

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 8, 1999

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on June 8, 1999, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Grossi at 7:40 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
Kristina Wiercinski

* Left at 9:35 p.m.

Staff:

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

* Arrived at 8:00 p.m.

CEA/Staff:

Judith Heep
Michael Gearty

Public:

Tom Cook
Pat Cook
Kevin Cook
Ian Morgenheim
Bruce Morgenheim
Paula Kalman
Barb Creighton
Donna Marie Saul
Mindy Schiff
Erika Schiff
Carol Lumadire
Barb Patrick
Frank S. Burstein
John Kilker
Pete Capozzi
Chris Capozzi
Taras Midzak
Olga Midzak
Andrew Midzak
Donna Severns
Bill Perks
Ira Lee Riddle
Harve Strouse
Janet Marinoff
Sina Baranski

Also present at the meeting was Jeffrey Garton, Esquire, solicitor for the District.

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 legal and personnel matters.

Dr. Reid stated that she had received a thank you note to the Board from Mary Ellen Cannon, one of the staff members honored at the previous meeting for outstanding achievement.

Mr. Grossi pointed out that Jeff Garton, the District's solicitor, was present at the meeting. He also advised that there would be changes to the order of the Agenda after the Student Council Report and Community Comments in deference to Mrs. Huf, who was present at the meeting in spite of her recent injury.

REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Ari Gottlieb reported as follows:

- The Rage for AIDS was quite successful, with over 300 participants.
- Many events at Tennent are closing events for the school year but planning has begun for events for the next school year.
- The Senior Picnic was held earlier in the day and was very well attended.
- The Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors had attended Dorney park the previous Saturday.
- Key Club would be holding their final meeting.
- The Jazz Band and Pep Band were performing their final concerts.
- Senior Awards Night had been held.
- The National Honor Society had their Senior farewell.
- Graduation would be held in two weeks.
- The sports teams had concluded their seasons.

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

No report.

GOOD NEWS/PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Kastle, Mr. Grossi and Dr. Reid presented T-pins to the following individuals:

- Juliana Rosati, a National Merit Finalist, who will be attending Bryn Mawr College in the Fall;
- Andrew Midzak, a national Merit Finalist, who will be attending the University of Pennsylvania;
- Kevin Cook and Ian Morgenheim, both of whom were selected to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All States Festival.

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

Dr. Reid announced that Mr. Lasher was representing the District at another meeting and that he would be joining this meeting later on.

Dr. Masko introduced Erika Schiff, the winner of the Fine Arts Festival Purchase Prize, who presented a painting to Mr. Grossi to hang in the Johnsville Student Gallery.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Donna Marie Saul of 675 East Street Road, Warminster, addressed the Board regarding the elimination of the gifted teacher position at the middle schools. She expressed her feeling that this would not benefit any student. She stated that she had set up a meeting for Wednesday, June 16th, for all parents of middle school gifted students to discuss this issue. She also requested the Board's presence at the meeting.

Barbara Creighton of 440 Burgundy Drive, Southampton, addressed the Board on the same subject. She stated that prior written notice, as required under the Parental Rights Procedure Safeguards, had not been given. Mrs. Creighton also remarked on the adoption of House Bill 1319, which states that various standards need to be met for gifted and talented education professionals. She questioned whether the Reading and English teachers that would be teaching the gifted students could meet the criteria. She challenged parents to become involved and question whether guidelines were being met.

Mr. Lasher arrived at the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Grossi commented on some of the reasons for the changes to the program.

Mr. Faust requested backup information from Administration. He did not recall being informed about the elimination of the gifted teacher position.

A short break was taken at 8:05 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:07 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Student Disciplinary Matter – Request for Expulsion

A motion was made by Ms. Wiercinski and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the Adjudication pertaining to student 14-14. The

School District Administration is directed to take the action necessary to effectuate the Adjudication and to properly serve the Adjudication on student 14-14, parents and attorney.

Mrs. Huf stated that although she was not present at the hearing, she had read the Adjudication and was prepared to vote on this matter.

Ms. Kautz advised that she would be abstaining since she did not participate in any of the hearings.

The motion passed 7-0-1.

2A-1. Student Disciplinary Matter – Request for Expulsion

A motion was made by Ms. Wiercinski and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the Adjudication pertaining to student 10-3. The School District Administration is directed to take the action necessary to effectuate the Adjudication and to properly serve the Adjudication on student 10-3, parents and attorney.

Mr. Faust verified that this motion related to the Adjudication for 2A-1.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion, as follows:

<i>Mr. Priadka</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Faust</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Wiercinski</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Jankowsky</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Rosenberger</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Kautz</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Mr. Grossi</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 4-3-1.

3A-1. Student Disciplinary Matter – Request for Expulsion

A motion was made by Ms. Wiercinski and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the Adjudication pertaining to student 1-12. The School District Administration is directed to take the action necessary to effectuate the Adjudication and to properly serve the Adjudication on student 1-12, parents and attorney.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion, as follows:

<i>Mr. Priadka</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Faust</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Wiercinski</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Jankowsky</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Rosenberger</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Kautz</i>	<i>Abstained</i>
<i>Mr. Grossi</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 4-3-1.

4A-1. Student Disciplinary Matter – Request for Expulsion

A motion was made by Ms. Wiercinski and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the Adjudication pertaining to student 10-13. The School District Administration is directed to take the action necessary to effectuate the Adjudication and to properly serve the Adjudication on student 10-13, parents and attorney.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion, as follows:

<i>Mrs. Jankowsky</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Rosenberger</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Kautz</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Mr. Priadka</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Faust</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Wiercinski</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Grossi</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 4-3-1.

Mr. Grossi then read the following statement:

Tonight, the Centennial School District Board of School Directors has voted to expel three students from William Tennent High School. This action, together with the prior action of suspending four additional students for a period of five days, concludes the disciplinary actions to be taken by the District against those who participated in the very inappropriate conduct associated with the wrestling team. The Board regrets the impact this conduct may have had on innocent victims.

The actions taken by the District are the result of a long and comprehensive investigation conducted by the Administration as well as the participation by the Board of School Directors in three extensive hearings.

It is our commitment that the activities of this past season will never be repeated. To that end, the District will soon have a policy on Hazing in place.

Rest assured that the Centennial School District will not tolerate any such conduct in the future, any violations on the hazing policy, or any repeat of the activities associated with the wrestling team by any sports team, will be dealt with harshly. Our investigation as to other aspects of this matter continues.

Mr. Faust stated that he felt that a more severe punishment was deserved and that he regretted the Board's decision. Ms. Wiercinski agreed and stated that she felt the Board should have taken further action.

Mrs. Huf stated that she voted for the recommendation made by Administration. She felt it was multi-faceted and that expulsions were called for but that she drew the line at expulsion.

Mr. Garton explained that the disagreement related to the conditions of expulsion. Mr. Faust clarified that the expulsion was a long-term suspension (or vacation.)

14. Accreditation for Growth – Sunset Provision

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves a sunset provision for all William Tennent High School Accreditation for Growth Action Plans. Administration shall present annual reports on the Student Achievement Objectives and prepare recommendations should the performance targets not be met by the 2004-2005 school year.

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that this motion was prepared in discussions with Mrs. Homel and Dr. Reid. She explained that the time frame allows for the Freshman class of 2000/01 to complete four years of high school, plus the next class (2001/02) to complete four years also. This would give the Board a good idea of how block scheduling was working.

Mrs. Huf stated that she supported this motion as she felt it would allow a proper evaluation of the success of the program.

Ms. Kautz stated that she had spent time at Hatboro-Horsham and that they fine-tune the program each year. She asked if Administration felt that this motion allowed for sufficient time to give the program a chance to work. Mrs. Homel answered affirmatively.

Dr. Reid indicated that annual reports were required so fine tuning would be done each year.

The motion passed 7-1. (Wiercinski opposed.)

BOARD DISCUSSION

Wrestling Program

Ms. Kautz stated that she felt the Board should do more about the wrestling program. She felt that there were more people involved in the problems than had been brought forward. She indicated that she felt the whole program was in disarray and that it should be suspended indefinitely.

Mr. Priadka advised that he could not support that idea. He felt that it would be unfair to penalize 8th and 9th graders for the actions of others. He also believed that Mr. Thompson might be able to answer some of the questions; however, Mr. Grossi felt that Board members should comment first.

Mr. Faust stated that he agreed with Mr. Priadka's comments and felt that it had not been proved that there was anyone else involved besides the seven individuals already brought forward.

Ms. Wiercinski left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she respected Ms. Kautz's wishes to bring this up for further action. She stated that her initial reaction had been the same; however, after giving it more thought, she felt that a lot of innocent people would be punished if the program were suspended. Doing so would victimize those students who were not involved.

Mrs. Huf stated that she did not believe that all the culprits had been caught. She felt that more of the wrestlers were aware of what was going on and that there is a need for more supervision. She also felt that all aspects of the program needed to be looked at.

Mr. Rosenberger stated that he did not wish to punish innocent parties but felt a need to keep on top of the matter.

Mr. Grossi felt this was a valid discussion and that it was worthy of a motion, although at this time he was not inclined to support it.

Mrs. Jankowsky requested Ms. Kautz to delay on this motion until the investigation was completed. If the investigation brought forth further information to justify suspending the program, then it could be brought forward with Administration's recommendation.

Mr. Faust felt that an independent investigation should be done to clear this matter up.

Ms. Kautz felt that another concern was the amount of tax dollars being spent on this matter.

Mr. Priadka felt no decision should be made until the investigation was completed. He asked Mr. Thompson (the Athletic Director) if his office had taken any steps to assure that this type of behavior would not occur again. Mr. Thompson responded that he strongly disagreed with Ms.

Kautz's position. He explained that he and Dr. Kastle had put together a hazing policy and had spoken about new procedures.

Mrs. Jankowsky left the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Mr. Faust left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Ms. Wiercinski returned to the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Mr. Thompson also assured the Board that this behavior would never happen again.

Mr. Priadka wished to make sure that this policy covered *all* schools, including the high school, middle schools and elementary schools. He felt that the Athletic Directors should all answer to one person. Mr. Grossi advised that he would bring this up at the next budget discussion.

Ice Hockey

Mr. Priadka read a letter from the ice hockey coach thanking the parents, players, supporters and everyone involved with the ice hockey team. He spoke about the benefits of the program and expressed his gratitude to the School Board for officially recognizing the ice hockey team as of August 1998. He requested a contribution in order to get more ice time so that the team would be better equipped to compete in the league.

Mrs. Huf stated that she was in support of a contribution to the team and that she believed in supporting all of our athletes.

Ms. Kautz questioned whether making a contribution would commit us to assume liability.

Mr. Garton stated that, in and of itself, a contribution would not make the recipient a school district function. He stated that if, in addition to the contribution, the Board would impose guidelines, exercise control of coaching, etc., then it would more likely be considered to be District supported. It is not the contribution itself that makes the determination, but the amount of control imposed.

Mrs. Jankowsky requested Mr. Garton's opinion in writing. She also requested a written opinion on the following: whether making a contribution would make this a co-curricular activity; our contractual implications; and eligibility criteria such as other sports must abide by. She wondered whether imposing criteria would affect our other sports programs. She felt that to do so would be setting a double standard.

Ms. Wiercinski and Mr. Faust returned to the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

In response to a question by Mrs. Huf, Mr. Garton stated that nothing prohibits us from making a contribution; however, the extent of our regulation of the funds changes our position/relationship.

Mr. Vail expressed a concern about liability. He requested that if the Board entertained the idea of making a contribution, they add a caveat that the contribution was contingent upon evidence

of adequate insurance to cover liability and that the District would not be taking on any liability by making the contribution.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that since there was no rush on this matter, it could wait until the next meeting so that the solicitor would have adequate time to research the matter and provide answers to some of the questions raised. Mr. Grossi agreed that appropriate backup should be provided prior to voting.

Mr. Priadka requested that the motion be made. Mr. Grossi advised that he would declare it out of order since he felt that proper procedure should be followed. Mr. Faust countered that there was no policy requiring that.

Mr. Grossi stated that when a matter appears at a Work Session, it appears under New Business and there is backup material provided. Mr. Priadka advised that he had requested this to be placed under New Business and it wasn't done.

A motion was made by Mr. Priadka to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the transfer of \$9,000.00 from the Contingency Fund to the William Tennent Ice Hockey Program, with a full accounting of funds to the Business Manager at the end of the season and with a full report to come to the School Board. [The motion was seconded later in the meeting.]

Mr. Grossi declared the motion out of order. He indicated that a Board member may overrule the Chair if they wish. He felt that it was imprudent to vote on this matter without all of the facts. Mr. Faust asked what policy he was overruling Mr. Priadka on. Mr. Grossi indicated that he didn't know but felt that there was an existing procedure.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Priadka to overturn the Chair. He requested a roll call vote.

Mrs. Jankowsky commented that although the Board does vote at Work Sessions, backup material is normally provided prior to the vote. That was the idea when the current system was instituted and is the significant difference between this matter and Board members voting on Work Session items. She pointed out the matter of the Bucks County Youth Services Agreement that came before the Board previously and was delayed until the next meeting because there had been no report given to the Board. Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she did not disagree but that there was no procedure to state that we can't do it this way.

A roll call vote was taken on the matter of overruling the Chair's decision:

<i>Mr. Priadka</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Faust</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Wiercinski</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Jankowsky</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Rosenberger</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Ms. Kautz *No*
Mr. Grossi *No*

The motion passed 5-3. (The Chair was overruled.)

Mr. Garton advised that the motion was now on the floor.

Mr. Rosenberger asked if there would be a caveat.

Mr. Priadka stated that assurance would be provided from USA Hockey that every player does carry the coverage and that students will follow PIAA rules.

Ms. Wiercinski seconded the motion since it had not previously been seconded.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Faust to include that participants in this will meet PIAA eligibility standards, that we have proof of insurance liability and that we have Mr. Garton's contractual implications on the co-curricular aspects of the contract.

Mrs. Huf indicated that she did not have a problem with the amendments.

Mr. Rosenberger felt that agreeing to abide by PIAA rules would mean that we were imposing conditions. Mr. Garton advised that this would take the matter one more step in the direction of imposing liability.

Mrs. Jankowsky implored the Board to give the solicitor the time needed to research the matter. She stated that the Board owed it to the community to do that.

Ms. Kautz stated that since she was representing constituents and she knew they would not want her to vote for this, she would not be supporting the motion. Mrs. Huf stated that she was also representing the students, including *all* of them. Mrs. Jankowsky again asked what the rush was and why the Board could not wait to get the legal opinion so that it could make a more informed decision.

A roll call vote was taken on the amendment, as follows:

Mr. Priadka *No*
Mr. Faust *No*
Mrs. Huf *Abstain*
Ms. Wiercinski *No*
Mrs. Jankowsky *Yes*
Mr. Rosenberger *Abstain*
Ms. Kautz *Yes*
Mr. Grossi *Yes*

The amendment failed 3-3 2.

The discussion returned to the original motion.

A motion to amend was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf, as follows: that the ice hockey program will adhere to all PIAA academic eligibility standards and that they will have to provide the Business Office with the appropriate certificate of liability insurance.

Mr. Grossi asked if this included PIAA and District disciplinary policies, such as hazing. *Mr. Faust indicated that he would expand the motion to include all disciplinary policies. Mrs. Huf agreed.*

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Ms. Kautz to amend the amendment to include information on the contractual obligations of making a contribution.

The motion to amend the amendment failed 2-6. (Jankowsky and Kautz in favor; remainder opposed.)

The motion to amend passed 5-3.

The amended motion passed 5-3.

Mrs. Jankowsky reiterated her request that the solicitor generate a letter citing the District's legal liabilities.

A break was taken at 9:35 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:50 p.m. [Note: Mrs. Huf left the meeting during the break. At the time the meeting resumed, Ms. Wiercinski and Mr. Faust were still out of the room.]

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Reid indicated that she would be delivering her report at the June 22nd meeting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jankowsky advised that the Committee had not met recently but that it would be meeting again in October. She asked Board members to submit suggested topics and suggested that Dr. Masko generate a form to be sent out in the Friday Update.

WTHS Middle States Accreditation

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that the last meeting had been held on May 26th, which was prior to the Board vote on the AFG process.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Ms. Kautz advised that the Program, Personnel and Policy Committee had met on May 20th, at which time it reviewed the organization chart and structure. She advised that Dr. Lees wished to change the Dean of Students to Assistant Principal and that this would be discussed in more detail the following week. The committee also reviewed the programming and staffing recommendations for next year and discussed placing several programs on probationary status due to low enrollment.

Ms. Wiercinski and Mr. Faust returned to the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Ms. Kautz reported that there was a desire to employ a telecommunications teacher (a new position.)

Dr. Reid advised that Mrs. Huf had asked her to tell the Board that MBIT would be holding their annual Senior Awards Program on June 10th and that all Board members were invited.

Intermediate Unit

Ms. Kautz reported as follows:

- The Life Skills Graduation had been held the previous evening.
- Earlier in the day auditors from Harrisburg had visited and awarded a clean audit for the years ending 1997 and 1998.
- On May 19th there was a meeting of the Board in Executive Session regarding contract details. Hopefully a new Executive Director would be appointed the following week. Also, the Personnel Director presented recommendations regarding support salaries for the new fiscal year, which would be voted on at the next meeting.
- The I.U. Education Foundation planned to meet on July 12th.
- Approved purchase of Y2K compliance software and hardware.
- Appointed Ed Godin of Bristol Township as Chairman of Building Use and Space Utilization Committee.

Ms. Kautz also advised that there would be quite a turnover on the Board since four Board members were leaving.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 15th, at which staff appointments would be made.

PSBA

Ms. Kautz reported as follows:

- A budget had been adopted; school dues would remain the same.
- Ed Godin had become Second Vice President of PSBA.

- Clarissa Chambers from the School District of Harrisburg was President-Elect of NSBA.
- The next Board meeting would be on July 14th.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Grossi stated that there was basically nothing to report. He indicated that at the last Board meeting there had been a discussion about whether the Board wanted to take a trip to Washington, DC to lobby for additional funding. He felt that if the Board wished to do so, it should start looking at scheduling a date with the Congressman or Senator.

Title VIII

No report.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Wiercinski informed the Board that she had received a copy of a letter from a woman requesting a variance. The woman's daughter was in first grade and they lived .9 mile from Stackpole. Ms. Wiercinski reminded the Board that the variance had been granted during the current year, to be reviewed on a year-to-year basis. The woman had raised the variance issue for the upcoming school year. Ms. Wiercinski advised that this could wait until the August 10th meeting.

Mr. Priadka returned to the meeting at 10:04 p.m.

Mrs. Jankowsky reminded the Board that when this matter was discussed previously, information was requested about other children in the neighborhood. Ms. Wiercinski assured that Mr. Lasher would be providing that information.

Citizens Policy

No report.

Legislative Liaison

No report.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Rosenberger and seconded by Ms. Kautz to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the minutes of Work Session/Regular Board Meeting – 4/20/99; and accepts the minutes of Finance & Long Range Budget Planning Committee – 4/19/99.

Mrs. Jankowsky requested that the vote be separated on this issue.

Discussion was held on the Work Session minutes. Several minor revisions were requested.

The motion regarding the Work Session/Regular Board Meeting minutes of 4/20/99 was approved by a vote of 6-0-1. (Mrs. Jankowsky abstained since she had been absent from that meeting.)

The motion to accept the minutes of the Finance Committee of 4/19/99 was approved by a vote of 7-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Request to Develop Policy on Volunteer Services:

Mr. Grossi stated that there was no consistent policy on volunteers and advised that it had been suggested that one be developed.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Ms. Wiercinski to request Administration to develop a policy on volunteer services.

The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Wiercinski left the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Discussion:

3.3 – Clubs and Co-Curricular Activities

Mrs. Jankowsky asked how the clubs/activities' funds are monitored and what type of reporting or accounting is used. Mr. Lasher explained that the budget is based on past spending history and that information is handled at the building level and passed along. He advised that he could provide additional information.

Mrs. Jankowsky also felt that it would be beneficial for the Board to be aware of what clubs were being sponsored. Dr. Reid indicated that this information could be provided.

3.16 – Hazing

Mrs. Jankowsky advised that she was concerned that the policy was more punitive than proactive. She felt that under the *Consequences* section, it should be added that if someone witnesses a hazing incident and does not report it, they would be subject to the same disciplinary actions as the perpetrator, up to and including exclusion/termination. Mr. Garton remarked that he did not see why that type of language could not be added to the policy.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if there was language to address the issue of camp experience. Mr. Garton stated that we don't want to make camps an extension of school activities but we need to provide information to coaches about appropriate camps to attend. He felt that this should be addressed in the proper way.

Mr. Faust questioned, in Section II.A., why the coach was being left out of the loop for reporting of hazing incidences. Mr. Garton felt that this could be added. Mr. Faust felt that if we were going to give coaches training on hazing and how to recognize it, then they should be included in this section.

Final Approval:

6.2 – Facility Use

7.8 – Response to Disaster and Emergency

7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status

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: 6.2 – Facility Use; 7.8 – Response to Disaster and Emergency; and 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status.

The motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Wiercinski returned to the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

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 – May 1999 (all funds); Investments – May 1999; Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – April 1999; General Fund Budget Report – April 1999; and approves the Treasurer's Report – April 1999 and Budgetary Transfers – June 1999.

The motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

5. Youth Services of Bucks County Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Rosenberger and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants approval for the Contract Agreement between Youth Services of Bucks County and the Centennial School District for the 1999/2000 school year.

Mrs. Jankowsky requested additional reporting to be done in grid format.

The motion passed 7-0.

6. Permission to Apply for Disney Creative Learning Communities Grant

A motion was made by Mr. Rosenberger and seconded by Ms. Kautz to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves applications for a \$120,000 Disney Creative Learning Communities Grant Program grant to support the Community for Learning Reform Model at Everett A. McDonald Elementary School.

Mrs. Jankowsky suggested that the motion include that the grant provided \$40,000 per year for the next three years for a total of \$120,000. Mr. Rosenberger and Ms. Kautz agreed this to, as the mover and seconder of the motion.

The motion passed 7-0.

7. Insurance Rates – 1999/2000

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Ms. Kautz to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the attached insurance rates through the Pennsylvania School Boards Association Insurance Trust for the period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. Also authorizes Administration to enter into an agreement with the PSBA Insurance Trust to lock in the 1999/2000 rates for an additional two year period commencing July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2002 in exchange for continued participation in the program for this period.

The motion passed 7-0.

8. Amended Contract – Berkheimer Associates

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Ms. Kautz to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the resignation of Kathleen Hodgkinson as Act 511 Tax Collector for Warminster Township effective July 1, 1999 and amend the existing contract with Berkheimer Associates to add Act 511 Tax Collection responsibilities for Warminster Township as per attached agreement effective July 1, 1999.

Mr. Grossi stated that the Board would accept this resignation with a great deal of regret. He stated that Mrs. Hodgkinson was an outstanding tax collector, who has serviced the District well. Mrs. Jankowsky questioned the second item in Mr. Garton's letter that was included in the backup material. This item addressed the issue of resolving any disputes by binding arbitration. Mr. Garton explained that arbitration moves more quickly and efficiently than traditional litigation. He didn't feel that this provision contained much of a risk.

Mrs. Jankowsky expressed concern about the arbitration process. Mr. Garton stated that arbitration is as good as the arbitrators involved. Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that in subsequent contracts she would like to look into this matter more closely.

A question was raised about what the contract covered. It was explained that we would be amending the existing business privilege and mercantile tax for Ivyland and Upper Southampton. The amendment would not affect the earned income tax agreement but it would be adding an arbitration clause to Ivyland and Upper Southampton. Mr. Faust and Mrs. Jankowsky expressed concern that we would be going back on something that had previously been negotiated.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that if this were the case, she would like to move to table the motion. Mr. Garton suggested that the contract could be voted on after striking the arbitration clause. Mr. Vail agreed with Mr. Garton. He felt that if the whole motion was delayed until June 22nd, there might be some transitional problems.

Mrs. Jankowsky suggested that the amendment be changed to strike the arbitration clause. The mover and seconder agreed that the arbitration clause would be struck from the motion. Mr. Garton confirmed that, in that case, we would be adding Warminster to the contract and leaving the remedy terms "as is".

The motion passed 7-0.

9. Medical Supplies Bid
10. Middle School Yearbook Bid
11. Milk Bid
12. Network Products and Services Bid
13. Paper Supply Bid

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

- (9) *Medical Supplies Bid, No. 99-11, to be awarded to the following vendors for a total cost of \$13,886.75: Delcrest Medical - \$5,707.43; Kelly's - \$351.00; Micro Bio-Medics - \$2,548.42; National Health - \$559.20; School Health - \$3,301.30; Sportsman's - \$1,419.40; for a total of \$13,886.75.*
- (10) *Klinger and Log College Middle School Yearbook Bid No. 99-19 to Herff Jones, Inc. at the following amounts: Klinger Middle School - \$11.45 per copy; Log College Middle School - \$11.94 per copy.*
- (11) *Milk Bid No. 99-32 to be awarded to Rosenberger's Dairies for the lowest responsible bid amounts as follows: (Price per ½ pint container) Fat Free White - \$.1480; 1% Low Fat White - \$.1546; 2% Reduced Fat White - \$.1620; Whole White - \$.1715; 1% Low Fat Chocolate/Strawberry - \$.1611.*
- (12) *Network Products and Services Bid No. 99-33 to be awarded to Elcom Services Group at the lowest responsible bid amount of \$304,698.00.*
- (13) *Paper Supply Bid No. 99-34 be awarded to Paper Mart at the lowest responsible bid amount of \$40,842.56.*

Mrs. Jankowsky requested a formatting change for bids in the future. She would like to see backup such as that provided in Item #13 where this is a listing of the history of what had been paid.

The motion passed 7-0.

14. Accreditation for Growth – Sunset Provision

[This item was handled earlier in the meeting.]

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Ms. Kautz to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absences; Appointments; and Substitute Secretary/Tech Associate.

The motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Sina Baranski of 854 Pelham Avenue asked about Policy 7.8 – Response to Disaster and Emergency. She wondered about the purpose of the policy. Ms. Wiercinski responded that it was in response to the tragedy at Columbine High School. Mr. Faust provided Ms. Baranski with a copy of the policy. Dr. Reid explained that the policy was already in place but that the changes would provide a clearer picture of responsibilities.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

High School Class Size Policy

Mr. Grossi stated that he felt this policy needed to be reviewed since it had been in place for quite some time and had not been reviewed. He felt that there were some changes needed and procedures that should be developed. Mrs. Jankowsky suggested that this could be developed into a full, formatted policy.

Co-Curricular Starting Times and Late Bus Policy

Mr. Grossi stated that a student had informed him that certain activities are started by staff members at 2:30 or 2:35, which is in violation of the contract.

Ms. Wiercinski left the meeting at 10:50 p.m. Ms. Kautz left the meeting at 10:51 p.m.

Mr. Grossi requested information regarding starting times and our late bus policy. He felt that if no policy existed, one should be developed. Mr. Faust asked for information on what supervision there is of participants between the time school ends and practice begins. Mrs. Homel said that she would provide a report by June 22nd.

1998-99 Enrollment

Mr. Grossi asked if the 1998/99 enrollment figures were available yet. He felt that a problem existed because the Business Office had one set of records and there was another set of educational records that did not coordinate. He stated that Mr. Vail had advised that the enrollment would be on line, hopefully by September, so that at that point there would be only one set of numbers. Mrs. Homel advised that the report had been reconciled and could be provided in the Friday Update.

Ms. Wiercinski and Ms. Kautz returned to the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Meeting Policy Request

Mr. Faust indicated that he would like to ask Administration to bring up a request at the next Board meeting to review the meeting policy so that procedural problems could be avoided in the future. Dr. Reid advised that this would be a Board policy and suggested that it should be done by a committee of the Board. Mrs. Jankowsky advised that she had requested Dr. Sexton that the pilot format for running the meetings be codified and that to date they had not had an opportunity to discuss the matter.

Information Request

Mrs. Jankowsky advised that in order for the Board to have a complete picture of the impact of block scheduling on student achievement, she requested that Administration design an annual report that would provide certain information, including but not limited to the following:

- Student grades using 1998/99 and 1999/2000 as the base years per course per quarter.
- College applications versus acceptances.
- Attendance data, including MBIT as well as WTHS.
- AP exams – those taken and the results per course.
- Drop/add data.
- Suspension/expulsion data.

She also felt that the data should be disaggregated by quartile or stanine. She indicated that Administration should add anything else they felt would be helpful and that she would like the report in grid form.

Mrs. Homel felt that such a report could be designed and that she had several meetings set up on this. She felt that a comprehensive report could be prepared by late August.

Mr. Grossi added several items that he felt should be included in the report, as follows:

- Teachers' attendance.
- Baseline data on scope and sequence in the core areas as they exist now and as they will exist in the block scheduling format.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Ms. Kautz to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary