

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD JANUARY 10, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on January 10, 2012, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pollock at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were in attendance:

Steven Adams	Jane Schrader Lynch
Katherine Driban	Mark B. Miller
Michael Hartline	Dr. Andrew Pollock
Betty Huf	David Shafter
Charles Kleinschmidt	

The following Administration members were in attendance at the meeting:

Dr. Jennifer Cressman	William Gretton
Christopher Berdnik	Robert Reed
Polly Moore	Joyce Mundy
Dr. Susan Klyman	

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.

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Mundy recognized Victoria Johnson a student from Log College Middle School, who is a published author.

GOOD NEWS

Mr. William Gretton read the Good News! for January 10, 2012.

STUDENT REPORTS

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

- SADD held a Toy Drive and collected \$350 in gift cards and \$120 in donated gifts.
- Quarterlies and mid-terms will be held January 24 to January 27.

- Senior Sweetheart Coronation and Dance will be held February 11, 2012.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Janice Vallone, 217 Centennial Road, Warminster spoke regarding a Speech Contest the Warminster Rotary will be sponsoring for students in grades 9 through 12.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pollock asked if anyone would like to have any items pulled from consent agenda 1 through 14. The following item was pulled: 5

Mrs. Huf read the consent agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

1. *Grants final approval for an overnight trip by William Tennent High School German language students to attend the Deutschfest Competition at the Diamond Ridge Conference Center in Jamison, Pennsylvania, March 16-17, 2012. There is no cost to the District.*
2. *Grants preliminary approval for the Future Business Leaders of America trip to Hershey, Pennsylvania, April 16-18, 2012. The cost to the District is approximately \$7,355.00.*
3. *Approves the attached overnight conference request at a cost to the District of approximately \$950.00.*
4. *Approves the attached Facility Use Waivers for:*
 - A. *the William Tennent High School Cheerleaders' Competition; and*
 - B. *the Bucks County Music Educators' Association.*
6. *Approves change order 219 in the amount of \$20,867.51 for the William Tennent High School Addition/Renovation Project per the attached.*
7. *Approves change order 307 in the amount of \$13,940.85 for the William Tennent High School Addition/Renovation Project per the attached.*
8. *Approves, as attached, the extension of the contract between Reynolds Construction Management and Centennial School District for the New Region 2 Elementary School Project until the completion of work. The cost to the District should not exceed \$78,000.00.*
9. *Approves the Custom Apparel Bid No. 2012-10 and awards same to Kampus Klothes as listed on the attached schedule.*
10. *Approves the attached contract between Corrigan Manning Co., Inc., and Centennial School District.*
11. *Approves, per the attached, the adjustment to the fees of Burt, Hill Stantec based upon the contract.*
12. *Authorizes execution of the attached amendment to the Delta Dental plan.*
13. *Authorizes execution of the attached agreement with Language Line Services for over-the-phone translation services on an as-needed basis.*

14. Approves the engagement of the firm of Cozen O'Connor to deal with miscellaneous legal issues

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Motion passed 9-0.

Mrs. Huf read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

5. Approves the funding of \$53.00 per individual, for clearances for up to 30 employees of Developmental Enterprises Corporation (DEC).

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Dr. Cressman explained this resolution deals with a special education placement for students who are completing William Tennent High School who may be eligible for services in their thirteenth year; it is a workshop approach for students to gain work skills on the job. These facilities traditionally deal with students who are of adult age, 18 and above. They do not have the clearances that we require in public education; this institution has agreed to have their employees subjected to these clearances.

Mr. Miller asked if this facility does work for other school districts in the State.

Dr. Cressman responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller asked where the idea came up that we would pay for the clearances.

Dr. Klyman responded that their employees are only required to have certain clearances; Centennial requires additional clearances.

Mr. Miller asked if they do work for other school districts, other districts would benefit from these clearances as well.

Dr. Cressman responded that the other districts are not requiring they have the additional clearances. It is on the advice of legal counsel that Centennial is seeking additional clearances.

Mr. Miller asked if all thirty of these people will be working with our students.

Dr. Klyman responded it becomes very difficult to control what employee would be working with our students.

Mr. Hartline asked if they have a turnover of employees will we be paying for additional clearances as the employees rotate through.

Dr. Klyman stated she will ask that question.

Ms. Driban asked if we could ask Administration to limit the number of clearances we cover until the Board gets more information.

Dr. Klyman responded she cannot guarantee which employee of the agency will be working with students.

Mr. Hartline asked what guarantee has DEC given us should an employee fail the check.

Dr. Klyman responded she has not asked, because DEC has indicated to us these are good employees who have passed their checks. She does not anticipate they will fail, but if they do, it will be taken into consideration.

Dr. Cressman asked the Board to trust Administration to take these questions to Mr. Levin for his opinion and approve this tonight.

Mr. Shafter stated this is \$1,590 for thirty students and that it should be expedited to ensure student safety.

Motion passed 9-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Ms. Driban to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations, Retirements, Terminations, Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Change of Status; Per Diem Substitute Professional Staff; Substitute Bus Drivers/Trainees; Substitute Support Staff; Fine Arts Festival; and Co-Curricular.

Motion passed 9-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Ms. Driban noted the following policies under initial distribution:

Discussion:

Policy 000. Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations

Ms. Driban stated according to PSBA this would replace Policy 1.1.

Mr. Miller asked that regardless whether this is discussed tonight, can it be discussed again before it comes up for vote; he had asked that two documents be provided to the Board with this policy at the December 13, 2011 meeting, and they have not been circulated. The documents Mr. Miller asked to be provided were the minutes from the January 8, 2010 meeting and the agreement with PSBA for the drafting of the policies. Mr. Miller stated the reason for this is it was his understanding, having attended that meeting, PSBA would be presenting the entire block of policies and not just a single policy for approval. Mr. Miller feels it is important based on the reading of this policy, by approving this policy we are giving Administration the ability to approve all of the remaining policies. He feels the Board needs to see all of the policies at once. He also thought PSBA was going to come in to meet with the Board after they had an opportunity to review to policies to be sure they were true to the original polices.

Ms. Driban stated this policy states that it replaces Policy 1.1; it does not. Policy 1.1 is very specific to the adoption, revisions, limitations, and exceptions to policies themselves. The Policy 000. is only defining the policy and who the players are; it does not talk about how to adopt it or write it; it completely takes out our Citizens Policy Committee and our Administrative Policy Committee. We still need those committees in place, and at this point, this Board is in violation of their own policy because both

committees have been suspended for over a year. There are no Administrators who are looking at this; we need to put those councils back in place and stay that way until it is voted on in total.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated she remembers the discussion with PSBA, and we paid them \$10,000 or \$14,000 over a year ago. They promised us everything; even one book put together that the Board could review.

Dr. Cressman offered a reminder to the Board that throughout the autumn, in several Friday Updates, she asked for repeated direction regarding how policy was to be rolled out given the new PSBA guidelines. The entire manual is available for review. They can be made available in total rather than reviewing them through Committee and the Board.

Mr. Shafter stated we are talking about a lot of different issues; the policy that is being replaced is a two-sentence policy; the balance of it is administrative regulations. He does agree we should adopt a policy manual in total at one time, and after the fact, review it in detail. As far as input from Administrators, teachers, etc., the time for that input is during these discussions on policies.

Ms. Driban stated there are no administrative regulations in this district; they are all included in policy, which is why you cannot adopt a policy that wipes them all out. It does not leave the rest in place, because there are none in place. Ms. Driban stated you cannot approve a policy until you approve the administrative regulations to go along with it. She stated according to our own policy right now, it reads “need for policy may be brought to the attention of the Board by citizens, students, staff members and/or Board members”. Ms. Driban continued by reading “if the Board concurs the president shall forward the concern to the appropriate committee, the committee is responsible for developing the proposed policy and accompanying administrative procedures”. It is not the Board who creates the policy, according to our policy right now; it is those councils and committees that we have set up in the past, which were taken out.

Dr. Pollock entertained a motion to table this until the Board has had a chance to have the full policy manual and have had a separate discussion of the policy manual.

Motion was moved by Ms. Driban.

A motion to table was made.

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Motion passed 9-0.

FINANCIAL

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

*Schedule of Bills, Investments, Cafeteria Fund Budget Report, Fund Profiles/Treasurer’s Report – December, 2011
Budget Transfers – January, 2012*

Motion passed 9-0.

MINUTES

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

Reorganization School Board Meeting – December 5, 2011

Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – December 13, 2011

Mr. Miller requested the minutes for December 13, 2011, be revised to show, under the Policy Discussion, he requested the contract with PSBA be circulated along with the minutes from the January 8, 2010 meeting; also under his PSBA report, he made a formal request that tonight's agenda would include for ratification PSBA's Good Governs Policy.

Mr. Shafter stated that on December 13, 2011, he abstained from approval of the minutes vote, and his reason for abstaining was not reflected in the minutes.

Dr. Pollock requested the secretary make those changes.

Motion passed 9-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Dr. Pollock announced the February 1, 2012, is the date for report cards.

Mr. Shafter asked why the Board of School Directors is approving the minutes for the committees; the minutes should be accepted by the Board of Directors since the Board has no idea if the minutes of the committee are correct or not.

Dr. Pollock responded that the language could be changed to reflect the Board is accepting the approval of the minutes, not approving the minutes.

REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The next meeting is January 18, 2012, and the subject will be revisions to the Program of Studies at the high school and a presentation of middle school grade programs. Mrs. Schrader Lynch invited the new Board members to attend the meeting.

The January 23, 2012, meeting will be the Ad Hoc Class Size Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hartline reported the following: Several of the items at the last meeting on December 19, 2012, were brought forward this evening including the custom apparel bid and the copier printer discussion for tracking of usage; the committee also did a little with reality-based budgeting.

The next meeting will be January 17, 2012.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Driban reported the following: Updates on the Regions 1, 2, and 3 elementary school projects were given; since that report, we now have a sidewalk of asphalt laid down in front of Davis Elementary; extension for the contract with Reynolds was discussed; there was discussion regarding the preservation of artifacts from the Henry W. Ray Special Experience Room at McDonald Elementary. The decision was made not to give the items away but maintain them within the district.

The next meeting will be February 1, 2012.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LIASION

Mrs. Schrader Lynch gave the following report: State of Pennsylvania Budget Secretary Charles Zogby announced a \$500 million short for the fall 2011; on January 4, Governor Corbett reported \$222 million in budget freezes for the year 2012; Pennsylvania was awarded \$43 million to help improve K-12 educational programs. The Governor did announce this award would be allocated by the State Department of Education over the next four years. There were additional monies, but Pennsylvania missed out on a separate round of funding aimed at early education programs. The Pennsylvania House voted to have the voucher vote rejected, but the Governor said he hopes the legislature will look at this again in 2012; the Pennsylvania Supreme Court reversed a Commonwealth court challenge from Slippery Rock's challenge to Pennsylvania Department of Education ordered to pay kindergarten tuition for a four year old enrolled in a charter program; Mr. Berdnik did inform the Board that the District must be prepared for retirement contributions; this has been figured into the budget.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

The next meeting will be on January 17, 2012.

PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Miller thanked the Board members for their service.

Mr. Miller reported the following: The work of PSBA this month focuses on preparing for their federal trip. There is concern that the vocational technical centers will be a target this year for cuts. The House Education Committee is holding a public hearing on January 12, 2012, at Middle Bucks Institute of Technology for anyone who would like to attend; at the state level, they are working on two areas of charter reform.

MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Huf reported the following. Their reorganization meeting was last night. The new officers for Middle Bucks are as follows: Chair, John H. Gamble, Central Bucks; Vice Chair, John Vaughn, New Hope-Solebury; and Secretary, Bernadette Heenan, Council Rock. Also, Bernie O'Neill was in attendance to recognize Christopher Tully for his teaching and loyalty to his students. Dr. Viviano recognized Nathan Burkit, Construction Carpentry teacher, and Construction Carpentry students by the Point Pleasant Fire Company for a community service project.

Ms. Driban reported that there are 801 students at MBIT. Forty-nine percent are special education population, which is the highest in the state. Our District ranks only second in the entire state in the NOCTI scores.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Adams thanked the Klinger Middle School Builders Club and Mrs. O'Donnell's third grade class for their remembrance.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated she thinks the e-mails for the Board from their little friends are absolutely adorable.

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 Ms. Driban and seconded by Mrs. Huf to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen L. Miller
Board Secretary

