

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD APRIL 10, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on April 10, 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	Mark B. Miller
Kati Driban	Dr. Andrew Pollock
Michael Hartline	David Shafter
Betty Huf	Jane Schrader Lynch
Charles Kleinschmidt	

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 matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Huf stated she attended the play, *Smokey Joe's Café*, at William Tennent High School, and it was excellent!

Dr. Pollock stated he also attended the play; it was fantastic but asked Administration to please advertise the school plays to the community.

GOOD NEWS

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

STUDENT REPORTS

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

- Mr. Tennent is now taking donations for an upcoming fundraiser to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand.

- PSSA Writing testing will be held April 19-20, and PSSA Science testing will be held April 26-27.
- Student government will be holding their annual Dinner for Those Who Serve on April 26.
- Junior Prom will be held April 28.
- The Fine Arts Festival will be held May 4.

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

- April 4 was Graduation Project Day; eighty-six students presented their graduation projects throughout the day.
- NOCTI testing is occurring this week and next.
- On April 19, MBIT will be hosting their Spring Occupational Advisory Meeting.
- Chapter 339 Audit conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education is occurring this week. This review ensures MBIT and its programs are operating in accordance with Chapter 339 guidelines.
- Gold medal winners from MBIT will represent District 2 at the Skills USA Pennsylvania State Competition April 18-20. State gold medal winners will then advance to the National Skills USA competitions.
- Eighth grade students from Log College and Klinger Middle Schools will be visiting MBIT during the weeks of May 7 and May 14 for a tour of the programs.
- The Senior Recognition Ceremony (MBIT's equivalent to graduation) will be held on May 31 at 6:30 p.m. at William Tennent High School.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pollock asked if anyone would like to have any items pulled from consent agenda 1 through 16. The following items were pulled: 4F, 7, and 16.

Mrs. Huf read the consent agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

1. *Approves setting the last day of school for all students and the graduation date for seniors at William Tennent High School for Friday, June 15, 2012. This day will be scheduled as a half day for students Kindergarten through 12th grade; there will be no afternoon Kindergarten session.*
2. *Approves Change Order 331 in the amount of \$12,000 for the William Tennent High School Addition/Renovation Project per the attached. (Ms. Driban) Attachment 2*
3. *Approves Change Order 35 in the amount of \$20,375.03 for the New Region 1 Elementary School Project per the attached.*
4. *Approves the award of the following bids as indicated on the schedule attached:*
 - A. *Furniture Bid No. 2012-32 for Davis Elementary School for a total cost of \$217,888.59;*
 - B. *Trash Removal Bid No. 2012-34 for a total cost of \$70,860.00 for the 2012-13 school year, \$72,896.00 for the 2013-14 school year, and \$75,176.00 for the 2014-15 school year, plus an additional cost per pickup of \$19.80 for Leary, Longstreth, and Stackpole Elementary Schools, as needed;*
 - C. *Auxiliary Drain Pan Bid No. 2012-35 for Klinger Middle School for a total cost of \$23,064.00;*

- D. Water Chemicals and Treatment Bid No. 2012-36 for a total cost of \$8,361.50;*
E. Bucket Truck Bid No. 2012-38 for a total cost of \$39,000.00; and
5. *Rejects the Box/Cargo Truck Bid No. 2012-37 as indicated on the schedule attached.*
 6. *Authorizes as an exception to Policy 4.14, Transportation, transportation services for Centennial School District students to/from childcare provider facilities as indicated on the attached supplement.*
 8. *Grants permission for the District to enter into a partnership with the Davisville Church in order to accept a monetary donation for the sole purpose of providing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible playground equipment for the new Region 1 (Davis) Elementary School.*
 9. *Grants permission for Administration to prepare a grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Indoor Air Quality at no cost to the District.*
 10. *Grants permission for the Willow Dale Elementary School Home and School Association to purchase a storage shed in the amount of \$3,700.00 and to place the unit at a designated location on the site pending the Township of Warminster approvals.*
 11. *Appoints Joseph F. Faust, Jr., as Treasurer for the Centennial School District for the 2012-13 school year [at a salary of \$1,500 per year.*
 12. *Adopts the 2012-13 rates and payroll deductions, per the attached supplement, for the following fringe benefits:*
 - A. *Medical,*
 - B. *Dental,*
 - C. *Vision, and*
 - D. *Pharmacy.*
 13. *Approves the renewal of life and accidental death insurance through Aetna at no increase from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014.*
 14. *Approves the renewal of long-term disability insurance through Madison National at no increase from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.*
 15. *Approves the payment of a \$500.00 stipend to Cheryl Cunningham, accompanist to the Elementary District Chorus, for the Fine Arts Week Festival.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated that it is a great thing that Davisville Church will donate the proceeds made at their yard sale to Davis Elementary School! She encouraged the community to support their sale.

Mr. Miller abstained from Item 4A, because he received insufficient information to make any decision on this item.

Motion passed 9-0 with Item 4A vote 8-0-1.

Ms. Driban read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

4. *Approves the award of the following bids as indicated on the schedule attached:*

F. Utility Truck Bid No. 2012-39 for a total cost not to exceed \$46,000.00.

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Mr. Miller asked what steps Administration took to try and acquire this truck for free.

Mr. Adams responded this was discussed at the Operations Meeting, and it was decided this was not a similar truck. The truck that was being looked at was not a standard pick-up truck, but a utility truck that has to be customized.

Mr. Miller again asked why the District did not ask for a truck to be donated.

Ms. Driban stated at the Operations meeting Administration made a judgment call; they felt this would not be a viable place to go for a donation.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Kleinschmidt</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Schrader Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Shafter</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Adams</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion passed 7-2.

Ms. Driban read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

7. *Approves the appointment of Reynolds Consulting Engineers to perform commissioning services for: William Tennent High School, Willow Dale Elementary School, Davis (Region I) Elementary School, and McDonald (Region II) Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$92,870.00, as per their proposal of February 24, 2012.*

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated she read documents that Reynolds was the lowest bidder. We are bound to go by the lowest bidder; however, she found it interesting that Reynolds Consulting Engineers is a sister company to Reynolds Construction Management.

Dr. Pollock responded this was discussed at the Operations Meeting. It was felt they were the low bidder; they knew what the project was.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch commented that when you have a company doing all of the construction, and they have a sister company checking on all the construction, it is a broad spectrum of thought process.

Dr. Pollock stated we do want to live within the means of what the taxpayers provide us.

Dr. Cressman commented we usually are bound by the lowest responsible bidder; however, this is a service contract, and we are not bound to the lowest bid.

Mr. Miller stated the requirement is the lowest responsible bidder so if the lowest bidder is not being responsible we should do that. In this particular case, Reynolds Construction Management is not measuring their own work; they were the supervisor, not the construction company.

Ms. Driban stated this is not just for checking the conditions of the buildings themselves. This includes training of our personnel and making sure they know how to maintain the systems for the next twenty or thirty years. This also makes sure our people have a complete manual for the systems that they can reference.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated she is aware we have a tremendous amount of contractors from which to select. She found it very interesting that a sister company of Reynolds will be involved in checking their own sister company. She is not implying there is anything wrong.

Motion passed 8-1-0.

Mrs. Huf read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

16. *Directs special real estate counsel to prepare agreements consistent with the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, for the sale of the Leary, Longstreth, and Stackpole properties for a grand total of \$1,275,000 (\$425,000 per property) to County Builders. County Builders submitted the highest proposal conforming to our terms and conditions in response to the District's public request for bids. The sales agreements would allow for a 60-day due diligence period, with closing to follow 30 days after or as soon as the District's construction schedule permits, whichever comes later. The final agreement shall come before the Board of School Directors for a vote on April 23, 2012.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Motion passed 9-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Hartline to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations, Retirements, Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Substitute Support Staff; Fine Arts Festival; and Co-Curricular.

Motion passed 9-0.

FINANCIAL

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

- *Schedule of Bills, Investments, Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – March, 2012.*
- and approves the:*

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – March, 2012.*
- *Budget Transfers – April, 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 – March 13, 2012.

Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – March 27, 2012.

Motion passed 9-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be held on April 11, 2012.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hartline reported everything on the Finance Committee agenda at the last meeting has been brought forward.

The next meeting will be held on April 16, 2012.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Driban reported that all items discussed at the last Operations Committee meeting were on tonight's Board agenda except playground equipment for Willow Dale Elementary. Currently, that item is with Administration.

BUCKS COUNTY DIRECTORS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LIAISON

Mrs. Schrader Lynch reported the following: Jack Wagner, Auditor General, has been going around schools informing that taxpayers are losing tens of millions of dollars. He is claiming charter schools and cyber schools are profit-making institutions and are very bad because they make a profit for the state. Pennsylvania Public Pensions are also being talked about. The future might bring higher costs to taxpayers. State lawmakers unveiled House and Senate bills on Monday calling for the elimination of property taxes in Pennsylvania.

BUCKS COUNTY SCHOOLS INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Hartline reported the following: Last month, there was a presentation on the Brain Steps Program, which is a program regarding concussions and severe brain injuries. The Intermediate Unit is working in congress with CHOP to develop a program. The Intermediate Unit received a \$40,000 increase in their E-Funds grant as well as an increase in their Pennsylvania Instructional Materials and Service Act. The

Intermediate Unit renewed their Schoolwires Contract and signed a contract for custodial supplies. A resolution was passed for the Bucks and Montgomery County School Health Care Consortium for the Consortium Trust Agreement and The Plan Participation Agreement. The employment agreement with Michael Masko, Assistant Executive Director of Programs and Services, has been approved. The Intermediate Unit is working on two legislative meetings with local legislators. There will be a dinner for the Intermediate Unit Executive Council, and in the fall, there will be a legislative breakfast for all school directors in the area.

PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Miller reported the following: The District played a pivotal role with Auditor General Jack Wagner's report that had been overlooked by the General Assembly in Pennsylvania with regard to charter school funding. It is hopeful meetings will culminate Senate Bill 1115, which will create an Oversight Board to look into these matters. Another bill of Jack Wagner's is being reviewed. He did a study and discovered several anomalies in the state tax equalization board's method of calculating in which the funds of some of the compensation is based.

MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Huf reported the following: A demonstration was done by the Building and Facility Occupation Program to show what they were doing in their program. Mrs. Huf announced the information regarding the Summer Program at Middle Bucks Institute of Technology has been released.

Mrs. Huf read a report from Ms. Strauss (attached).

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Ms. Driban to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen L. Miller
Board Secretary

April 9, 2012 – Chairperson's Report

On April 4th, 85 students from Central Bucks, Centennial and Council Rock presented the Graduation Projects at Middle Bucks. The students demonstrated their technical expertise with topics such as:

- The Benefits of Virtualization of a Home Environment in Carpentry
- WiFi Security in Networking Operations and Security
- Taking a Bite Out of Crime: K-9 Cops in Public Safety
- How to Complete an Autopsy in Health Sciences
- Hydraulic Heating Systems in HVAC

Speaking of demonstrating our technical skills...our Engineering students have been invited by Representative Bernie O'Neill to come to Capital Building to present their Car Seat Alarm project at a Technology Showcase in May. Mr. Roberts and three students will travel to Harrisburg on May 21st to meet with Legislators.

Finally, PDE will be on-site beginning tomorrow to conduct a 3-day Approved Program Evaluation of the school. A team of five auditors will be reviewing data, touring the school and interviewing staff as part of the audit. In addition, our seniors will be participating in NOCTI written and performance testing, which will make for a busy week at Middle Bucks.