

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on November 7, 2011, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pollock at 7:09 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	Mr. William Gretton
Mr. Christopher Berdnik	Mr. Robert Reed
Ms. Polly Moore	Ms. 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 and real estate personnel matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pollock read a statement in response to a situation the press has covered (response attached).

Mrs. Mueller announced the Southampton Interfaith Service will be held on November 20, 2011 at 3:00. The community is invited to attend and is asked to bring a non-perishable food item.

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Leahy, William Tennent Tennis Team requested a Memorial Garden for Michelle Caruso.

GOOD NEWS

Mr. William Gretton read the Good News! for November 7, 2011.

STUDENT REPORTS

Ms. Humble reported on upcoming events at William Tennent High School, including:

- Patrick Myer was recognized for winning Best High School Documentary and Band Favorite at the Bucks Fever Film Festival.
- Middle Bucks Institute of Technology Cosmetology classes are holding two community service events: *Girls and Boys Night Out* and *Caregivers Day*.
- Mr. Christopher Tully won the C. Thomas Olivio Award for Outstanding Service for his efforts to promote Career and Technical Education.
- A team of thirty six students and advisors just returned from the Skills USA Fall Leadership Conference. These students showed future leadership potential.
- MBIT's annual Open House is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2012.
- The MBIT student-run cosmetology clinic is open to the public on Friday afternoons by appointment. Please call the clinic at (215) 343-2480 for more information.
- Aspirations, the student-run restaurant at MBIT, will open to the public for lunch on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting at noon. Call (215) 491-5647 for reservations.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mr. Terry Gillman, Deb Lane, Warminster spoke regarding parent deposits for the London trip.

Michelle Chester, Sycamore Drive, Warminster spoke regarding classroom size at the elementary school level.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Mr. Reinboth read the consent agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

2. *Approves the attached overnight conference requests:*
 - A. *At an approximate cost to the District of \$1,325.00.*
 - B. *At no cost to the District.*
3. *Approves the Release and Settlement Agreement for Student 3-19 as attached.*
4. *Approves payment not to exceed \$5,000 for additional scope of work by local auditor Barbacane, Thornton & Company, LLP.*
5. *Approves change order 301 in the amount of \$18,698.20 for the William Tennent High School Addition/Renovation Project per the attached.*
6. *Authorizes Administration to begin the process for the bidding of seven (7) new student transportation vehicles to be purchased as part of the 2012-13 budget process. Surplus buses will be sold on e-Bay or by a similar method.*

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Ms. Driban clarified for the change order for the high school, as labeled, says to remove hazardous material; the material is not known to be hazardous, they are unlabeled therefore, as a precaution, it is required they be labeled as hazardous.

Motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Reinboth read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

- 1. Approves the creation and naming of the Michelle Caruso Memorial Garden at William Tennent High School at no cost to the District.*

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Mr. Pollock stated our policy has been followed; he has a petition (attached) with 125 signatures.

Ms. Driban requested this be amended to read there will be no cost to the district and the final determination for the location can be decided by administration within the parameters that they lay forth.

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

A vote was taken for the amendment only.

Motion for Amendment passed 9-0.

Motion for resolution with amendment passed 9-0.

Mr. Reinboth read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

- 7. Amends the approved 2011-12 District calendar to declare January 2, 2012, a District holiday with all schools and offices to be closed. An additional day will be added to the end of the current school year.*

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Ms. Driban asked why, it is six weeks away and people have already made plans for vacations and childcare.

Mr. Reinboth stated that it is a national holiday; there would be a high absenteeism anyway so it's time to correct a wrong.

Dr. Pollock stated that in our contracts the people who get the national holiday Sunday should get Monday off in observation.

Mr. Miller asked what the surrounding districts are doing; Mr. Miller stated it is a federal holiday with no mail delivery.

Ms. Driban stated Council Rock is opening on January 2, 2012.

Mrs. Huf agrees that the District should be closed on January 2, 2012.

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>No</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>No</i>

Motion passed 7-2.

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, Per Diem Substitute Professional Staff, Substitute Support Staff, Curriculum Resource Team Members and Co-Curricular.

Mr. Miller asked the five Boys’ Basketball positions be tabled until the next Board meeting while the Board looks at options.

Dr. Pollock disagrees with that; he stated people need to know what is happening.

Mr. Miller requested the names be pulled and voted on separately.

Mrs. Shrader Lynch stated she does not want them pulled.

A vote was taken on everything in Personnel except Boys Basketball positions.

Motion passed 9-0.

A vote was taken on the Boys Basketball positions.

Mr. Miller made a motion to table.

Mrs. Mueller seconded.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Schrader Lynch</i>	<i>No</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>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>No</i>

Motion not tabled.

A vote was taken on the Boys Basketball positions.

Motion passed 7-2.

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, Cafeteria Fund Budget Report, Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – October, 2011

Budget Transfers – November, 2011

Student Activity/Clearing Fund – July 2, 2011 through September 30, 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 – October 11, 2011

Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – October 25, 2011

Motion passed 9-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mrs. Shrader Lynch asked why the restaurant was pulled from the band.

Mr. Miller responded it was not cancelled, the restaurant was never consulted as to whether or not the Board approved it; they needed to be sure they had a group to come in to practice on, by the time the Board got back to them with approval, they had already found another group. However, there will be another date to hold the event with a wider range of menu choices.

Dr. Pollock asked when the Board approved this.

Mr. Miller stated November 4, 2011.

Mrs. Shrader Lynch asked if the information that was received had a date on it or was it an open date.

Mr. Miller stated they had a choice of two dates.

Mr. Hartline stated he is empathetic towards the parents, especially if the Board was lacking at getting back to them with a date. He asked when the restaurant notified us the date had to be changed.

Mr. Berdnik responded it was late in the week; perhaps Friday.

Mr. Hartline stated this was done through a promotional company; we should take a look at this promotional company the next time to be sure we don't make a mistake.

REPORTS

ALTERNATIVE REVENUE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Mr. Miller stated the next meeting will be Monday, November 21, 2011.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Shrader Lynch reported the last meeting was held on October 24, 2011; Ms. Mundy presented the committee with the *Bridge on Line* program with Bucks County Intermediate Unit, there are brochures available for the public for more information; Ms. Mundy did an excellent job for setting criteria for Professional Development Day.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Reinboth stated their next meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2011.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Driban reported the following: There was discussion, in great detail, regarding the sound system bid for the high school auditorium; discussion on bidding for new buses was on tonight's agenda; elementary school playgrounds were also discussed and turned over to Administration.

Ms. Driban asked Dr. Cressman to make an announcement regarding Willow Dale Elementary School.

Dr. Cressman announced the official opening celebration for Willow Dale Elementary will be held on November 29, 2011.

MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Huf stated their next meeting is November 14, 2011.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Hartline reported the following: there were quite a few revisions of funding the Intermediate Unit receives; more money was received for Early Intervention/Medical Access in the amount of about \$19,000 however, we lost about \$19,000 from the IDEA funding; they re-signed six pre-schools and private provider agreements, renewed the Microsoft Service Agreement as well as approved States Early Intervention Funding Agreements.

The next meeting will be on November 15, 2011 at the Leary School.

PSBA LIAISON

Mrs. Schrader Lynch reported Mr. Miller was elected Vice President to the PSBA Board.

For Legislative Liaison Mrs. Schrader Lynch yielded to Mr. Miller to see if he wants to talk about the meeting that was held last Thursday evening.

Mr. Miller thanked everyone who participated in planning and attending that meeting. SB1 was approved the day before in the Senate and is now going to the house. In attendance at the meeting were the States Auditor General and the Chairman of the House Education Committee, they have never connected on these issues and the Chairman of the House Education Committee has agreed to call the Auditor General to testify with a hopeful result of relieving the District of some of the expenses we pay unfairly.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mr. Hezel 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 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen L. Miller
Board Secretary

