

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2001**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on February 13, 2001, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Huf at 7:42 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

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

Administration:

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

CEA/Teachers:

Mick Sander

Public:

Virginia McNally  
Heather Wacker  
Bernie O'Neill  
Pat Valentine  
Janet Marinoff

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Huf requested Mr. Bernie O'Neill to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Huf announced that Mr. Wybar was absent from this meeting due to illness.

Mrs. Huf announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting relative to: a legal real estate matter regarding agreement with Erickson Retirement Community; a legal matter regarding earn income tax update; a legal matter regarding a court decision appeal; a legal matter regarding student expulsion proceedings; a personnel matter regarding a leave of absence;

and a conference matter. She advised that the Board would meet again in Executive Session immediately following this meeting relative to a conference matter regarding evaluation of this Board Meeting.

Dr. Reid brought everyone's attention to the new Mission Statement sign. She indicated that it would probably be displayed at the front of the Board Room. Dr. Masko stated that, in addition to this sign, the District had commissioned 11 smaller signs containing the Mission Statement and the District's seal. These smaller signs would be placed in the entrance foyers of each school.

Mrs. Huf announced that she had received a letter from Marianne Frisch (teacher of the Gifted program) conveying appreciation on the manner in which she was treated when she spoke at a recent Board Meeting. She felt that the Board was sincerely interested in what she was speaking about.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

None

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None

## **REPORTS**

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Bob Kalwari, Senior Class President, reported on the following:

- Preparations were underway for Rage for AIDS.
- Senior Sweetheart skits had been held the previous week. Many compliments were received about them.
- Research on the Senior Privilege was still being conducted.

### **MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

None.

At this point, Mrs. Huf requested a change in the order of the agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Pilot Agreement – Erickson Retirement Community**

*A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Pilot Agreement between Warminster Campus Limited Partnership, a Limited Partnership existing under the laws of the State of*

*Maryland (Erickson), the District, the County of Bucks and the Township of Warminster, which said Agreement is attached hereto as an Exhibit.*

*Be it Further Resolved, that the appropriate officers of the Board are authorized to execute the Agreement.*

Mr. Garton, legal counsel, was present at the meeting to answer questions regarding this matter.

Mrs. Huf thanked everyone for their work on this, particularly the Finance Committee, Mr. Garton and Mr. Lasher.

*A roll call vote was taken on this matter, as follows:*

<i>Mr. Strouse</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Locke</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hertenberger</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Avery</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Grossi</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Faust</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Jankowsky</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*The motion passed 8-0.*

## **GOOD NEWS**

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

Mr. Grossi offered congratulations on a winning basketball season.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Reid presented the Superintendent's Report, highlighting the following:

- Staff Recognition
- Moving Ahead with Technology
- Vandalism Report for the Second Quarter

Mrs. Jankowsky thanked Dr. Reid for her work on the Erickson initiative.

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that the Education Committee had met the previous evening and that the topic was Standards. She thanked all the presenters. She indicated that the next meeting would be on the first Monday in March and that the topic would be the Grade 6-12 educational delivery system.

### Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mr. Faust reported on the following items from the Executive Council meeting held the previous evening:

- MBIT had received a grant award from the State in the amount of \$146,000. The majority of the funds would be used to bring up the precision machining equipment to a more modern state.
- Received the Professional Advisory Council's report. They visited the new comprehensive high school in Lower Bucks County to see how it was working.
- Hired the replacement Business Manager for \$70,000, with a start date of March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Faust stated that one agenda item that he was concerned about was that there were three new Administrators on the Central Administration Reorganization Plan. He was concerned about where this was coming from. After discussion, this item was pulled from the agenda. A request was made to start a search for a Technology Specialist position since there were major problems with the technology network. They were concerned that they had not heard about this before the request for the position was made.

Mr. Grossi stated that the building was starting to need a lot of work. He felt it was time to look at a centralized, up-to-date facility, maybe in Warminster.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt this idea had merit. She asked what the process would be for initiating such a concept with the MBIT Executive Board.

Mrs. Huf suggested that Mr. Lees be contacted and advised that Mr. Grossi would like to make a presentation to the Board.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she would encourage the Board to support this, that it might have merit.

Mr. Faust advised that he would call Dr. Lees and find out the procedure for scheduling a presentation.

### Intermediate Unit

Mr. Grossi advised that a meeting would be held the following week and that the Programs and Services Budget was out for review.

### PSBA

No report.

## **FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mr. Grossi reported that a meeting would be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> and that the Committee would have its first look at the budget at that point.

### Title VIII

Mr. Grossi stated that Centennial was most appreciative of the manner in which Congressman Greenwood and his aide, together with Senator Specter, addressed Centennial's unique problem. He thanked all of them very much.

### Federal Lands Reuse Authority

No report.

## **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Locke reported that at its last meeting, the committee discussed two major concerns:

- (1) Survey of Log College Drive – The committee made the recommendation that this be referred for a survey. Mr. Rhodes made a comprehensive survey of this to see if there was justification of the claims made by the residents. He has submitted a report to the Board for review.
- (2) Survey of Air Conditioning of the Schools – The amount of money this would entail came to \$3.5 to 5 million. This has been reviewed again. Operations has requested the Finance Committee to look at the various ramifications of the costing and the type of approach we might take to air condition the schools. One aspect to be considered is the age of some of the buildings.

Mr. Strouse felt that it behooved the Finance Committee to get a recommendation from the Operations Committee as to feasibility.

Mr. Hertenberger suggested getting a bond issue and building a new school. Two schools could be combined into one building. Mr. Grossi felt this could be a viable alternative.

Mrs. Huf asked if it was the direction of the Board for this matter to go back to Operations.

Mr. Avery left the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Mr. Grossi felt that it would take some back and forth between the two committees to come up with a recommendation. He indicated that Finance would work on it again.

### Citizens Policy

Mr. Strouse stated that the next meeting would be on February 20<sup>th</sup> and that the public was invited.

Mr. Avery returned to the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

### Legislative Liaison

Mr. Faust pointed out that this report was included in the Board's packet.

Mr. Grossi left the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

## **MINUTES**

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

- *Regular School Board Meeting – 12/12/00*
- *Regular School Board Meeting – 1/9/01*
- *Work Session/Regular Meeting – 1/23/01*

*And accepts the minutes of:*

- *Education Committee – 12/4/00*
- *Finance and Long Range Budget Planning – 12/5/00*

Dr. Reid suggested a minor revision to the minutes of January 9<sup>th</sup>.

*The motion passed 7-0 (as revised).*

## **OPERATIONS AND POLICIES**

### Initial Distribution:

Mr. Locke noted that the following policy was included in the Board's packet for initial distribution: 5.3 – Standardized Testing Program.

### Recommendation for Rescission:

Mr. Locke noted that the following policy was included in the Board's packet as a recommendation for rescission: 2.14 – Processing Employees.

Final Adoption:

2.3 – Drug and Alcohol Testing for CDL Licensed Drivers

*A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 2.3, Drug and Alcohol Testing for CDL Licensed Drivers and Safety Sensitive Personnel.*

*The motion passed 7-0.*

3.19 – Homebound Instruction

*A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.19, Homebound Instruction.*

*The motion passed 7-0.*

7.2 – Fire Drills

*A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 7.2, Fire Drills.*

*The motion passed 7-0.*

**FINANCIAL**

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

- *Schedule of Bills – January 2001*
- *Investments – January 2001*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – January 2001*
- *Student Activity/Clearing Funds – October 1-December 31, 2000*

*And approves the:*

- *Treasurer’s Report/Fund Profiles – January 2001*
- *Budgetary Transfers – February 2001*

Mr. Strouse thanked Mr. Vail for the summary sheet on the investments. He felt that it was useful and easy to read.

*The motion passed 7-0.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

Mr. Grossi returned to the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

## **PERSONNEL**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Avery to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absences (all except the first item); Appointments; Change of Status; Mentor/Consultant; Curriculum Resource Team Member; Adult Basic Education/General Education Teachers; Permanent Per Diem Substitutes; Saturday School Proctor; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Support Staff Substitutes; Co-Curricular Additions, Changes and Deletions; and Accepts Award of Tenure.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Avery to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the request for unpaid leave of absence for the employee indicated first under Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absences.*

*The motion failed 1-7.*

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Huf referred to the list of communications attached hereto.

## **ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None

## **BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT**

### District Calendar, 2001/2002

Dr. Sexton stated that he was bringing this matter forward for the Board's attention at this time because he would like to move this for approval at the next Work Session. He indicated that we are trying to coordinate our calendar with some of the surrounding districts and MBIT to minimize conflicts. He pointed out that report cards and parent conference dates were not included on the calendar yet.

Mrs. Jankowsky noted the number of days for students (181) and for teachers (191).

### Solicitor Selection Process

Mrs. Huf asked if the Board wanted to invite all of the solicitors for interviews or just the top ones.

Mr. Grossi felt that we should interview four. Mr. Faust felt that there shouldn't be any more than four, possibly only three. Mr. Locke felt it should be narrowed down to the top three.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that they were all very capable. She felt she could support four, but did not see the need for more.

Mr. Strouse stated that he did not see a great need for interviews. He suggested a discussion process with just the Board in attendance.

It was decided to hold a discussion process for the Board first, which could be held at the next Work Session.

Other:

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she had forgotten to mention that at the Education Committee meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> the Committee explored the International Baccalaureate Program. Additionally, at the previous evening's meeting, they were told that Centennial School District was interest in exploring this program. The committee voted to support Administration's request and forward a fiscal note attached to that to the Finance Committee for next year's budget.

Mr. Locke reported that the Operations Committee would meet on February 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss boundaries for Log College.

**SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

See Schedule attached hereto.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Grossi to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie A. Detwiler  
Board Secretary