

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD MAY 8, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on May 8, 2012, 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:

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	Dr. Klyman
Christopher Berdnik	Joyce Mundy
William Gretton	Robert Reed

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

None.

GOOD NEWS

Mr. Gretton read the Good News! for May 8, 2012.

STUDENT REPORTS

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

- The Fine Arts Festival was a success.
- Mr. Tennent will be held on June 8; this is an important event at William Tennent High School.
- Junior prom was held on April 28; it was a huge success.
- Mr. Tennent is now taking donations for an upcoming fundraiser to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand.
- Senior prom will be held on May 25 at Spring Hill Manor, Ivyland, Pennsylvania.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Huf read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

1. *Approves the attached Facility Use Waiver as recommended by Administration for The Indian Heritage Association.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Ms. Driban stated even though we are not approving a waiver of fees, the Board must approve it because they want to use the facilities on a Sunday.

Mr. Miller urged Administration to review the fee structure to avoid these kinds of requests from those who want to take advantage.

Dr. Cressman responded the fee structure is on the schedule for review.

Motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Miller read the following:

***WHEREAS**, teachers mold future citizens through guidance and education; and*

***WHEREAS**, teachers spend countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling and coaching students and performing community service; and*

***WHEREAS**, our teachers accept people from all backgrounds and show them respect while pledging to learn about various cultures and to develop an appreciation for everyone's uniqueness; and*

***WHEREAS**, Centennial School District is a diverse learning Community where students succeed through Academics, Athletics and the Arts; and*

***WHEREAS**, our country's future depends upon providing quality education to all students; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Centennial School District's Board of School Directors is collectively the elected representatives of the Community; and*

***WHEREAS**, our District Administration and Community wishes to recognize its teachers for their role in providing a free and appropriate public education for ALL children in this Community.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors proclaims May 7-11, 2012, to be TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors strongly encourages all members of our Administration and Community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to their work.*

Adopted this Eighth day of May, 2012.

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Motion passed 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pollock asked if anyone would like to have any items pulled from consent agenda 1 through 16. The following item was pulled: 3.

Mrs. Huf read the consent agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

1. *Approves the attached Facility Use Waivers as recommended by Administration for:
A. the Boy Scouts of America Troop 5; and
B. the National Dance Showcase.*
2. *Approves the 2012-13 school year payment of approximately \$36,400.00 to Study Island per the agreement with Centennial School District for renewal of services.*
4. *Whereas, the Administration has notified Stantec Architecture and Engineering, LLC (“the Architect”) of certain claims that the District believes it has against the Architect arising out of certain change order costs and expenses on the William Tennent High School Project;*

Whereas, the Architect contests its liability for such claims;

Whereas, the parties have agreed to attempt to amicably resolve such claims; and

Whereas, the parties would like to toll any applicable statutes of limitation while they are attempting to resolve such claims.

Now, therefore, the Board of School Directors of the Centennial School District hereby resolves as follows:

The Board of Directors is hereby authorized to enter into and execute that certain Tolling Agreement previously executed by the Architect on or about April 18, 2012, on a form that had been prepared by Special Construction Counsel and to perform such other acts as may be necessary for the District to carry out its obligations under the said agreement.

- 5A. *Approves Change Order 329 in the amount of \$13,028.59 for the William Tennent High School Addition/Renovation Project per the attached.*
- 5B. *Approves Change Order 333 in the amount of \$160,000 for the William Tennent High School Addition/Renovation Project for the settlement of outstanding claims with general contractor per the attached.*
6. *Approves the installation of a fence by Glenside Fence Construction at the William Tennent High School field hockey field, per the attached, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$6,895.00.*
7. *Accepts the resignation of Kathleen Miller, Secretary to the Board, effective June 30, 2012.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Mr. Miller made a motion to amend Item 4 to read “The Board of Directors is hereby authorized” not “Administration is hereby authorized”.

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Motion to amend Item 4 passed 9-0.

Motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Hartline read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

3. *Approves the Proposed Final 2012-13 General Fund (10) budget and directs the Business Office to comply with all dates, deadlines, forms, and other matters necessary for final adoption by the District on June 12, 2012.*

Seconded by Mr. Miller.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch asked what the percentage of increase is for this budget.

Mr. Hartline responded 1.7%, which is an average increase of \$50.95 based upon a \$26,400 assessment.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch responded the increase would not be \$50; it would be \$50 with the millage.

Mr. Hartline responded that is correct. It would be 1.7%, and the total mills would be 1.93.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch asked Mr. Berdnik what that averaged for the average homeowner.

Mr. Berdnik responded \$50.95.

Motion passed 7-2. (Mrs. Schrader Lynch and Mrs. Huf opposed.)

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; Extended School Year Teachers/Nurses/Substitute Teachers; Extended School year Aides/Substitute Aides; Homebound Tutors; and Student/Summer Employees.

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 – April, 2012.*
- *Student Activity/Clearing Fund – January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012.*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer’s Report – April, 2012.*
- *Budget Transfers – May, 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 – April 10, 2012.

Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – April 23, 2012.

Motion passed 9-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mrs. Schrader Lynch announced Mrs. Huf had a birthday on Monday and wished her a happy birthday. Also, tomorrow is Mrs. Schrader Lynch's 53rd wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated she read an article in the May 4 *Courier* regarding the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority negotiating with the Navy about Shenandoah Woods. The redevelopment group estimated it would cost about \$1.5 million for 24 acres. The area was declared blighted in August, 2011, and is valued at \$60,000 an acre. Mrs. Schrader Lynch asked for more information on this at the next Board meeting, because previous to this article, the Board took action at a much lower price. This is 24 acres; the District had 42 acres.

Mr. Miller commented that Mrs. Schrader Lynch has an important point. Each Board member has had at least one community member ask them about this transaction. Mr. Miller stated the Board has not done a good job communicating to the taxpayers why they did it. The properties that were sold were being eyed by many charter establishments, and they would have been on the District's back by now had the Board not done what they did. Mr. Miller requested Mr. Berdnik expand on the document he created earlier in the day and compare parcel to parcel and get it on the website to show whether there was a good basis to make the decision that was made.

REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Schrader Lynch reported the following: Klinger Middle School did a project based on the movie *Titanic*. The students went into detail about how many tomatoes and potatoes were on the Titanic. It was a wonderful use of the technology the District has provided in the schools. If the community could see it, they would be proud. In addition social studies curriculum renewal was discussed; a PSSA data review was presented; a Comprehensive Planning update given; and Study Island, that was on tonight's agenda, was approved.

The next meeting will be held May 29, 2012.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hartline reported the following was discussed: Benefits of payroll, enrollment and ongoing renewals, which administration has passed forward to employees, and the budget. They saw a presentation from food services and reappointed the tax collector. Also, they discussed some alternative revenue ideas.

The next meeting will be held May 21, 2012.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Driban reported the construction on the schools is progressing nicely. The Region 1 School is on schedule; fence installation was on tonight's agenda. They did discuss wraparound advertising on laptop carts.

The next meeting will be held June 4, 2012.

BUCKS COUNTY DIRECTORS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LIAISON

Mrs. Schrader Lynch reported the biggest thing going on in Harrisburg right now is Representative Scott Petri is pushing for pension reform. He is advocating for a 401(k) style retirement to get taxpayers off the hook for years when the stock market suffers huge losses. There is not a lot of money in the governor's budget. That sounds good coming from the governor, but on the other hand, Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children has additional income of \$400 million or more coming in so the cuts the governor has advocated, Mrs. Schrader Lynch hopes, would be restored.

BUCKS COUNTY SCHOOLS INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Hartline reported as part of the ongoing budget there were several fund adjustments which were all less than \$10,000 each. The Intermediate Unit signed \$28,744 in new contracts for local service providers to assist in providing services throughout the Intermediate Unit. The Intermediate Unit Program and Service Instructional Materials budget passed unanimously for the first time in seven years. Renovations in the Human Resources Department are going on. The Intermediate Unit has agreed to a natural gas service contract and is participating in a cooperative purchasing network. Dr. Galasso has been appointed as the Intermediate Trustee for the Bucks County Montgomery County Schools Healthcare consortium.

The next meeting will be held May 15, 2012.

PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Miller reported there is news out of the governor's office that another \$50 million is going back into the Accountability Block grant. We will be watching a lot of number changes between now and June 30. We may see some changes in charter school funding formulas, but the *quid pro quo* for that will be some sort of request for a voucher program. Mr. Miller is not hopeful relief will be seen.

Mr. Miller circulated to each Board member a request from NSBA to call our congressman tomorrow. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act is overdue for reauthorization, and NSBA would like to see it reauthorized before congress changes over in November.

Over the last month, there was word that PSBA had intended to provide services to charter schools for a fee as a way to bring in more income. Most school districts did not like that idea. Mr. Berdnik stood up for public education and compared the service of charter schools to the treasury teaching people how to launder money. Within 24 hours, talks began to bring that plan down, and it crashed.

MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Ms. Driban reported May 9 and 10 are the last days for Aspirations, the MBIT restaurant, to be open for the school year. If you have a chance, please stop by. You do need reservations. Also, going on is MBIT's plant sale. The students are extremely helpful. Please take advantage of that. They are open during school hours. The MBIT calendar should be approved next week.

The next meeting will be held May 14, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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 Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Schrader Lynch to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen L. Miller
Board Secretary

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING

Date May 8, 2012

Please print clearly. Thank you.

Name	Address	Organization
Cannon Lepre	MBIT	MMT
Brenden Goshin	MBIT	MMT
Amanda Peterson	MBIT	MMT
Joel Zarovitz	MBIT	MMT
Cera Garner	MBIT	MMT
Deborah Fretwell	Log College	LC
Jany Proctor	McDonald - Davis	
Samantha Mazzarella	McDonald - Davis	
Katie Molloy	McD-D	
Dylan Cooper	Tombert	Student Gov't
Michelle Heffer	Log College	LC
Heather Miller	Willow Dale	Home School
Gail Grismond	Log College	LC