

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD MARCH 13, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on March 13, 2012, 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:

Steven Adams	Charles Kleinschmidt
Kati Driban	Mark B. Miller
Michael Hartline	Dr. Andrew Pollock
Betty Huf	David Shafter

Jane Schrader Lynch participated via Skype from a remote location.

The following Administration members were in attendance at the meeting:

Dr. Jennifer Cressman	Robert Reed
Christopher Berdnik	Joyce Mundy
William Gretton	

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 personnel matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Huf congratulated Ms. Miller, a teacher at Willow Dale Elementary, for her recent success on a popular game show.

Mr. Adams congratulated the students who participated in Black and White Night.

GOOD NEWS

Mr. Gretton read the Good News! for March 13, 2012.

STUDENT REPORTS

Mr. Lepre reported on events at Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, including:

- Twelve MBIT students received awards at the State HOSA Competitions held on March 5-7; these students will represent MBIT at the National HOSA Competitions and Conference in Florida.
- Weatherization training is occurring this week through the Adult Education Program.
- MBIT Talent Show will be held March 23, 2012.
- April 4, 2012, will be Graduation Project Day; eighty-six students will be presenting their graduation projects throughout the day.
- NOCTI testing is scheduled for April 9-16.
- Chapter 339 Audit conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education is scheduled for April 10-12. This review ensures that MBIT and its programs are operating in accordance with Chapter 339 guidelines.
- MBIT's Christopher Tully has been chosen as one of the ten finalists for the Great American Teach-Off.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pollock asked if anyone would like to have any items pulled from consent agenda 1 through 14. The following items were pulled: 8, 10, and 11.

Mrs. Huf read the consent agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

1. *Grants preliminary and final approval for a trip by the William Tennent High School Debate Team to attend the Pennsylvania Speech and Debate Championships, March 23-24, 2012, at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. The cost to the District is approximately \$1,110.00.*
2. *Grants preliminary approval for a trip by a William Tennent High School student to the Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association All-State Band and All-State Concert from April 18-21, 2012, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The cost to the District is approximately \$1,620.00.*
3. *Approves the Centennial School District Calendar for the 2012-13 school year per the attached.*
4. *Approves the relocation of Davis Elementary School students currently attending McDonald-Davis Elementary School to the Region 1 (Davis) Elementary School, effective the 2012-13 school year.*
5. *Approves the relocation of Stackpole Elementary School students to the Region 1 (Davis) Elementary School, effective the 2012-13 school year.*
6. *Approves the relocation of Longstreth Elementary School students to the Region 2 (McDonald) Elementary School, effective the 2012-13 school year.*
7. *Approves change orders 323, 324, and 328 in the amount of \$41,390.19 for the William Tennent High School Addition/Renovation Project per the attached.*
9. *Approves the award of the following competitive bus bids as indicated on the schedule with a total cost to the District of \$550,160:*

*24-Passenger Bus, Bid No. 2012-19;
48-Passenger Bus with lift, Bid No. 2012-17; and
77-Passenger Bus, Bid No. 2012-22.*

12. *Approves the 12-month subscriptions, as attached, with PECO to participate in PECO® e-VALUATOR.*
13. *Approves the attached Engineering Services Proposal for Paving–2012 and the Standard Consulting Contracting Terms and Conditions between Carroll Engineering Corporation and Centennial School District at a total cost to the District of \$5,450.00.*
14. *Authorizes execution of a contract with eVestigations for litigation document preservation, subject to terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the solicitor. It is anticipated that expenditures above the District's \$25,000 retention level, per insured event, would be paid by the carrier.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Ms. Driban requested Item 9 be amended to read the total amount of the bid which is \$550,160.

Seconded by Mr. Miller.

Motion passed 8-0.

Due to electronic difficulties, Mrs. Schrader Lynch was unable to vote on the above items; however, she stated she would have voted yes.

Ms. Driban read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

8. *Approves change orders 13, 32, and 57 in the amount of \$36,915.29 for the New Region 1 Elementary School Project per the attached.*

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Mr. Shafter stated the Board is approving change orders 13, 32, and 57. There are also four other change orders that were approved by Dr. Cressman during the month. Mr. Shafter inquired, “Does the Board ever approve the change orders that were approved by Dr. Cressman?”

Dr. Pollock responded that the Board has given authority for Dr. Cressman to approve change orders up to \$10,000.

Mr. Shafter stated regarding change order 48, the category is “owner” but should be “architect” since it should have been designed so the water would not pond in the first place.

Mr. Gretton responded these are categorized by Reynolds; but yes, it could be the architect in this case because the grade was probably not read properly.

Dr. Pollock requested it read “architect” instead of “owner”.

Mr. Shafter stated change order 75 should not read “unforeseen”; it was just the way the roof was designed.

Dr. Pollock requested the wording be changed on change order 75 also.

Mr. Miller asked Administration to remind all of the Board members what the qualifications are for the expenditure. They are supposed to be tracked and supported by the construction manager. He is sure they are, but for clarification the Board should be reminded.

Motion passed 8-0.

Due to electronic difficulties, Mrs. Schrader Lynch was unable to vote on the above item; however, she stated she would have voted yes.

Ms. Driban read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

10. *Approves the award of the Cellular Services bid to Sprint as indicated on the schedule attached with the estimated cost so noted for a one-year contract with an option for years two and three based upon performance not to exceed \$19,172.32.*

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Ms. Driban asked why the Board was not given an explanation as to why we are not staying with Verizon, and also why is the resolution \$1,000 over the bid amount.

Mr. Gretton responded this project was put to bid twice. Only one bid was received through the error of Verizon not submitting a bid. Mr. Gretton has been in touch with the State E-rate coordinator, and she did indicate to Mr. Gretton that the District could accept Verizon's late proposal since they are the District's current provider; however, Administration looked at it in terms of fairness. The first time it was put out to bid, Verizon came in late. The second time it was put out to bid, Verizon failed to bid at all. The conclusion was Administration would give the carrier that made an effort the opportunity.

Dr. Pollock asked if something must be approved tonight; otherwise, we lose state funding.

Mr. Gretton responded, "Yes, E-rate applications must be filed by next week."

Dr. Pollock asked, "If Sprint does not do a fine job, can we rebid, at the end of the year, for the following year?"

Mr. Gretton responded, "Yes, it can be rebid."

Ms. Driban reiterated her question regarding why the recommendation is still \$1,000 more.

Mr. Gretton responded, "It is a onetime approximate cost."

Ms. Driban asked to adjust the resolution to show the total bid amount.

Mr. Miller stated, at one time, Sprint offered to do some modifications to boost their system at Klinger Middle School with no cost to the District. He feels, in the interest of safety, we should get Sprint in, in advance, to make sure the service is going to respond in the case of an emergency.

Motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Driban read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

11. *Approves a two-year contract with Hess Corporation, for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years, for the transportation of natural gas at a cost to the District of \$0.777 per DTH for high volume transmission and \$0.808 per DTH for low volume transmission per the attached and per solicitor review.*

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

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, Leaves of Absence; Per Diem Substitute Professional Staff; Homebound Tutors; and Co-Curricular.

Motion passed 9-0.

FINANCIAL

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

- *Schedule of Bills, Investments, Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – February, 2012*
- and approves the:*
- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer’s Report – February, 2012*
 - *Budget Transfers – March, 2012*

Motion passed 9-0.

MINUTES

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

- Regular School Board Meeting – February 14, 2012*
- Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – February 28, 2012*

Motion passed 9-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hartline reported the following: Everything they reviewed at their last Finance Committee meeting was approved at the February 28 School Board meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March, 19, 2012.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Driban reported the following: In addition to items on tonight's Board agenda, there was a presentation by Doreen Deola, Supervisor of Nutritional Services for Centennial School District. She had wonderful attachments with menu suggestions. It was a great presentation. The Committee looked at proposals for commissioning services. They went over the procedures for the closings of Longstreth Elementary and Stackpole Elementary School. The public hearings to close the school would be held on March 19. The meeting for Longstreth will be at 6:00 p.m., and the meeting for Stackpole will be at 6:30 p.m. No decisions will be made at those meetings.

Dr. Cressman announced the 2012 graduation ceremony will be held outside. It will be financed from current funds at the high school. Administration is also looking to start a new tradition of holding graduation outside.

Mr. Miller stated the fact that the commissioning is postponed concerns him to the extent that it is important the service be performed while students are in the building or else we are not testing the building under its work conditions. There are real results we would anticipate during the commissioning. If it is not done by April, we are not helping ourselves. It cannot be done over the summer.

Mr. Miller also stated buying a stage to hold graduation outside is a good idea, especially if it can be used in other areas within the District. Offsetting the cost of the stage by selling bricks or some sort of activity should be looked into.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Hartline reported the following. The last meeting was February 20. The Board welcomed a new member, Ms. Monroe from Morrisville. Several adjustments were made to their ongoing budget. Most importantly were Non-Public Education, Federal Special Education Budget, IDEA Section 611 Part B, IDEA and 611 Part A Components 1 and 2; they were all downgraded because of cuts in funding. Their audit was completed last month. The Intermediate Unit received a Certificate in Achievement for Excellence in financial reporting. The Intermediate Unit signed several contracts for special services; an energy contract for natural gas was also approved.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Miller reported the following: Last year, Representative Bernie O'Neill offered House Bill 704, dealing with special education funding. It was approved in the House but did not go anywhere in the Senate. Senator Brown has adopted Representative O'Neill's language and formed Senate Bill 115, which may be going forward. This should be supported because with that special funding bill there would be a commission established for funding of special education expenses in charter and cyber charter schools. Something for which our District pays a significant amount of money.

Mr. Miller announced there will be a Regional Cabinet Meeting on April 26, 2012. This meeting is being held at Upper Merion Middle School. This year, the meeting will be held jointly with Region 14.

MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Huf reported the following: Ms. Janet Steiner, Manager of Government Affairs, local producer of Comcast, came to recognize the students in the Multimedia Technology Department for participation in the production of the Comcast Newsmakers program. Kathy Strauss, the Administrative Director, also recognized Mark Gage, Culinary Arts teacher, as an award recipient of the National Liberty Museum Teacher as a Hero 2011 Award.

The next meeting will be held on April 9, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Heather Miller, 252 Surrey Road, Warminster, informed the Board that Mrs. Tyson and her husband will be on the *Wheel of Fortune* on June 7, 2012.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ms. Huf 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 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen L. Miller
Board Secretary

