

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD MAY 11, 1999**

CALL TO ORDER

A Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on May 11, 1999, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Grossi at 7:52 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Joseph Faust
Eugene Grossi
Betty Huf
Joan Jankowsky
Rose Marie Kautz
John Priadka
Robert Rosenberger

Administration:

Elliott Alexander
Barbara Fash
Sandy Homel
Victor Lasher
Dr. Michael Masko
Dr. Nancy Reid
John Rhodes
Jean Rollo
Dr. Thomas Sexton
Timothy Vail

CEA/Teachers:

None

Public:

Rohan Kuthiala
Greg Graves
Brian Reiff
Pam Beardsell

Willem Ave
John Kilker
Harve Strouse
Kathleen Rinnier
Elliott Seif
Ira Lee Riddle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was dispensed with since it was said at the previous Budget Hearing Meeting immediately preceding this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Grossi announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting regarding two legal issues and two personnel issues. He also announced that Ms. Wiercinski would be absent from the meeting due to a job requirement. [Note: Mr. Reh was absent from the meeting due to his continuing illness.]

Mrs. Huf advised that the American Legion Post would be holding a Memorial Day Parade on May 31st and that the Board was invited to attend. She distributed a report on her trip to San Francisco for the NSBA Conference and thanked the Board for permitting her to attend.

REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Ari Gottlieb reported on the following activities at the high school:

- The Senior Class was working on the Third Annual Rage for AIDS.
- The Senior Prom had been held the previous Friday. He commended the Committee for the planning, execution and setup of the event.
- There would be a trip to Dorney Park in June.
- SADD had held a vigil recently.
- The Marching Band had just returned from Canada.
- The Chorale would be going to Boston soon.
- The Key Club had held a blood drive.
- The Student Government had held Teacher Appreciation Day festivities.
- The Student Forum would be concluding its activities for the year the following day.
- Yearbooks would be distributed soon.

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Kevin Brown reported on the following MBIT activities:

- At the Statewide VICA Competition held recently, eight MBIT students received medals. One student (from Tennent) will advance to the National competition.
- At the DECA Competition, three marketing students finished competitions at the National level (one from Tennent).
- HOSA has a new Vice President (from Tennent). There will be 13 students traveling to Nashville for the National HOSA Competitions.

He also reported on upcoming events, as follows:

- May 24 – Employers' Appreciation Banquet
- May 26 – Media Fair (during school hours)
- May 27 – Health Fair (during school hours)
- June 10 – End of school year/Awards and Recognition Ceremony.

Mr. Grossi commended Mr. Brown on an excellent report. Mrs. Huf stated that he covered the items that she had planned to report on.

GOOD NEWS/PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Homel presented the Good News Report. (See attached.)

Dr. Sexton reported that a Proclamation had recently been received from the Senate of Pennsylvania, proclaiming Longstreth as a *Blue Ribbon School of Distinction*. He read the text of the Proclamation.

Mr. Grossi announced that there would be a change in the order of the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval for WTHS Student Trip to the National FBLA Convention/Competition
2. Final Approval for WTHS Concert Choir Trip to Boston, Massachusetts
3. Final Approval of WTHS Student Trip to Doylestown, Pennsylvania
4. Exception to Facility Use Policy for WTHS

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Priadka to resolve that the Centennial School Board: (1) Grants approval for the William Tennent High School student trip to the national FBLA Convention and Competition in Chicago, IL, from June 27 to July 3, 1999. Total cost to the District if finalized by June 3, 1999, is \$3,820. (2) Grants final approval for the William Tennent High School Concert Choir trip to Boston Massachusetts, from May 16 to May 18, 1999, at a cost of one day's substitute service. (3) Grants final approval for the William Tennent High School Key Club student trip to Doylestown, Pennsylvania, on May 22-23, 1999, at no cost to the District. (4) Grants approval for the *Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bucks County* to use the William Tennent High School Auditorium and Cafeteria on October 9, 1999, for their Bucks County Chorale Society Benefit Concert. There is no cost to the District.

The motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS (Continued)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (See attached)

Dr. Reid pointed out the artwork from Leary and Klinger that was being displayed in the Board Room and in the halls.

She then spoke about Student Performance Standards. Dr. Masko also spoke briefly on this subject and asked for feedback on the draft standards. He indicated that he sought feedback not only from Board members but also from students, parents, staff and community members.

Mrs. Huf left the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Dr. Reid then spoke about the 1999/2000 District Goals. Board discussion of the goals was scheduled to take place at the May 25th meeting.

Mrs. Huf returned to the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Faust left the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Dr. Reid presented the Facility Use Report and 3rd Quarter Vandalism Report.

Mr. Faust returned to the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jankowsky advised that the April meeting focused on Standards.

WTHS Middle States Accreditation

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that the Planning Committee had not met recently. Mr. Faust reported that there had been two meetings of the Implementation Team, at which they discussed the visitation by Middle States and preparation for the June Board Meeting.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf stated that a meeting had been held the previous evening (which was also attended by Dr. Reid and Ms. Kautz) at which the following occurred:

- An overview was given by Dr. Lees on the “*Assessment System for School Improvement*”.
- Acceptance of \$61,550 as the high bid for the student-built house. There was a profit of about \$8,000 on the house.
- Approval of a motion to increase the adult daytime rate from \$13.75 to \$16.00 per session.
- Graduation and awards were scheduled for June 10th.
- The next meeting was scheduled for June 14th.

Intermediate Unit

Ms. Kautz reported as follows:

- The Education Foundation met on April 7th and decided on 1-, 2- and 3-year terms. Ms. Kautz was appointed for three more years.
- The Golf Outing to be held on September 27th was discussed. Xerox Corporation is a new sponsor this year.
- The next meeting of the Education Foundation would be on July 12th.
- The Board interviewed Dr. Coe and offered him the position of Executive Director.
- On April 24th a Candidate’s Workshop was held, which was very well attended.

Mr. Rosenberger left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

- On May 4th an Employee Recognition Dinner was held, which was attended by 220 people.
- The regular I.U. meeting was held on April 20th, at which the following occurred:
 - Review of the School Fibers Network Project.
 - Dr. VanTine is serving as co-chair of a committee that is meeting with the Department of Education to address proposed professional development legislation.
 - The Programs and Services Budget was approved and has been forwarded to Harrisburg.
 - The Staff Development Program for the summer has been prepared.
 - The next meeting was scheduled for May 19th.

Mr. Rosenberger returned to the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

PSBA

Ms. Kautz reported that a Region 11 Dinner Meeting had been held on May 5th. There was a legislative update on Governor Ridge's budget and discussion on the underfunding of special education. After dinner, everyone broke into strategic planning focus groups to discuss PSBA's missions and goals. Ms. Kautz advised that the cabinet would meet again on July 14th at the Summer Workshop and that the goal is to present a plan to the general membership at the annual conference in September.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

A meeting was scheduled for May 17th.

Title VIII

No report. (Mr. Faust did advise that an Ad Hoc Committee meeting would need to be scheduled.)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

Citizens Policy

No report.

Legislative Liaison

It was decided that Mr. Priadka's report would be included in the next Friday Update.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Priadka and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the minutes of: Work Session/Regular Meeting – 3/23/99 and Regular School Board Meeting – 4/6/99; and accepts the minutes of: Finance & Long Range Budget Planning Committee – 3/15, 3/22, 3/25/99; and Education Committee Meeting – 4/12/99.

The motion passed 7-0 (with several minor revisions).

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Final Approval:

2.5 – Prohibiting Sex Discrimination in Employment

2.23 – Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace

7.14 – Tutorial Services

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Ms. Kautz to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the adoption of the following policies: 2.5 – Prohibiting Sex Discrimination in Employment; 2.23 – Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace; and 7.14 – Tutorial Services.

The motion passed 7-0.

Initial Review:

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out the following policies for initial review: 6.2 – Facility Use; 7.8 – Response to Disaster and Emergency; and 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status.

Mrs. Huf asked about the status of the Hazing Policy. Dr. Sexton advised that the Citizens Policy Committee would be meeting the following day to discuss this policy.

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Ms. Kautz and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the: Schedule of Bills – April 1999 (all funds); Investments – April 1999; Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – March 1999; General Fund Budget Report – March 1999; and approves the Treasurer's Report – March 1999.

The motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)5. Premium Only Plan – Support Staff

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Premium Only Benefits Plan for all support employees effective July 1, 1999. Administration is hereby authorized and directed to execute the said Plan, and the proper officers of the District be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to take such further actions and to execute such direction deemed necessary or desirable to effectuate the intent of the foregoing resolution. The fee schedule for the 1999/2000 Fiscal Year shall be \$15.00 for each employee opting into the Premium Only Plan to offset administrative costs.

The motion passed 7-0.

6. William Tennent Class Pictures Bid7. Middle School Pictures Bid8. Elementary School Picture Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Rosenberger and seconded by Ms. Kautz to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves: (#6) the William Tennent High School Class Pictures Bid No. 99-21 to Davor Photo Inc. in the following amounts: Package “A” -- \$6.25; Package “B” -- \$4.25; Package “C” -- \$11.75; Package “D” -- \$9.75. (#7) the Middle School Pictures Bid No. 99-22 to Davor Photo Inc. in the following amounts: Package “A” -- \$6.25; Package “B” -- \$4.25; Package “C” -- \$11.75; Package “D” -- \$9.75. (#8) the Elementary School Pictures Bid No. 99-23 to be awarded to Thomas Angelo Studios at the following prices per package for the 1999/00, 2000/01 and 2001/02 school years: Package No. 1 -- \$15.00; Package No. 2 -- \$10.00; Package No. 3 -- \$9.00; Package No. 4 -- \$7.00; Package No. 5 -- \$5.00; Package No. 6 -- \$4.00; Additional 16 Wallets -- \$3.00; Color other than gray -- \$2.00.

Mrs. Jankowsky requested that it be specified that the Tennent and Middle School bids were also for a three-year period. Mr. Rosenberger and Ms. Kautz, as the mover and seconder of the motion, agreed.

The motion passed 7-0.

9. Custodial Supplies Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Rosenberger and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Custodial Supplies Bid No. 99-29 to be awarded to the following vendors for a total cost of \$51,037.60.

Central Poly	\$ 2,020.00
Crest Paper	21,143.00
Indco	8,087.10
Penn Valley Chem	10,460.50
Philip Rosenau	690.00
Sanitary Supply	4,076.75
Xpedx	<u>4,560.25</u>
	\$51,037.60

The motion passed 9-0.

10. Athletic and Physical Education Equipment Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Rosenberger and seconded by Ms. Kautz to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Klinger Middle School, Log College Middle School and William Tennent High School Athletic and Physical Education Equipment Bid No. 99-10 to be awarded to those respective vendors as listed on the letter of recommendation from Administration dated April 28, 1999. Total award as recommended is \$60,193.86.

The motion passed 7-0.

11. Garbage and Trash Removal Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Rosenberger and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Garbage and Trash Removal Bid No. 99-30 to be awarded to B.F.I. Waste Systems of North America, Inc. at the lowest responsible bid amount of \$41,697.90.

The motion passed 7-0.

12. Aluminum Roofing Coating Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Rosenberger and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Aluminum Roofing Coating Bid No. 99-31 to be awarded to Noble Roofing at the lowest responsible bid amount of \$10,745.00.

In response to a question by Mrs. Huf, Mr. Lasher advised that we have used Noble Roofing in the past.

The motion passed 7-0.

13. Interim Tax Collection – Upper Southampton Township

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes the District's Business Administrator to bill for and collect all 1998/99 interim real estate taxes for Upper Southampton Township. This action is taken in response to the official Upper Southampton Township Tax Collector declining to collect said taxes without additional compensation.

The motion passed 7-0.

14. Personnel Matter

A motion was made by Ms. Kautz and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the Adjudication and confirms the termination of employee 4.23.

The motion passed 7-0.

PERSONNEL

It was noted that on page 2 of the supporting documentation, the 5th item from the bottom, which was a sabbatical leave, should be removed.

Mr. Faust advised that if the following motion was accepted, the contract extension would go into effect.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements; Appointments; and Substitute Bus Drivers.

Mr. Grossi spoke about the upcoming retirements and their effect on the District.

The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Reid also addressed the subject of the upcoming retirements.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Grossi referred to the list of communications attached hereto.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mrs. Jankowsky requested Administration to review lighting and audio quality for our presentations, such as the Fine Arts Festival and Dr. Benders' presentation. She received complaints from community members indicating that they could not hear Dr. Benders' presentation and also that the lighting for the Fine Arts Festival was not as good as it could have been. She felt that if we need better equipment, it is important for Administration to bring this forward.

Mr. Faust advised that he had also heard similar complaints.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Rosenberger to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary