

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD AUGUST 15, 2000**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on August 15, 2000, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Huf at 8:00 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Scott Avery
Joseph Faust
Eugene Grossi
Betty Huf
Joan Jankowsky
Jerry Locke
Harve Strouse
James Wybar

Staff:

Barbara Fash
Frank Gallagher
Sandy Homel
Victor Lasher
Dr. Michael Masko
Dr. Nancy Reid
Dr. Thomas Sexton
Timothy Vail

Public:

Michelle Pfeiffer
Ben Corsino
Irene Wybar

Jane Hannon
Karen Bucy
Robert Luebbe

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Huf led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Huf apologized for the late start to the meeting. She announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting relative to the following issues: a personnel matter regarding evaluation and compensation for two administrators, a legal matter regarding special education, a personnel matter regarding a leave of absence, a legal matter regarding earned income taxes and a conference matter regarding the Board retreat.

Dr. Reid announced that on July 24th she and Mr. Lasher had attended a deed conveyance ceremony at the North American Technology Center where the deed was turned over from the Navy to Bucks County.

Dr. Reid also announced that Mr. Lasher had been selected as the Vice President of the FLRA.

Mrs. Huf advised that there was an opening at the I.U. and that volunteers were being sought. She also stated that that an MBIT representative was needed.

PRESENTATIONS

Swearing in of New Board Member

Mrs. Huf welcomed Mr. Wybar and his family. She then administered the oath of office and welcomed Mr. Wybar to the Board. Mrs. Huf stated that hopefully by September there would be a complete Board.

Strategic Plan Presentation

Dr. Masko explained that the Strategic Plan was about to expire so it was necessary to revise and develop a new plan for the District, which would cover the years 2000 through 2006. He explained that this evening was the beginning of the approval process and that the plan would be available for public inspection. He indicated that at the September 12th Board Meeting there would be a resolution on the agenda to approve the new Strategic Plan.

Dr. Masko then spoke about the specific components of the plan. Sheila Buckley presented one of the components of the new plan.

Mr. Faust raised the question of there being less representation on the elementary level than on the high school and middle school levels. Dr. Sexton advised that he would check into this and report back to the Board.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked about Act 48 approval. Dr. Masko advised that the state provides two separate forms, one for Act 48 and one for the Strategic Plan. Mrs. Jankowsky asked Dr. Masko to research this matter and advise whether Act 48 needed separate approval from the Board, rather than being voted upon within the Strategic Plan.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Upon consensus of the Board, Mrs. Huf advised that the order of the agenda would be revised.

4. WTHS Marching Band Trip to Florida

A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary approval for the William Tennent High School Marching Band Trip to Orlando, Florida from December 27, 2000 to January 1, 2001. There is no cost to the District.

Mr. Faust asked if there would be an adequate number of chaperones. The response was that there seemed to be, but that this would be checked on when the matter returns for final approval.

The motion passed 8-0.

5. Longstreth Fifth Grade Student Trip

A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants approval for the Longstreth fifth grade student trip to Camp Canadensis September 13, 14 and 15, 2000.

Mr. Faust asked if there would be an adequate number of chaperones. Sherry Weinberg advised that there would be more than enough.

The motion passed 8-0.

REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

No report.

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

No report.

GOOD NEWS

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

Dr. Reid presented a plaque to Mrs. Huf, on behalf of the Board, for recognition by PSBA for reaching the highest level of participation in PSBA's award program. Dr. Reid also presented certificates to the following Board members for their attendance at PSBA in-service activities: Mrs. Huf, Mrs. Jankowsky, Mr. Locke and Mr. Strouse. Dr. Reid also received a certificate and advised that Ms. Kautz would be receiving one also.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Reid presented the Superintendent's Report (see attached), highlighting the following areas: Summer Activities, 1999/2000, Grants Overview and the Vandalism Report for the 4th Quarter of the 1999/2000 school year.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that the committee would meet on October 2nd. She thanked Board members who submitted areas of interest for future Education Committee meetings.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mr. Faust reported that the MBIT Executive Council meeting had been held the previous evening. The following matters were handled at the meeting:

- Recognition of a student for winning a gold medal for food service and preparation.
- Review of summer camp.
- Personnel matters, including the following:
 - Adjustment of substitute pay rates.
 - Approval of a teacher for the public safety position. This will be a half-time teaching and half-time planning position. The salary will be \$45,805.
 - Approval of a Code of Student Conduct.
- Distribution of a draft report card of attendance, where students will go after graduation, etc. Centennial School District made 90% attendance. This was the highest MBIT had ever had from a school district.

Mrs. Huf advised that Mr. Strouse would serve as an alternate representative for MBIT.

Intermediate Unit

Mrs. Huf advised that Mr. Grossi had volunteered to serve as representative to the I.U.

PSBA

Mrs. Huf advised that Mrs. Jankowsky had volunteered to serve as representative for PSBA.

AFG

Mrs. Jankowsky advised that the AFG Committee had met on July 25th and 26th. The main objective of the meeting was to develop a list of commendations and recommendations regarding the implementation plans that had been developed for the AFG process at the high school. She indicated that this was in draft form and as soon as it was finalized it would be distributed to the Board.

Strategic Planning Committee

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that Dr. Masko had “said it all” in his presentation.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Grossi reported that this committee would meet on the following Monday and would begin discussion on the development of a long-range plan to gather information to build a financial model for the school district. He stated that he felt the next year would be extremely important to the District.

Title VIII

Mr. Grossi reported that the base had been transferred. He felt that this would not be good news for the District’s finances. Mr. Faust stated that we need to develop our strategy about how far to take this with the senators.

Federal Lands Reuse Authority

Mr. Faust reported that he had read that there might be a nursing home going in and that this would be good for the District. He stated that he did not think so and that a commercial or industrial use would be of more benefit to the District than a residential use. Mr. Lasher agreed.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

No report. Mrs. Huf requested Mr. Locke to head the Operations Committee and for Mr. Wybar to be on the committee also.

Citizens Policy

No report.

Legislative Liaison

Mr. Faust referred to the handouts which were included in the Board’s packet. He advised that the next meeting of the I.U. Legislative Council would be in September.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the minutes of:

- *Special Meeting of the Board 6/12/00*
- *Budget Hearing Meeting 6/13/00*
- *Regular School Board Meeting 6/13/00*

The motion passed 8-0.

Mrs. Jankowsky thanked Mrs. Detwiler for her excellent work on the verbatim transcripts.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Initial Distribution:

Mr. Locke noted that the following policy had been distributed for initial review:

- 4.10 – Video Cameras on School Buses

Discussion:

7.9 – Child Custody

Mrs. Jankowsky noted that the changes that were made in the policy had been suggested by the solicitor.

7.16 – Class Size

Mr. Faust stated that it was previously discussed that this policy would include minimums and that Administration should know what the maximums were and, at the high school level, if a course was underenrolled, whether it should be offered or not. He stated that he did not see all of this in the policy.

Mr. Faust also asked whether the policy met the contract language currently in place.

Dr. Sexton stated that the middle school language was out of the middle school model and that the high school language was from the contract except for the caps. He suggested that this policy be examined by the Finance Committee since there were financial implications.

Mr. Grossi suggested that this should be referred to the Finance Committee for review as to what may be the fiscal note attached to this policy. He felt there should be a lower end minimum.

Mrs. Jankowsky also felt that this should go to the Finance Committee. Mr. Strouse felt that members of the Education Committee should also be involved. Mrs. Huf agreed that it should be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

Final Approval:5.7 – Reporting Student Progress

A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 5.7, Reporting Student Progress.

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that the chart that appeared on page 5.7 D did not reflect what the Board had approved. She advised that this was verified by listening to the tapes of the October 27, 1998 and November 10, 1998 meetings. She pointed out that the grades of A, B and C were discussed but there was no discussion on the grade of D. She asked Dr. Masko for his recollection of what the committee had discussed.

Dr. Masko advised that the sense of the committee discussion was that the grade point values be distributed evenly and that for the grade of D it would be the same in a weighted course as in a non-weighted course.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked for clarification of Section D. on page 5.7D regarding the fact that a student's numeric average would be cumulative over the marking periods for the course and the final exam when assigning a final letter grade. Mrs. Homel explained this.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that the grading system should not have been changed until this policy was approved; however, in 1999/2000 the grading system was changed. She was confused as to why this had been done. Mrs. Homel stated that it was her recollection that Administration was going by the wishes of the grade reporting committee that they were no longer under the plus system.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that this had implications for class ranking and also for grade point averages.

Mr. Strouse stated that the grade scale presented here was not the grade scale that was approved at the meeting but that it was the grade scale that was intended to be approved. He believed that it was the intention of the Board at the time the report was approved that this be effective for the 1999/2000 school year. He recommended that the Board approve this retroactively to the 1999/2000 school year.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that that until a policy was voted on, it should not go into effect. She did not know what all the implications were. Mrs. Huf stated that she did not know either, but that this had not been voted on. Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she felt it had somehow been overlooked.

Mr. Faust wondered about the overall fairness of breaking down into tenths of a point for all grades except A.

Mrs. Huf asked if it was the direction of the Board not to approve this tonight but to bring it back at a future meeting.

Mr. Strouse felt that there were still questions to be addressed. He stated that it had previously been the practice for a senior who has an *A* in a course to waive the final; however, this was not addressed in the policy.

Mr. Grossi stated that he had no problem with Section D and the cumulative average. He felt that students should be assessed as to whether or not they know the material at the end of the course, although he acknowledged that using that system would make it difficult to determine rank.

Dr. Masko stated that you must assess a student's progress throughout the course and report back to the student and parents how well they are doing. If you don't assign any weight or value to those grades, then a student might not see a source of motivation throughout the course.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she felt the Board needed to provide direction to Administration. She felt that since colleges are unweighting the grades, it would seem to make sense to use the same rationale for an *A* as is used for *B* and *C*.

Mr. Wybar agreed that there was some inconsistency in the *A* grade. He felt we should let the student know if they are at the top of the *A* or the bottom, just as we would with a *D*. He felt it would be more advantageous.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she felt item F should be deleted regarding exceptions to the grading procedures being approved by the Superintendent.

Mrs. Huf asked if there was a consensus of the Board to agree with the grading as suggested by Mrs. Jankowsky.

Dr. Sexton asked for clarification as to expanding the *A* for the unweighted courses you would go to a 5 point scale and for weighted courses you would go to a 6 point scale. Mrs. Jankowsky confirmed this.

Dr. Sexton also asked for clarification of item F. He asked whether to delete this item or change it to the Board granting exceptions. Mrs. Jankowsky felt that it should be deleted; therefore, exceptions would have to come before the Board.

Mr. Strouse felt that some of the items needed to be codified, including how to handle mid-terms and finals, how to grade AP courses, and the waiving of senior finals. Also, he felt the Board needed to decide whether this should or should not be retroactive to the 1999/2000 school year.

Mr. Faust asked if the Reporting Student Progress report was approved or accepted. Dr. Masko advised that the Board approved it. The language which was pertinent to this

discussion was that we would make the grade point value correspond more closely to the averages. It was not specified exactly how that would be done, which was one of the sources of confusion on this issue. Mrs. Jankowsky's suggestion of going to a 5 and a 6 point scale would be in keeping with what the Board approved as far as making a better correspondence between the grade point scale and the numerical scale.

Mr. Strouse pointed out that that was what was intended but what was approved was the report as it was submitted, which was an A, B, C, D, F scale.

Mr. Grossi suggested going to a system where A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0 and F=0. Mrs. Huf pointed out that that would bring us back to the unfairness.

Mr. Avery felt that we should either accept what was done during the past year and move forward from there or use the old policy. He was uncomfortable with going with what was intended. He felt something needed to be done to resolve this issue.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if there was a sense of the Board to move from what was presented in the policy to the .1 gradations of an A. There was a consensus of the Board to do this.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if there was agreement to make 65 a 1.0 and then go up .2 points for each grade up to 70. There was a consensus to do this.

Mr. Faust left the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if there was support for the recommendations to codify the mid-terms and final exams and what they mean. There was a consensus.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked is there was support for codifying the grade on an AP two-semester course. There was a consensus.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if there were any other courses that ran over two semesters. Mrs. Homel stated that the only other unique situation was ESL students who have an "every-other-day experience" over 90 days. Also, musical courses have an every-other-day schedule.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked about codifying the exceptions to finals rule. Mrs. Homel stated that the transition team was not in favor of excusing students from the exams.

Mr. Strouse stated that this had been the practice in the school for as long as he could remember.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked about deleting item F regarding exception to the grading procedures being approved by the Superintendent. There was a consensus to delete this and not replace it with any other verbiage.

Mr. Avery asked why an 85 wasn't a 3.0. If an 85 was a 3.0, then you could grade down and grade up. A 96 and above would be a 4.0. A 65 would be a 1.0, then it would follow through. 75 would be 2.0, 85 would be 3.0, 96 and above would be 4.0.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that the only reason they started at 65 was because the committee felt a 60 was too low and they wanted to raise the bar. It was decided that the Board did not wish to reconstruct all of the work of the committee.

There was a consensus on the five points outlined by Mrs. Jankowsky.

Dr. Reid stated that this policy could come back to the Board at the September 12th meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Grossi to table the motion until the September 12th meeting.

The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Faust returned to the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

5.11 – Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs

A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 5.11, Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs.

The motion passed 8-0.

6.1 – Community/School Fund Raising

A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 6.1, Community/School Fund Raising.

The motion passed 8-0.

7.23 – Excusing Students from State Assessments

A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 7.23, Excusing Students from State Assessments.

The motion passed 8-0.

Permission to Develop:

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that there were three areas that she wished to bring to the Board's attention to consider developing policies.

1. Outstanding Employee Award

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that a policy was needed in order to reflect the importance, value and respect for this Board-approved activity and to codify the administrative procedures used in the selection process.

There was a consensus of the Board to develop this policy.

2. Summer School Program

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that a policy was needed in order to reflect Board approval of the program as a means for students to achieve high school graduation requirements and to codify administrative procedures for the program.

Mrs. Jankowsky also mentioned considering opening up summer school to other students besides those needing remediation.

3. Professional Education Plan/Act 48

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that a policy was needed in order to address governance issues not delineated in the law and as recommended by PSBA.

Regarding the Summer School Program, Mr. Faust asked if this would also include the elementary summer school program which was piloted. Mrs. Jankowsky felt that since this was a pilot program, it should not be addressed until the Board adopts it.

Dr. Reid asked if it was the wish of the Board for Administration to look into expanding the summer school program. She felt this would be very involved and would take time to develop.

Mr. Grossi felt that there could be a narrower focus at the start.

Dr. Sexton felt that if we would expand beyond the remedial summer programs, we should do so slowly and cautiously.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that if Administration felt that expanding would be too significant to do at this time, there was still a need to codify what is being done now.

Direction for Review: 1.1 – Policy Adoption, Revision, Limitations and Exceptions and 1.4 – Centennial School Board Superintendent Evaluation

In regard to the memo from Dr. Sexton that was included in the Board's packet, Mrs. Huf asked if it was possible to get an ad hoc committee to look at this matter and bring recommendations to the Board. It was decided that Mr. Avery, Mr. Locke and Mrs. Jankowsky would do this and that Dr. Reid would serve as administrative liaison.

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the:

- *Schedule of Bills – June 2000, July 2000*
- *Investments – June 2000, July 2000*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – June and July 2000*
- *Student Activity/Clearing Funds – April 1 through June 30, 2000*

And approves the:

- *Treasurer's Report/Fund Profiles – June 2000, July 2000*

The motion passed 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

7. Auxiliary Pay Rates 2000/01
8. Permission to Apply – 2000/01 Grants
9. Permission to Apply – 2000/01 Grants
10. Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeal
11. Additional Teaching Positions

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board:

- (7) *Approves pay rates for all auxiliary positions for the 2000/01 school year as per the attached supplement.*
- (8) *Approves permission to apply for the following 2000/01 school year competitive grants in the amounts indicated:*

<i>Safe School Grant</i>	<i>\$41,767</i>
<i>Alternative for Disruptive Youth</i>	<i>46,250</i>
<i>Safe and Drug Free Schools</i>	
<i>And Communities</i>	<i>80,287</i>
<i>Read to Succeed (Leary)</i>	<i>38,192</i>
<i>Read to Succeed (Stackpole)</i>	<i>28,572</i>

- (9) *Approves permission to apply for the following 2000/01 school year entitlement grants in the amounts indicated:*
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| <i>Title I</i> | <i>\$441,382</i> |
| <i>Capital Expense</i> | <i>1,800</i> |
| <i>Title II</i> | <i>20,851</i> |
| <i>Title VI</i> | <i>23,332</i> |
| <i>Class Size Reduction</i> | <i>125,513</i> |
- (10) *Upon the recommendation of the District's solicitor, approves the reduction in assessment of Parcel #48-18-34 from the present assessment of \$11,200.00 to \$8,000.00 as per agreement reached between the property owner and the Bucks County Board of Assessment.*
- (11) *Approves the addition of the following new teaching positions:*
1 - Mathematics at William Tennent High School from contingency
.5 - Special Education at Willow Dale Elementary School from contingency
Both positions are due to increased enrollment.

The motion passed 8-0.

1. Withdrawal Agreement

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Withdrawal of Student 18-20 from William Tennent High School.

The motion passed 8-0.

2. Exception to Policy 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident Tuition Status

A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mr. Faust to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants an exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident Tuition Status, and approves the request for Kirsten Pearce to attend Longstreth Elementary School for the 2000/01 school year.

Due to the circumstances involved in this matter, it was decided that to grant this request would be opening the door to similar requests.

The motion failed 0-8.

3. Tuition Student

A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mr. Faust to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants approval for Gregory Corsino to attend Log College Middle School as a tuition student.

In response to a question as to whether there was room for the student, Mrs. Homel responded that there was and that this request was supported by Administration.

Mr. Faust pointed out that there was no designation in the motion as to school year, or whether this was for the three years of middle school.

Mrs. Homel responded that since the student was entering seventh grade, the intent of the motion was that the student would be accepted for grade 8 also.

In response to a concern raised regarding redistricting, Mrs. Huf stated that she did not feel that redistricting would be affected by one student.

The motion passed 8-0.

6. Stackpole Elementary School Library

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the renaming of the Stackpole Elementary School library the Dr. Shelly Salaman Memorial Library in recognition of the many years of outstanding service and dedication provided by Dr. Salaman to the students of Centennial School District and, in particular, the students of Stackpole School.

Mrs. Jankowsky commented that she thought this was a wonderful way to honor Dr. Salaman's contributions to the District. Mrs. Huf agreed.

The motion passed 8-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Appointments; Change of Status; PEP/Summer School Staff; Substitute Bus Drivers; Summer Help; Substitute Clerk/Secretary; Co-Curricular Additions, Changes and Deletions.

Mr. Grossi requested that the second item from the bottom under Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence be pulled.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if the Board had previously approved a head coach for Football. Mrs. Homel stated that she thought so but would check. Mrs. Jankowsky felt that the Board approved him for the teaching position but not for coaching. Mrs. Homel reiterated that she would check on this.

The motion passed 8-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the second item under Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence.

The motion passed 6-2. (Mr. Faust and Mr. Grossi were opposed.)

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Huf referred to the list of communications attached hereto, which included a letter from the Department of Education regarding the audit for fiscal years ending June 30, 1997 and 1998. (A copy of the letter is attached hereto.) Dr. Reid congratulated the Business Manager for an excellent audit.

Mr. Locke felt that it should be noted that a family that has a son in private school is willing to pay to transfer him to Log College, stating that they were impressed with the students there being happy and academically challenged. He felt that was a wonderful compliment.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Middle School Boundaries

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that one area that had caused confusion was Mrs. Homel's memo of May 4th to Dr. Reid, in which the last sentence states "Is the goal to maintain equal class size on the teams at each middle school or is the goal to address overall enrollment numbers?" She indicated that this had caused some questions in her mind about what was being done and what the process was for considering the enrollment situations at the two middle schools.

Mrs. Homel pointed out the previous page in the Board's packet and questioned whether we should consider looking at the numbers a grade at a time or looking at the overall numbers. She indicated that that was the issue she was raising in her statement.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked where Administration stood on this issue.

Dr. Reid spoke about the process being used, which was similar to that used for the elementary building utilization study. She explained that a committee would be looking at the data and any other implications. A report would be coming before the Board.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if there was retention data on the 5th graders going into 6th grade. Dr. Sexton stated that there was not, but that it could be obtained. Mrs. Homel stated that there were also some special education classes involved.

Dr. Reid explained that there would be a process that would be started as soon as the school year had begun and that there was also the possibility of another housing development going up within Log College's boundaries, which would need to be considered.

Mr. Strouse stated that he felt the map that was given to the Board was not accurate regarding the boundaries. Mrs. Homel responded that she would speak to Mr. Rhodes about this.

Following a request from Mrs. Huf, Mr. Grossi volunteered to work on this committee.

National Honor Society By-Laws

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that apparently there had been a vote to raise the grade point average necessary for admission into the National Honor Society from 3.76 to 3.85 but that this was in conflict with the National Charter. She was concerned that it stated that there should be no grade below a C. This could allow a student in a weighted course to get a C or even a D and still get into the NHS. She also felt that this change would effectively eliminate any student who was not in an Honors or AP course.

Mrs. Huf left the meeting at 11:10 p.m. and returned at 11:13 p.m.

Mr. Strouse stated that with the current grading system the Board was looking to approve, he did not feel a 3.85 was unreasonable.

Mr. Avery felt that this would be an argument against going with the weighted scale and in favor of maintaining a 4.0 scale. He also felt that if the Board approved moving to a higher weighted average that it should then review all the criteria throughout the District that is grade based and adjust accordingly.

Audio Transmission and Recording of Meetings

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that after listening to tapes from some of the previous meetings, she felt that there was a problem with the tapes and the audio transmission. She advised that she has gotten complaints about the audio transmission of our meetings and indicated that she would like to look into where the problem may lie.

Mr. Lasher stated that he had checked on the televisions in the building several times during this meeting and the transmission seemed perfect. He advised that there had been problems in the past, which were dealt with. There had been a problem with static, which was dealt with by the cable company. Also, the tape recorder was replaced a few years ago because there was a problem with the old one. Mr. Lasher advised that he had checked some of the recent tapes and they were fine. He advised that the entire system ties in with the high school, then goes to the cable company, then out to the community. He indicated that there were a lot of components involved.

Mrs. Huf asked if the tape recorder needed to be replaced again. Mr. Lasher responded that it did not. Mrs. Huf then requested the listening audience to e-mail the school with comments on this subject.

Mr. Lasher stated that the system seemed to work fine in some areas and not in others, which did not make sense to him. He did comment that it was very important that everyone speak directly into the microphones.

Mrs. Huf requested Mr. Lasher to keep an eye on this matter and keep the Board advised. Mr. Lasher advised that he would have someone come in and look at the whole setup.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Avery to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary