

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
HELD NOVEMBER 28, 2000**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on November 28, 2000, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Huf at 7:35 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Scott Avery  
Joseph Faust  
Al Hertenberger  
Betty Huf  
Joan Jankowsky  
Jerry Locke  
Harve Strouse

Administration:

Sandy Homel  
Victor Lasher  
Dr. Michael Masko  
Robert Reed  
Dr. Nancy Reid  
John Rhodes  
Dr. Thomas Sexton  
Timothy Vail

CEA/Teachers:

Jean K. Meyers  
Gloria Wetzel  
Carol Monaghan  
Margaret Devine  
Sue Brown  
Patricia Hill  
Leslie Bonner  
Monica Fournier  
Woody Martin  
Mick Sander

Public:

Michael Monaghan  
Nancy R. Piotrowski  
Pat Wood  
Pat Christiansen  
Danielle Keaveney  
Kelly Pfeiffer  
Ed Pfeiffer, Jr.  
Devin Stith  
Jane Strawley  
Donna Marie Saul

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Gloria Wetzel led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Huf announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting relative to a labor matter regarding a position. She also advised that the Board would meet in Executive Session again after this meeting regarding a conference matter on an evaluation of the Board meeting.

Mrs. Huf announced that Mr. Grossi and Mr. Wybar were absent from the meeting due to personal business.

Mrs. Huf reported that she had received a card from Dr. Clark thanking the District for its expression of sympathy in the passing of his wife, Suzanne.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### Leary School

Dr. Sexton announced that Leary School had been recognized as a Pennsylvania Blue Ribbon School and had been nominated for the national award. Dr. Reid and Mrs. Huf presented a plaque to Dr. Wetzel.

Dr. Wetzel stated that although it was an honor to receive this award from the State, it was even more of an honor to receive it from the School Board. She thanked everyone who was involved in the process. The teachers also thanked the Board and the parents.

### Annual Data Report

Dr. Reid spoke about educational accountability.

Dr. Sexton presented the Annual Data Report for 1999-2000.

Mr. Faust pointed out that there were two less Honors courses and questioned what they were. Dr. Masko responded that they were probably level 4 Honors and level 4 AP foreign language courses. Mrs. Homel stated that she would check into this.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None

## **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Locke to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the minutes of the Finance and Long Range Budget Planning Committee dated October 16, 2000 and November 9, 2000.*

*The motion passed 7-0.*

## **POLICIES**

### Discussion:

#### 2.7 – Outstanding Achievement Award

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that this was a new policy but that the granting of awards had been going on for about 15 years.

Dr. Sexton advised that this had gone before the Administrative Policy Committee for review and revision.

Mr. Faust felt that the policy should state how the members of the Selection Committee were chosen.

Regarding the composition of the Selection Committee, Mrs. Jankowsky felt that the Board members should be removed. She felt that the staff should be selecting candidates for submission to the Board for recognition. Also, she felt that having the previous year's winners seemed awkward and should be deleted. She suggested that in addition to the Central Office Administrators, the building level administrators should have some say in this.

Section I. B. – Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that this section stated that the Committee shall serve for a period of one year but did not state when the years begins and ends.

Section II. C. 3. – Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that when she served on this committee she felt that the quality of the writing of the nominators had a lot to do with the evaluation of the nominee. She felt that there should be some standardization of the narrative.

Mr. Strouse concurred with Mrs. Jankowsky that the Board member should be removed from the Selection Committee. However, he felt that the previous award winners should remain.

Section I. C. – Mr. Strouse questioned the meaning of an “acceptable nomination.” Dr. Sexton explained that an unacceptable nominee would be someone who was performing on a less than satisfactory level. He suggested the language be changed to read “shall review that all nominations are acceptable.”

Dr. Sexton also felt that the whole notion of an outstanding achievement award was a very good one but that there was a problem with getting people to serve on the committee. He indicated that the reason the previous award winners were included was to make them a part of the process.

Section II. C. 4 – Mr. Strouse questioned who the chairperson of the Selection Committee would be. He felt it should be defined in the policy. Mrs. Homel stated that it had always been Dr. Sexton.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if Items 1 through 5 could be moved together. Mr. Faust requested that item 3 be pulled.

1. Final Approval for WTHS Swim Team Trip
2. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident Tuition Status at Klinger
4. Accept 1999/2000 Audit Report
5. Bus Bids – 2001/2002

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

1. *Grants final approval for the WTHS Swim Team trip to North Miami, Florida, from December 26, 2000 to January 1, 2001, at no cost to the District.*
2. *Grants an exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 5-16 to attend Klinger Middle School as a tuition student in the amount of \$5,178.82 for the remainder of the 2000/01 school year. Transportation shall be provided by the student's parents.*
4. *Accepts the 1999/2000 Financial Statements and Single Audit as submitted by Stanley Booz and Company for the year ended June 30, 2000.*
5. *Approves the transportation bids to be awarded to the following vendors: Rohrer Bus Sales for 65-passenger conventional buses, bid No. 2001-01 in the amount of \$219,168 and Blue Bird of Pittsburgh for two 24-passenger buses, Bid No. 2001-02 in the amount of \$75,854. Grand total is \$295,022. This will be a 2001/2002 General Fund Expenditure.*

Regarding Item #4, Mr. Faust advised that our accountants came in person to the Finance Committee Meeting and that the committee members had the opportunity to ask questions.

Regarding Item #5, Mrs. Jankowsky advised that on the two 24-passenger buses, the Board was rejecting the low bid because they would not provide the extended warranty we requested.

Regarding Item #5, Mrs. Huf questioned how many 65-passenger buses we would be getting. Mr. Vail responded that it would be four.

*The motion passed 7-0.*

3. Permission to Create Middle School Business and Computer Application Position

Mr. Faust stated that he would support this but indicated that we usually state an approximate figure and indicate that it will come from the fund balance. He stated that he would like to have this information added to the motion for consistency.

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Faust to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants permission to create an additional position of teacher of business and computer applications at the middle school level. This position will be funded from the fund balance at a cost not to exceed \$49,200, pro rated.*

Mrs. Homel explained that at present there were two teachers traveling between the two middle schools and that they were both teaching six classes per day. The current teachers were carrying a load of 360 students. By adding this position, there would be four classes per day and they could use the extra time serving as aides in the labs. She felt that this would provide a better quality of education.

*The motion passed 7-0.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**PERSONNEL**

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absences and Appointments.*

Mr. Faust called attention to the resignation of Mr. Doug Schaefer as Network Specialist and stated that this would be a big loss to the District. He felt that Mr. Schaefer had done an excellent job and would be missed.

Mrs. Jankowsky questioned the Art teacher position. She wondered if this was the second half of a sabbatical. Mrs. Homel felt that this should be changed to “Sabbatical.” [It was later determined that it should be “FT.”]

After discussion, Mr. Faust requested that the Elementary position at Davis be pulled from both Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absences and Appointments until it could be clarified. Dr. Sexton agreed.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to amend the motion to read that the Centennial School Board accepts the amended Personnel sheet dated November 28, 2000, for the Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absences and Appointments.

*The amended motion passed 7-0.*

**OTHER**Telecommunications/Internet Services Bid

Mr. Lasher outlined information contained in his memo dated November 21, 2000 regarding this bid. He indicated that he was in the process of evaluating the bids and that he planned to have a recommendation for the Board at its December meeting.

Mr. Faust questioned how long it would take to get the equipment installed. Mr. Lasher stated that he hoped it would be by September of next year and that the work would start on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

At a question from Mr. Faust, Mr. Lasher clarified that this would come from next year's budget.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if Mr. Lasher was prepared to recommend either "Managed Bandwidth" or "Private Fiber." Mr. Lasher responded that he would recommend Managed Bandwidth.

Bob Reed advised that the advantage of going with managed bandwidth was that we would not be responsible for the fiber being placed on the poles. Also, in ten years with private fiber, everything could be obsolete.

Mr. Lasher stated that without the increased bandwidth, we would not be able to keep up with technology.

Mrs. Huf questioned the statement in the memo that the e-rate program provides for a 40% discount. She wondered if that meant we would get the discount. Mr. Lasher responded that we should.

Solicitor Proposals Update

Mr. Vail advised that we have solicited proposals for 3-year service. Those proposals were delivered on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and would be included in the Board's Friday Update. The Board would probably be making a decision by the end of January. This matter would appear on the December 12<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Faust to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie A. Detwiler

Board Secretary