

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
HELD MAY 25, 1999**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on May 25, 1999, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Grossi at 7:44 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

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

Staff:

Ann Marie DeBolt  
Walt Hartmann  
Lee Tanner  
Jane Pfeiffer

Administration:

Elliott Alexander  
Bucky Clark  
Barbara Fash  
Frank Gallagher  
Sandy Homel  
Victor Lasher  
Dr. Michael Masko  
Robert Reed  
Dr. Nancy Reid

Public:

Joan Bowen  
Jim Brown  
Marguerite Genesio  
Jacqueline Genesio  
Kris Goodell  
Jessica Marinoff  
Harve Strouse  
Sue Wunderle  
Frank Wunderle

John Rhodes \*  
Jean Rollo  
Dr. Thomas Sexton  
Timothy Vail  
Mike Webb  
Gloria Wetzl

\* Arrived late (mid-meeting)

CEA/Teachers:

Sue Brown  
Donna Cockenber  
Margaret Devine  
Debbie Faehner  
Evelyn Fetterman  
Gail Gismondi  
Patricia Hill  
Woody Martin

Pauline McAndrew  
Jean Meyers  
Mary Purdy  
Betty Rhodes  
Dean Roberts  
Steven Rubenstein  
Sue Young

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Grossi led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Grossi announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting regarding two personnel issues and some legal matters. He also advised that a Work Session/Regular Meeting had been scheduled for Tuesday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the William Tennent scheduling recommendation.

Mr. Grossi advised that Mrs. Huf would be absent from the meeting due to an injury she suffered in a fall. He also advised that Ms. Wiercinski would be absent due to job responsibilities. [Note: Mr. Reh was also absent due to illness.]

Dr. Reid advised that Mrs. Huf requested her to pass along information on the Home & School Association meeting, which she had attended the previous week. She advised that Longstreth had been requested to design and contribute a part of the construction fence surrounding the new Regional Performing Arts Center in Philadelphia. The wall has been constructed and was designed as a giant dinosaur composed of Kindergarten, First, Second and Third Grade student handprints in multiple colors. Fifty elementary schools in the area participated in the project.

**GOOD NEWS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mrs. Homel presented the Goods News Report (see attached). Dr. Sexton announced the Outstanding Achievement Awards, which were presented to six individuals. Mr. Grossi and Dr. Reid presented each of the award winners with a plaque/clock. The winners were as follows:

Suzanne Brown	Teacher at Leary
Rudy Fedele	Custodian at Log College and Santa Claus
Dean Roberts	Teacher at Tennent
Jane Pfeiffer	Secretary at Willow Dale
Cliff Bowen	Teacher (Math)
Maryellen Cannon	Guidance Counselor at Stackpole

Mr. Grossi congratulated the award winners.

A recess was called at 8:14 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:25 p.m.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None.

## **POLICIES**

### Initial Distribution:

Mr. Grossi listed the following policies for initial distribution: 3.3 – Clubs and Co-Curricular Activities and 3.16 – Hazing.

### Discussion:

#### 6.2 – Facility Use

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out several “housekeeping” items.

#### 7.8 – Response to Disaster and Emergency

No discussion.

#### 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out an inconsistency regarding notices in Sections V. A. and B., which Dr. Sexton advised would be corrected.

Mrs. Jankowsky also raised a question regarding Section V. C. She felt that the language reading “Failure to pay tuition as herein provided *may* result in removal of the child from the schools of the District” should be changed to read “... *shall* result in removal...” It was the consensus of the Board that this change should be made.

Regarding Section II. G. 4 on page 7.18.D, Mr. Faust raised a concern about an arbitrary decision being made concerning revocation of senior status. He felt that the language was vague and wondered how a decision would be made. Dr. Sexton explained that the process to be used would be the same as that used for granting senior status, as set forth in II. G. 1. Mr. Faust felt that everyone’s rights needed to be protected. Dr. Sexton indicated that he could bring forth some additional language at the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to define the process.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1A. Student Disciplinary Matter – Student 1-4

Mr. Grossi pointed out that there were two alternatives regarding the Adjudication pertaining to Student 1-4. He asked for the Board to indicate their preference.

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Ms. Kautz to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the adjudication pertaining to student 1-4, as listed in Adjudication 1A-1 or 1A-2.*

Mrs. Jankowsky noted that the wording of the Adjudication on page 5 under the title “Order” be changed from “suspended” to “expelled.”

The Board was then polled to determine their preference, as follows:

Mrs. Jankowsky	1A-2
Mr. Rosenberger	1A-2
Ms. Kautz	1A-2
Mr. Priadka	1A-1
Mr. Faust	1A-1
Mr. Grossi	1A-1

The vote was a tie at 3-3.

Mr. Grossi advised that there would be a re-polling. The votes were as follows:

Mrs. Jankowsky	1A-2
Mr. Rosenberger	1A-2
Ms. Kautz	1A-1
Mr. Priadka	1A-1
Mr. Faust	1A-1
Mr. Grossi	1A-1

The vote was 4-2 in favor of Adjudication 1A-1.

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Ms. Kautz to remove Adjudication 1A-2 from the original motion.*

*The motion to amend passed 4-2. (Jankowsky and Rosenberger opposed.)*

*The amended motion passed 4-2. (Jankowsky and Rosenberger opposed.)*

1B. Student Disciplinary Matter – Student 18-6

*A motion was made by Ms. Kautz and seconded by Mr. Rosenberger to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the Adjudication pertaining to student 18-6.*

*The motion passed 6-0.*

2. 1999/2000 Final Budget Adoption

*A motion was made by Ms. Kautz and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the budget for the 1999/2000 school year in the areas of standards and assessments, technology and school reform.*

*Be it further resolved that the Centennial School Board reenacts the following taxes and rates as set forth in Act 511 of 1965:*

- *The Mercantile Tax for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 of: (a) One mill on wholesale sales; and (b) 1 ½ mills on retail sales; and (c) a license fee of \$5. This tax is shared with Warminster Township, the Borough of Ivyland and Upper Southampton Township.*
- *The 1% Realty Transfer Tax for Fiscal Year 1999-2000. This tax is shared with Warminster Township, the Borough of Ivyland and Upper Southampton Township.*
- *The Occupation Privilege Tax for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 at the rate of \$10 per person employed within the boundaries of the Centennial School District. This tax is shared with Warminster Township, the Borough of Ivyland and Upper Southampton Township.*
- *The Business Privilege Tax for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 of 1 ½ mills on gross receipts and a license fee of \$5.*
- *The Earned Income Tax and Net Profits Tax for Fiscal year 1999-2000 at the rate of 1%. This tax is shared with Warminster Township, the Borough of Ivyland and Upper Southampton Township.*

*The 1999-2000 Budget retains the Real Estate Millage at the 1998-99 rate of 224 Mills.*

*Further approves that the real estate tax for the 1999-2000 Fiscal Year be payable with a discount of 2% on or before August 31, 1999, and shall bear a penalty of 10% if paid on or after November 1, 1999.*

*Be it further resolved that Administration is authorized and directed to advertise the adopted 1999-2000 Budget in accordance with the provisions of the School Code and to file a copy of the 1999-2000 Budget with the PA Department of Education.*

*The motion passed 6-0.*

3. 1999/00 Annual District Goals

*A motion was made by Ms. Kautz and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts District goals for the 1999/2000 school year in the areas of standards and assessments, technology and school reform.*

*The motion passed 6-0.*

4. Youth Services of Bucks County Contract

Representatives from Youth Services of Bucks County were present at the meeting to distribute and review the Final Report for the 1998/99 School Year. Mrs. Jankowsky asked if the Board could take the time to review the report since it had just been received. It was decided that this item would be moved to the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

5. Special Education Services Agreement with Bethanna, Inc.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if the solicitor had reviewed this contract. Dr. Sexton advised that he had.

Mrs. Jankowsky questioned whether the rate of \$94.70 per day was a fixed rate. Mr. Vail stated that it was fixed as of the end of December.

*A motion was made by Ms. Kautz and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants approval for the Special Education Services Agreement between Bethanna, Inc. and the Centennial School District for the 1999/2000 school year at a per diem rate of \$94.70 per student, not to exceed a maximum of \$239,760 for the year.*

*The motion passed 6-0.*

6. Accreditation for Growth – William Tennent High School Schedule

Mr. Grossi advised that there would be a work session meeting held on June 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the fiscal notes and other aspects of this recommendation; therefore, no action was necessary at this time.

7. Request for Permission to Apply for Funding for Title I Parent Involvement at Davis, Leary, McDonald and Willow Dale Elementary Schools

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Priadka to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the request to apply for the Title I Parent Involvement grants for Davis, Leary, McDonald and Willow Dale Elementary Schools for \$500 each for the 1999/2000 school year.*

*The motion passed 6-0.*

8. Additional Pupil Transportation Contract for 1998/99

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Ms. Kautz to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes the additional pupil transportation contract in the amount of \$1,150 for the 1998/99 school year.*

Mr. Faust asked when the District acquired this student. Dr. Sexton advised that we were notified in February that there would be a student moving into the District in the middle of March who was already attending Mosaica. The child has been registered at Stackpole for the next school year.

*The motion passed 6-0.*

9. Technology Roll-Out Plan

*A motion was made by Ms. Kautz and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the second year of the Technology Roll-Out Plan, funded by the 1998 General Obligation Bond, at a cost of \$919,050. This plan includes the purchase of student personal computer workstations and their associated carts/tables.*

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if everything would be up and ready for September startup. Mr. Sheaffer advised that the computers would all be in the classrooms by the first day of school but that the networking capability would probably not be available then, particularly in the elementary schools. This would probably not be completed in the elementary schools until sometime in November. At the secondary schools, the computers that could be supplied with electricity would be up and running by September but Log and Klinger might not have proper electrical capabilities by then.

*The motion passed 6-0.*

Mrs. Jankowsky asked that the Board be provided with a report on how many of the computers worked and how many did not work after they were installed.

10. Revised Financial Reports

Mr. Vail explained the streamlined process and reports. Mrs. Jankowsky requested Administration to develop an easier-to-read font or format. Mr. Vail stated that this would be worked on.

*A motion was made by Ms. Kautz and seconded by Mr. Priadka to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to the monthly financial reports recommended by Administration in an effort to streamline reporting, make maximum use of automation and provide more understandable and user-friendly documents to the Board. Revised reports will be submitted beginning with the new fiscal year on July 1, 1999.*

*The motion passed 6-0.*

11. Health Care Consortium

*A motion was made by Ms. Kautz and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes Administration to join the Delaware Valley Schools Benefit Affiliation at a cost of \$1000 to the District.*

Mr. Faust indicated his concern that this was an *annual* cost. He felt that we should try this for one year, then bring it back for evaluation.

*Mr. Faust suggested that the motion be changed to read as follows: “that the Centennial School Board authorizes Administration to join the Delaware Valley Schools Benefit Affiliation for one year at an annual cost not to exceed \$1,000 to the District.” Ms. Kautz and Mrs. Jankowsky, as the mover and seconder of the motion, agreed to the change.*

*The motion passed 6-0.*

12. Fringe Benefits 1999/2000

Mr. Faust asked what the purpose was of having a motion on this matter. Mr. Vail responded that it was for auditing purposes.

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the increases in fringe benefits for 1999/2000 as listed.*

*The motion passed 6-0.*

13. Insurance Rates 1999/2000

Mr. Vail informed the Board that the District would be changing insurance carriers. He briefly discussed the change. It was decided that this would be brought forward at the next meeting after the addition of several changes.

14. Conference Requests

*A motion was made by Mr. Rosenberger and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants approval of overnight conference requests for Board, Administration and staff for 1999/2000 as listed.*

Mr. Faust pointed out that the Board should also consider the annual trip to Washington for the purpose of lobbying legislators.

*The motion passed 6-0.*

15. Act 511 Tax Collector – Warminster Township

Mr. Faust advised that this was placed on the agenda for informational purposes and that proposals were being sought. Mr. Grossi indicated that this would appear on the June 8<sup>th</sup> agenda.

16. Senior Portraits Bid

17. William Tennent High School Yearbook Bid

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Ms. Kautz to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves: (16) the senior portraits bid for William Tennent High School for the 1999/00, 2000/01 and 2001/02 school years to be awarded to Carl Wolf Studio as per the attached list; and (17) the William Tennent High School yearbook bid for the 1999/00, 2000/01 and 2001/02 school years to be awarded to Herff Jones, Inc. at \$48.93 per copy plus \$15.22 for extra copies and less \$15.22 for fewer copies.*

*The motion passed 6-0.*

**PERSONNEL**

*A motion was made by Ms. Kautz and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absences; Appointments; Substitute Secretary; Co-Curricular Additions and Deletions (1998/99).*

*The motion passed 6-0.*

**OTHER**

Mr. Faust requested Administration to place on the June 8<sup>th</sup> agenda a request for permission to develop a policy on volunteer services. Mr. Grossi stated that this would be done.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Priadka to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie A. Detwiler  
Board Secretary

