

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD APRIL 25, 2000**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Special Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on April 25, 2000, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Huf at 7:45 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Joseph Faust  
Eugene Grossi  
Betty Huf  
Joan Jankowsky  
Rose Marie Kautz  
Jerry Locke  
Robert Rosenberger  
Harve Strouse

Public:

Kristen Holmes  
William L. Bauer, III  
Scott Avery  
Sina Baranski  
Dave Siddons  
Michael Davitt

Staff:

Sandy Homel  
Dr. Michael Masko  
Dr. Nancy Reid  
Dr. Thomas Sexton  
Timothy Vail

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Huf led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. She announced that the purpose of the meeting was to fill the vacancy in Region III from April 25, 2000 through December 3, 2001.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Mike Davitt of 77 Caledonia Drive, Warminster, addressed the Board regarding funding for the ice hockey team. He questioned statements made by Mr. Grossi as well as the Board having allotted \$1,600 for one student to take a trip to Pittsburgh for a band competition.

Mr. Grossi commented on prior statements he had made, as well as explaining that if a student earns the right to participate in a state competition for a sanctioned event, this has traditionally

always been funded. He felt that this was a different issue from granting money to the hockey club.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### School Director Appointment

Mrs. Huf asked if any Board member wished to make a nomination.

Mr. Faust questioned what the procedure was since there had been some confusion at the previous meeting.

Mrs. Huf explained that there needed to be five votes in favor of one person. If that did not occur, the Board could agree to have a second or third vote.

Dr. Sexton confirmed that the procedure had been clarified with the solicitor, who acknowledged that some of the previous wording had been confusing. He explained that there should be nominations from the Board, which would be voted on. If there wasn't a single candidate who received five votes, the Board would have to decide whether to go through the nomination process again or to revote the names already nominated. The Board would have to waive the policy that stated that it cannot vote on the same issue twice.

Mrs. Huf asked for nominations.

*Mr. Faust nominated Sina Baranski. Mr. Grossi nominated Scott Avery. Ms. Kautz nominated Bill Bauer.*

Mrs. Huf asked for a motion to close the nominations.

*A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mr. Faust to close the nominations. The motion passed 8-0.*

Mr. Strouse requested that those candidates who were attending this meeting present themselves and make a short statement.

Mrs. Huf asked if that was agreeable to the Board. The Board indicated that it was. Mrs. Huf asked the candidates to present themselves.

Sina Baranski introduced herself and stated that she had lived in the District for about 24 years. She indicated that she wished to help make decisions within the school community because she felt children are very important.

Bill Bauer indicated that he had previously served on the Board for 8 years from 1985-1993. During his last year on the Board, he was Board President. He also served as I.U. liaison and President for two years. He wished to return to give the Board the opportunity to select someone

who has experience. He stated that he was willing to devote the time and energy to serve the remaining portion of the term.

Scott Avery stated that he was a graduate of William Tennent High School and that he had lived in the community for 26 years prior to his marriage. He moved back to the community about one year ago and indicated that he would like to use his management experience and educational background to give something back to the community.

Mr. Faust asked if discussion was permitted. Mrs. Huf asked the opinion of the Board. Mrs. Jankowsky felt that since she had attended the interviews and asked questions, she did not need any further discussion.

The Board decided it was ready to vote.

*A roll call vote was taken, as follows:*

<i>Mr. Strouse</i>	<i>Scott Avery</i>
<i>Mr. Locke</i>	<i>Scott Avery</i>
<i>Ms. Kautz</i>	<i>Bill Bauer</i>
<i>Mr. Rosenberger</i>	<i>Sina Baranski</i>
<i>Mr. Grossi</i>	<i>Scott Avery</i>
<i>Mr. Faust</i>	<i>Sina Baranski</i>
<i>Mrs. Jankowsky</i>	<i>Scott Avery</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Sina Baranski</i>

*The vote was 4 in favor of Mr. Avery, 3 in favor of Mrs. Baranski and 1 in favor of Mr. Bauer.*

Mrs. Huf advised that she would like to poll the Board again; otherwise, the matter would need to go before the court.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that one of the procedures that was used in the past was that when there were more than two candidates, the one with the least votes was dropped and the Board would vote for the remaining two.

Mr. Faust stated that another option, after this vote was taken, was to open up votes for a compromise candidate.

Mr. Grossi felt that the Board should be re-pollled and if a choice was not made then the court should decide.

Ms. Kautz stated that there were five good candidates but that she would only vote for a candidate with prior experience.

*A roll call vote was taken, as follows.*

<i>Mr. Rosenberger</i>	<i>Sina Baranski</i>
<i>Mr. Grossi</i>	<i>Scott Avery</i>
<i>Mr. Faust</i>	<i>Sina Baranski</i>
<i>Mrs. Jankowsky</i>	<i>Scott Avery</i>
<i>Mr. Strouse</i>	<i>Scott Avery</i>
<i>Mr. Locke</i>	<i>Scott Avery</i>
<i>Ms. Kautz</i>	<i>Bill Bauer</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Sina Baranski</i>

*The vote was 4 in favor of Mr. Avery, 3 in favor of Mrs. Baranski and 1 in favor of Mr. Bauer.*

Mrs. Huf stated that a third vote could be taken or the Board could opt to let the court decide.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she preferred to let the court choose among all five candidates.

Mrs. Huf stated that any registered voter in Region III could place their name before the court as long as they have ten names on a petition.

It was the consensus of the Board to let the court decide the issue.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Ms. Kautz and seconded by Mr. Grossi to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie A. Detwiler  
Board Secretary