic, by the parents' own admissions, is the parents driving there and waiting for the bus.

Mrs. Huf stated she will be voting to change this stop.

William and Donna McClosky, 314 Charles Street, Southampton, Pennsylvania, spoke about their concerns with this bus stop. New Road is a cut-through for County Line Road and Street Road. Too many people are traveling on New Road and making it a dangerous road for students to be standing on while waiting for the bus.

Mrs. Huf stated, again, she is hearing a safety issue, and as a Board member, she is concerned for the safety of the children.

Mrs. Mueller confirmed with Mr. Robinson that this is not a new stop. It is just new to this family.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>No</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>No</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>No</i>

Motion passed 5-4.

3. A change to the bus routes to reinstate the bus stop at Woodhaven at Buckstone Drive;

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Ms. Driban stated this is the same issue as the last one. There are sidewalks on the side street, and the situation is being complicated by multiple cars at the intersection caused by parents driving their children to the bus stop.

Mr. Miller said he also checked this stop. Cars passed him as he slowed down. If it was his child, he would drive them to this bus stop. We are adding to the problem in this intersection. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Robinson how many bus stops were changed and consolidated in this move.

Mr. Robinson stated he did not have the figure with him and could not guess.

Mrs. Huf stated she supports this change. It is a safety issue.

The following people spoke regarding this change:

Marcia Chast, 695 Buckstone Drive, Southampton, Pennsylvania.

Colleen Finnegan, 690 Buckstone Drive, Southampton, Pennsylvania.
Theresa Kravcak, 590 Buckstone Drive, Southampton, Pennsylvania.
Jamie Dolt, 600 Buckstone Drive, Southampton, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Pollock advised residents to contact the police regarding vehicles speeding and running stop signs.

Dr. Cressman stated we have excellent partnerships with our community police, and they have extended an offer to visit any sites the District has concerns about.

Mrs. Huf stated she is very concerned about the safety of our students, and we should move the bus stop back to its original location.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch thanked the members of the audience who brought their children to this Board Meeting.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>No</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>No</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion passed 6-3.

4. *An exception to the Klinger Middle School walking zone for Student 1-7 for the 2011-12 school year.*

Seconded by Mr. Hezel.

Ms. Driban stated that originally at the Operations Committee meeting this concern was recommended for review by the full Board because their belief was the area in front of Davis Elementary School would not have a paved walkway or be prepared in any way to prevent the children from having to walk on Maple Avenue. This section was scheduled to be paved yesterday.

Mr. Gretton confirmed this area has been paved, and snow will be shoveled as needed.

Motion failed 0-9.

Mr. Reinboth read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

3. *Approves the attached Facility Use Waivers for:*

A. Archbishop Wood High School Swim Team at Klinger Middle School;

- B. Our Lady of Good Counsel Swim Team at William Tennent High School;*
- C. Our Lady of Good Counsel Swim Team at Klinger Middle School;*
- D. Centennial Aquatic Club at William Tennent High School (cafeteria);*
- E. Centennial Aquatic Club at William Tennent High School (pool);*
- F. Centennial Aquatic Club at William Tennent High School (pool, balcony).*

Mr. Hartline asked for clarification on how Administration determines what percentage of a fee waiver is used.

Mr. Gretton responded that the waiver fee schedule is part of the Board policy. The waiver is determined by the percentage of Centennial students in attendance that are part of the whole group at the event and also if the event is being held on a weekend or weekday.

Mr. Hartline stated he would like to reduce the number of fee waivers that are approved, and this would provide the District with a substantial amount of revenue.

Mr. Gretton stated that this is something that Administration is looking into and plans for a recommendation will be forthcoming in the spring.

Mr. Miller stated that in the past the Alternative Revenue Ad Hoc Committee has asked that the price structure be reevaluated.

Mr. Miller requested an amendment be made to the above to add Item 3G. Facilities Use Waiver William Tennent High School (auditorium) for October 27, 2011.

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Motion passed 9-0.

Mrs. Mueller stated she also feels we need to revisit this so it is not so arbitrary. Mrs. Mueller had a problem with moving forward waiver requests by Archbishop Wood High School and Our Lady of Good Counsel because they need to be standardized.

Dr. Cressman stated this is something that Administration is discussing and would like to see clarity. We want to be fair to these various groups. She recommends this be put through the Operations or Finance Committees.

Ms. Driban proposed Administration fast track this and have something for the December meeting. In the meantime, any waiver requests for dates up through December be allowed, and inform anyone who comes forward with a waiver request after January 1, 2012, that the fee schedule may be different.

Mrs. Mueller made a motion to amend Item 3D to waive all fees.

Seconded by Mr. Miller.

Motion passed 9-0.

Dr. Pollock stated he does not feel we should change policies in the middle of the school year. Groups have set up their budgets, and all of the sudden, they get hit with something that is different. He would rather the Board do this in the late spring.

Dr. Pollock stated the vote is for Item 3 with two amendments.

Motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Reinboth read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

9. *Approves Burt, Hill Stantec to make revisions to the Region 1 and Region 2 Elementary School Administration Suites as attached.*

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Mr. Hezel stated they were introduced to this at the Operations Committee meeting. Burt, Hill Stantec was looking for fees to make the architectural changes needed for the modifications requested by Administration for the Region 1 and 2 schools. There were some initial designs made that were changed to its current state and now we have additional input from elementary principals. Mr. Hezel does not agree with this. He feels we are on an extremely tight deadline, and this may jeopardize the opening date of the Region 1 elementary school.

Dr. Pollock stated this will not jeopardize the timeline.

Mrs. Huf stated she was also at the Operations Committee meetings. She asked at the meeting and will ask again, what is the additional charge to make these changes because it was stated walls would need to be moved and internal changes made? Mrs. Huf does not support these changes.

Ms. Driban stated the changes that were already made to the Willow Dale office have already been incorporated into the other two buildings. They are irrelevant to the changes on the table. The changes tonight have to do with the structure of the administration suite only. The Operations Committee was told by Burt, Hill Stantec and Reynolds Construction that in Region 1 it would impact things because walls were already up and would need to be moved. The amount quoted is only for the design fees. This does not include the change orders that will be forthcoming.

Mr. Miller stated the Region 1 School is on schedule for opening in September, 2012. Mr. Miller asked at the Operations Committee meeting if this meant opening the Region 1 School on time without the administration suite completed, and the answer was yes. Mr. Miller is opposed to these changes.

Mrs. Mueller queried Mr. Gretton if the District deviates from the original plans, whether those alternations to the plans would result in a change order and the contractors could charge the District heavily. Mrs. Mueller does not support this.

Mr. Gretton responded yes.

Dr. Cressman explained that Burt, Hill Stantec worked closely with administration on the design plans from the very beginning of these buildings. We have a building at Willow Dale, and until you live or work somewhere, you do not know how things will or will not work. Administration is asking that we do not replicate some of the design flaws that are being experienced at Willow Dale. Dr. Cressman believes there are twenty items, ten of which the Board has received. Dr. Cressman

asked the Board to consider getting the items down to five “deal breakers” that are hampering the work flow in that office.

Dr. Pollock stated when he toured Willow Dale and went to the office area, his initial reaction was: it was not going to work, it needed to be changed. The principal and secretaries are in the wrong place. Dr. Pollock stated if some of these changes are not made, there are going to be problems.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated that their excuse was they only thought there was going to be one secretary. That would not be efficient—950 students and only one secretary.

Mr. Miller opposes this because of mechanical reasons.

Ms. Driban asked if administration whittles this down to five issues, is the \$25,000 based on the ten or twenty issues. Are they likely to reduce the fee, or is this a flat fee?

Mr. Gretton responded it would still be \$25,000 because we are talking about rearranging the offices. The proposed office plan did not include movement of walls.

Ms. Driban asked what changes would be necessary from a design change if we are just moving the rooms people would be in.

Mr. Gretton responded it would be moving some of the cabinetry and allowing more space for the secretaries.

Mr. Reinboth asked if the \$25,000 fee was for one school or both.

Mr. Gretton responded it is for both schools.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>No</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>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>No</i>

Motion passed 7-2.

Mr. Reinboth read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

- 11. Authorizes the Board’s proper officers to prepare, post, and accept sealed bids for the sale of Leary Elementary School, subject to a deed restriction limiting the future use of the property to residential purpose and assumption of existing leases, and other such terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the District.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Motion passed 9-0.

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*
- *Co-Curricular*

Motion passed 9-0.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stepped out of the Board meeting.

FINANCIAL

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

Schedule of Bills, Investments, Cafeteria Fund Budget Report, Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – September, 2011

Budget Transfers – June, 2011 and October, 2011

Motion passed 8-0.

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 – September 13, 2011

Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – September 27, 2011

Motion passed 8-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

ALTERNATIVE REVENUE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Mr. Miller reported their next meeting is tomorrow evening. They are very excited about the progress being made. Up for discussion is an energy option that could bring \$180,000 into the

District. Also, there will be a recap on the grand opening, and he is confident there was no cost to the District by the time the revenue was applied.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Schrader Lynch reported at their meeting on September 26, Ms. Mundy went through the PSSA results. In mathematics, we performed well and performance in 9th and 12th grades was a problem. Reading was the same way. This will be looked into, and there will be a full report. Principals were in attendance from Willow Dale, McDonald-Davis, Stackpole, and Longstreth Elementary Schools. This was an exciting meeting, which showed all the good things the schools and District accomplish.

The next meeting will be October 24, 2011.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The last meeting was September 19, and a number of the items discussed were on the agenda of the September 27 Board Meeting.

The next meeting will be October 17, 2011.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Driban reported that everything discussed at the last Operations Committee meeting was on tonight's agenda. School updates are on the website. Willow Dale is almost complete. They are working on the demolition of the high school, and work continues on the lower field putting in the ground work for the field hockey field. Region 1 is back on schedule, and Region 2 is just getting off the ground.

MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Ms. Driban reported that at last night's meeting they did an enrollment report. PSSA scores for reading were 65%, up 10% from last school year; 45% were proficient or advanced in math, a 4% decrease. State average for career and technical schools is only 39% in reading and 32% for math. MBIT is significantly higher than other technical schools. There are 801 students in total. Centennial's enrollment at MBIT is up 2% over last year. The special education population is down from last year.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Hartline reported the Bucks County Intermediate Unit initiative for 2011-12 was reviewed. The Bucks County Limited Healthcare Consortium was reviewed. Adoption of the renewal for Centennial's Ombudsmen Agreement was done, and they extended Dr. Galasso's contract.

PSBA LIAISON

Mrs. Schrader Lynch reported Governor Corbett will be releasing an educational plan which includes a voucher proposal, charter school system, and economical furloughs for teachers regardless of seniority. One of the major items is \$7,000 per student in failing school systems be part of the voucher plan. PSSA results show improvement.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mr. Hartline read the upcoming meetings and calendar of events.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Huf to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen L. Miller
Board Secretary

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING

Date October 11 2011

Please print clearly. Thank you.

Name	Address	Organization
Amanda Peterson	MBIT	MMT
Joel Zorowitz	MBIT	MMT
Brandon Hehn	MBIT	MMT
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THERESA KENYON		
Janie Do It		
Diana Billmeyer		
Marcia Chester Family		
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