

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 25, 2011

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

A Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on October 25, 2011, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pollock at 7:10 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	Joyce Mundy
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 personnel matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Huf congratulated Mr. Christopher Tully for receiving the C. Thomas Olivio Award for Outstanding Service for his efforts to promote Career and Technical Education.

Mr. Miller attended the Celebration of the Bands and thought it was an excellent presentation.

Mr. Hartline stated the community support was outstanding.

GOOD NEWS

Mr. Gretton read the Good News! for October 25, 2011.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- 1. Alternative Revenue Ad Hoc Committee - September 14, 2011*
- 2. Education Committee - September 26, 2011*
- 3. Finance Committee - September 19, 2011*
- 4. Operations Committee - September 7, 2011*

Motion passed 9-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the authorization to employ Paula Voshell as Principal of Willow Dale Elementary School.

Motion passed 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reinboth asked if anyone would like to have any items pulled from consent agenda 1 through 17. The following items were pulled: 1 and 3.

- 2. Approves the attached overnight conference request at an approximate cost to the District of \$320.00.*
- 4. Approves the Mad Mex fund-raising program as recommended by the Alternative Revenue Ad Hoc Committee for the benefit of the Madrigals and Student Government.*
- 5. Approves the attached 403(b) Retirement Savings Plan Loan Policy document as prepared by Mass Mutual.*
- 6. Approves an adjustment to the Auxiliary Pay Rate Schedule effective December 1, 2011 (or the first pay practical for implementation thereafter) for support and support-like employees per the attached supplement.*
- 7. Approves the IDEA Section 619 Use of Funds Agreement, attached, as recommended by Bucks County Schools Intermediate Unit #22.*
- 8. Approves the extension of Builder's Risk Insurance for William Tennent High for the period of October 15, 2011 to May 10, 2012, through the District insurance broker, Willis, at a cost of \$3,149.00.*

9. *Authorizes acceptance and execution of the attached revised Section 125 cafeteria plan documents.*
10. *Approves the appointment of School Specialty Education Essentials to assess furniture/equipment needs and provide bid documents for the Region I and Region II elementary schools at no cost to the District.*
11. *Approves the new Madison National disability rates for support staff as attached.*
12. *Approves the attached Maintenance Agreement between the District and Strategic Telecommunications Consulting, Incorporated, d/b/a STC Services, providing maintenance for the District's LAN, WLAN, and VOIP systems.*
13. *Approves the STC Services change order, at no cost to the District, to install paging systems throughout Klinger and Log College Middle Schools; the Administration Building; and in the administrative areas of Longstreth, McDonald, and Stackpole Elementary Schools.*
14. *Approves the attached Letter of Agreement with Verizon for relocating the William Tennent High School cable and demarcation point at a cost to the District of approximately \$29,883.*
15. *Approves payment to Bernard G. Hoffman for professional services not to exceed \$3,500.00 for consulting, community interaction, and Superintendent meetings at a cost of \$125 per hour. All utilization shall be coordinated by the Superintendent of Schools.*
16. *Approves the use of Centennial School District buses and personnel for the Warminster Township "Touch-a-Truck" event. Approximate cost to the school district is \$400.00.*
17. *Approves the payment of permit fees related to the Region 2 Elementary School Project to the Township of Warminster in the amount of \$157,457.00 for the E & S (\$400.00), Building (\$69,579.00), Plumbing (\$24,759.00), and Mechanical Systems (\$62,719.00).*

Seconded by Mr. Miller.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch asked if the \$157,457.00 was a part of the escrow Centennial School District put up to start construction of the Region 2 School.

Mr. Miller stated if we paid it out of the escrow we would have to replenish the escrow so the amount could be taken either way.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated she has a major question with this and asked the Board to please hold this back until we get a better answer.

Mr. Gretton responded these are not part of the escrow amounts. These amounts we have to pay the township, which is part of the specification that the District will pay in lieu of the contractor having to pay them, in order to get the initial permits.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch asked what the amount of the escrow is for Warminster Township for the Region 2 School.

Mr. Gretton responded we have not determined an amount yet for Region 2, but Region 1 is slightly over \$2 million, and he expects Region 2 to be the same.

Motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Driban read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

- 1. *Approves the exception to Policy 4.14, Transportation, to change the bus route to reinstate the stop at Holly and Fern Roads, Southampton, Pennsylvania, for Klinger Middle School.*

Seconded by Mr. Miller.

Dr. Pollock asked if this was recommended by the Operations Committee and Administration.

Ms. Driban responded not by either group.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion defeated 3-6.

Mr. Miller read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

- 3. *Approves the attached Curtailment Services Agreement between Comperio Energy, LLC, d/b/a ClearChoice Energy, and Centennial School District.*

Seconded by Mr. Hezel.

Ms. Driban asked for a brief explanation from Mr. Miller for the listening audience.

Mr. Miller responded this is an agreement to be on standby during the summer months, when the buildings are generally not in use. On two hours notice, for a short duration of time not to

exceed 8 hours, we would agree to allow energy from our school buildings to be diverted to emergency services, hospitals, traffic lights, and things that are needed to keep the county moving during brownouts. We would be paid \$187,000 over three years for this. This is a no risk situation. If we get the notice and decide we do not want to yield our energy on that particular day, we can opt out of the program and loose roughly 10% of the income for that year.

Motion passed 9-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Ms. Driban 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, Mentors*
- *Curriculum Resource Team Members*
- *Co-Curricular*

Motion passed 9-0.

Dr. Pollock stated there is a resignation before the Board for Dr. Susan Klyman, who has been the Director of Student Services. Dr. Pollock acknowledged her service to the District for the past five years. Dr. Klyman has done a fantastic job in special education.

Ms. Driban stated she would also like to say a sad goodbye to Dr. Klyman. In addition to her wealth of knowledge that is going with her, so is her compassion for the students and their families. She was an outstanding Administrator in the District.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated to Dr. Klyman that she would truly be missed. Her contribution to the district has been stellar.

Mrs. Huf also complimented Dr. Klyman by stating she enjoyed the relationship with her. Pennsbury's gain is Centennial's loss.

FINANCIAL

Mr. Reinboth stated the financial highlights can be found on the District website. There is also a rundown of the financial highlights for last school year. No audit results yet, as it is ongoing.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mrs. Schrader Lynch asked when the completion date for the Region 3 School is projected.

Mr. Gretton responded by saying they are now finishing up punch list items. We expect by the end of November there will be a dedication ceremony.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated if all the items are completed by the end of November then we can look forward to monies returned to the District from the township. As that completion date gets

closer, she would like to know how much we will receive from the escrow account. Mrs. Schrader Lynch asked Administration to keep the Board updated.

REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Reinboth reported many of the items discussed and moved forward at the last Finance Committee meeting were on tonight's agenda, specifically items 5 through 15.

The next Finance Committee meeting is November 14, 2011.

Ms. Driban thanked the members of the Board for allowing her to attend the PSBA Conference last week. She will submit a written report to the Board next week. She had a great time and got a lot of information about energy conservation and upcoming legislation.

Dr. Pollock stated he also attended the PSBA Convention. He wanted the listening public to know that four board members spent four days in Hershey and did not get paid or reimbursed. It is an opportunity for School Board Directors to better the education system in the Centennial School District.

Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Berdnik shared our best practices in an alternative revenue presentation, and it was well received.

Mr. Miller reported on Senate Bill 1. As expected, it passed out of committee by a 16-2 vote. It is going to the Senate floor tomorrow, without public hearing. The swing vote is Senator Tomlinson, who in the past has not been on our side. We are working diligently to make sure he does not change his mind. We believe Senator Corman will vote against the measure.

Mr. Hartline reported one of the conferences he attended was for a school district near Lancaster similar to ours. The information he received has been passed on to Ms. Mundy. Some of the things discussed are already taking place in our District. So, we do not need to reinvent the wheel.

Dr. Pollock stated one of those items is the use of solar energy to save money. This is something the District is looking into already.

Mr. Miller gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Alternative Revenue Ad Hoc Committee.

Dr. Pollock stated he has asked Administration to make this an agenda item for the first meeting of the new Board and the new Board President to name a committee and appoint members should they decide to reinstitute the Alternative Revenue Ad Hoc Committee.

Ms. Driban stated she was not aware that this had to wait. She thought this Board sitting now could make this a standing committee and allow them to continue. The new president would appoint new members should he/she choose.

Dr. Pollock stated the resolution as it was originally adopted was until October 31.

Ms. Driban responded she believes Board policy states that after the Alternative Revenue Ad Hoc Committee is over, the Board of nine can make it a standing committee.

Dr. Pollock stated that is correct. His feeling is we are losing three members of the Board. There would be three new members, and they should have a right to participate in this decision.

Mr. Miller stated he does not believe this was the deal that was offered when the committee was formed. There was a great deal of work that went into this, and they would lose a tremendous amount of momentum if they have to sunset the committee now instead of moving forward.

Dr. Pollock stated the original motion was to June 30, 2011.

Mr. Hezel asked if it was possible to give the Alternative Revenue Ad Hoc Committee an extension.

Mr. Mueller agrees with Mr. Hezel. Why would the Board stop something that is going in a positive direction?

Ms. Driban made a motion to extend the Alternative Revenue Ad Hoc Committee until December 13, 2011.

Seconded by Mr. Hartline.

Mr. Miller asked it be extended for at least six months.

Mr. Reinboth stated he will not be supporting this. He feels these items can move forward without the active participation of the committee.

Ms. Schrader Lynch stated she feels Mr. Miller and the committee members have tried very hard to present different ways to raise money. She has questions: how much have we gotten out of these arrangements that were made, how much from Coca Cola, how much from the snack company, and what is the total amount of those commitments for sponsorship?

Mrs. Schrader Lynch would like a full report of monies that have come in.

Dr. Pollock stated Mr. Miller's presentation did not answer the question that was being asked. In the five months that the Alternative Revenue Ad Hoc Committee has been in existence, how much money has come in?

Ms. Driban stated she heard in the presentation over \$200,000 from the committee's efforts alone.

Dr. Pollock would like to know how much was generated because of this committee.

Mrs. Mueller stated it is going in a positive direction and hopes the Board does not hold their vote up. When you do not have an active committee and active people going out to get partnerships, you do not get them.

Mr. Miller stated he does not understand how a new Board can come in, be seated, and make an educated vote on to whether or not to continue with the committee. Mr. Miller requested the committee be extended 120 days.

Dr. Pollock stated in order for that to happen the Board would have to vote down the call for the question.

Motion to call the question.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

7-2 to call the question.

Dr. Pollock stated the question is to extend the term of the Alternative Revenue Ad Hoc Committee to December 13, 2011.

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

Motion passes 6-2-1.

Dr. Pollock announced the Alternative Revenue Ad Hoc Committee is extended to December 13, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Reinboth stated he attended the fund-raiser for Lisa Forlini, William Tennent High School swimming coach. Considering the organizers put this together in three weeks, the turnout was double what they were hoping.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Schrader Lynch and seconded by Ms. Driban to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen L. Miller
Board Secretary

