

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2000**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on November 14, 2000, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Faust at 7:40 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Scott Avery
Joseph Faust
Eugene Grossi
Al Hertenberger
Harve Strouse
James Wybar

Public:

Amy Keppol
Warren Combs
Kate Combs
Bob Kalwari
Hanna Miller
Vicki Boruta
Donna Marie Saul

Staff:

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

CEA/Teachers:

Mick Sander

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Faust called for a moment of silence in memory of Suzanne Clark, a guidance counselor and wife of Bucky Clark, who had died recently.

Mr. Faust announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting relative to a personnel matter regarding salary and a personnel matter regarding extension of sick leave.

Mr. Faust advised that Mrs. Jankowsky and Mr. Locke would be absent from the meeting and that Mrs. Huf was attending to personal business but would try to arrive at the meeting later.

Dr. Reid stated that she would like to pay tribute to Mrs. Clark for her 28 years of service to the District. She indicated that Mrs. Clark would also be missed by the Hatboro-Horsham School Board since she had recently become a member of their Board of Directors.

Dr. Reid spoke about the dedication of the Salaman Library at Stackpole School. She thanked Mrs. Green and Mr. Lasher for their work in renovating the library. Dr. Reid advised that there would be an open house the following evening and invited community members to attend.

Mr. Grossi spoke warmly about Mrs. Salaman and stated that she was missed. He felt that the ceremony at the library was very moving.

Dr. Reid stated that Leary School had been informed that they were selected by PDE to receive a Blue Ribbon of Excellence and that there would be a formal presentation at the November 28th meeting.

Dr. Sexton indicated that Davis School would be awarded \$11,000 for an increase in their PSSA scores.

Mr. Faust advised that the Board would meet in Executive Session following this meeting regarding a conference matter relative to evaluation of the Board meeting.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Warren Combs spoke about recent events at Tennent, as follows:

- The students had been working on a petition regarding Senior privileges. Also, they had called about 20 schools and found that an overwhelming number had some form of Senior privilege.
- On the previous Friday, all Seniors received free admission to the football game.
- There was an Election Day bake sale.
- Music in the Morning was reinstated on Friday mornings.
- It was found that the students had mixed emotions about block scheduling.

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Katie Combs reported as follows:

- The previous week she had attended a conference sponsored by VICA.

- Aspirations Restaurant was open for business on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Reservations required.

Amy Keppol reported on the following:

- The MBIT Open House would be held on November 16th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A new program, entitled “Public Safety”, would be dedicated at 6:30 the same evening.
- The Construction and Carpentry students had built a backyard pavilion and play yard, which would be raffled off.
- The student-built house would be up for bid at the Open House
- There would be a cancer awareness program at the Open House.

GOOD NEWS

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Reid welcomed Hannah Miller, a reporter from the *Courier Times*, who would be covering the Board Meetings. She also noted the artwork hanging in the Board Room and in the hallways.

Dr. Reid then presented the Superintendent’s Report (see attached), highlighting the following: American Education Week, Summer Workshop Report and Grants and Federal Programs Report.

Mr. Faust requested that Mrs. Buckley provide numbers on how many people attended each particular summer workshop.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Avery reported that the Education Committee had met on November 6th. There was a review and analysis of District standardized data and an overview of various scheduling models. Mr. Avery indicated that the meeting was well attended by parents and faculty members. He advised that the topics of the next meeting would be the Dorothy Henry Alternative School, the special experience room and the gifted program.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mr. Faust reported that a meeting had been held the previous evening. He reported as follows:

- The resignation of the Business Manager, Mary McGee, was accepted at the meeting. The school accountant would be serving as the temporary Business Manager until Ms. McGee could be replaced.
- The MBIT Open House would be held on November 16th.
- On January 8, 2001, a joint School Board Recognition Dinner would be held at Aspirations.

- There would be no meeting of MBIT in December because of Board reorganization meetings.
- The next meeting would be held sometime in January.
- The Nominating Committee for MBIT was appointed. Mr. Faust would be representing Centennial on that committee.

Intermediate Unit

Mr. Grossi reported that the I.U. had met and would be meeting again the following week.

PSBA

No report.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Grossi reported that this committee had met the previous week. The major topic of that meeting was compensation for the tax collectors. The next meeting would be held on November 20th.

Title VIII

No report.

Federal Lands Reuse Authority

No report.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

Citizens Policy

Mr. Strouse indicated that the Board would be discussing the policy on Honor Roll later in the meeting. The next meeting of this committee would be on November 21st.

Legislative Liaison

Mr. Faust reported that there had been no meeting of the county organization. He indicated that he had received a fax from PSBA regarding transfer of entity rights and that PSBA opposes this.

MINUTES

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

- *Work Session/Regular Board Meeting – 9/26/00*
- *Regular School Board Meeting – 10/10/00*

And accepts the minutes of:

- *Education Committee – 10/2/00*
- *Finance & Long Range Budget Planning – 9/18/00, 10/3/00.*

The motion passed 6-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Initial Distribution:

Mr. Faust noted Policy 2.7, Outstanding Achievement Award, for initial distribution.

Discussion/Final Adoption:

#5.15 – Secondary School Honor Roll

Mr. Strouse noted that in Sections II, III and IV, the phrase “*at least*” should be inserted after the phrase “*numerical average of*”.

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the adoption of Policy 5.15, Secondary School Honor Roll.

The motion passed 6-0.

Final Adoption:

#2.6 – Personal Appearance – Staff

A motion was made by Mr. Wybar and seconded by Mr. Avery to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revision to Policy 2.6, Personal Appearance – Staff.

The motion passed 6-0.

#4.11 – Student Activity Clearing Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Wybar and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the adoption of Policy 4.11, Student Activity Clearing Funds.

Mr. Strouse asked Dr. Sexton to review the changes to this policy. After Dr. Sexton did so, it was noted that in Section II.E., the term “*school internal accounts*” should be changed to “*school clearing accounts.*” Mr. Faust asked if everyone agreed to this change. All Board members agreed.

The motion passed 6-0 (as amended.)

FINANCIAL

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

- *Schedule of Bills – October 2000*
- *Investments – October 2000*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – October 2000*
- *Student Activity/Clearing Fund Reports – July 1-September 30, 2000*

And approves the:

- *Treasurer’s Report/Fund Profiles – October 2000*
- *Budgetary Transfers – November 2000.*

The motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS1. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status

A motion was made by Mr. Hertenberger and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the exception of Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 2-13 to continue to attend Davis School pending the family’s move back into the District. The parent shall be responsible for transportation to and from school. This exception is granted from October 30, 2000 through February 2001. Failure on the part of the family to move back into the District by February 28, 2001, shall result in the District charging the family tuition from October 30, 2000.

The motion passed 6-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Avery and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Appointments; Title I Tutor; Permanent Per Diem Substitutes; Support Staff Substitutes; Substitute Bus Drivers; Co-Curricular Additions, Changes and Deletions.

It was noted that under "Appointments", the rate of \$300/day should be added under "Pay Rate" for the second item.

Mr. Strouse questioned why the Board was being asked to approve several Co-Curricular items dated September. He wondered why they were being brought forth at this time rather than in September. Mrs. Homel responded that some of it was a problem with tracking paperwork and having people getting things in on time. She indicated that they were trying to get this done on a more timely basis.

The motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Faust referred to the list of communications attached hereto. He advised that the third item on the list was being referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Strouse advised that he had received an e-mail message regarding the Shel mire property. Dr. Reid indicated that the message would be included in the Friday Update.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Dr. Reid advised that Warminster Township would be holding its regular meeting on Thursday, November 16th and that a truancy ordinance would be on the agenda. She indicated that she and Mrs. Fash would be doing part of the presentation.

Mrs. Fash distributed some information regarding truancy and spoke about it. She also showed a short video addressing this topic. Mr. Hertenberger requested Mrs. Fash to provide some statistics regarding truancy in the District.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto. Mr. Faust indicated that an addition to the schedule would be an Operations Committee Meeting scheduled for November 16th.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mr. Strouse to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0.. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary