

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
HELD APRIL 24, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER

A Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on April 24, 2001, 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
Eugene Grossi
Al Hertenberger
Betty Huf
Joan Jankowsky
Jerry Locke
Harve Strouse
James Wybar

Administration:

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

CEA/Staff:

Patti Pierantozzi
Sherry Weinberg
Dawn Park
Lizabeth Pannella
Maryann Rafferty

Eileen Poroszok
Jack McEvoy
Theresa Travis
Mick Sander
Woody Martin

Public:

Maryann Rafferty
Isabel Helzner
Robin Levy
Marv Levy
Andrew Levy
Lee Weinstein
Vicki Orpin
Marge Meckel

Debra Oswald
Al Perlini, Jr.
Jane Strawley
Kate Hendrickson
Karen Cook
Jake Cook
Donna Marie Saul
Bobbie Loftus

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Huf announced that the Board would meet in Executive Session immediately following this meeting relative to a conference matter regarding evaluation of this Board meeting and also a personnel matter.

Mrs. Huf advised that she had attended the Liberty Belles Women's Football League's first game and that she really enjoyed it. (Also they won 20-6!)

Mrs. Jankowsky advised that she had received a letter from Rita Klein from the Bucks County Task Force on Child Care regarding Centennial Child Care, Inc.

PRESENTATIONS

Appointment to Air Force Academy

Eileen Poroszok explained that there was a student of the Class of 2001 who would be receiving an appointment to the Air Force Academy. She introduced Lt. Col. Janice Cope, who spoke about the scholarship process and what was involved. She then presented Chip Leedy with an appointment to the Air Force Academy and congratulated him.

Mrs. Huf congratulated Mr. Leedy on behalf of herself and the School Board.

Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching

Dr. Reid introduced Sherry Weinberg, Principal of Longstreth School. Mrs. Weinberg spoke about the award, which she presented to Patti Pierantozzi. Ms. Pierantozzi was also presented with a Proclamation from Senator Stewart Greenleaf.

Al Perlini, the Chief of Staff for House Member Roy Reinhart, spoke about Mrs. Weinberg. He indicated that he was a graduate of Centennial and had been one of Mrs. Weinberg's students. He presented Ms. Pierantozzi with a House Citation.

Mrs. Huf presented Ms. Pierantozzi with a Certificate of Recognition for receiving the Presidential Award.

Ms. Pierantozzi thanked everyone and stated that she was very proud to have represented Centennial in Washington. She presented a copy of her Presidential Award to the District. Dr. Reid stated that this would be hung in the Board Room.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

None.

POLICIES

Discussion:

2.14 – Processing Employees (Rescission)

Mr. Faust asked if Section II regarding Staff Terminations was covered somewhere else. Mrs. Rollo stated that that was more of an administrative procedure than a policy. Mr. Faust felt that some of it should be in policy. Dr. Sexton reiterated Mrs. Rollo's comments.

2.13 – Recruitment and Employment of Staff

Mr. Faust commented on Section II. A. regarding the application process. He indicated that we had just gone through the process of hiring a principal and he felt that it was helpful when the candidate used the standard application form. Although the policy did not state that this was necessary for administrative applicants, he felt it would be helpful. Mrs. Jankowsky agreed. Dr. Sexton advised that that could be done.

GOOD NEWS

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Student Disciplinary Matter

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts Adjudication pertaining to student 10-13. The School District Administration is directed to take the action necessary to effectuate the Adjudication and to properly serve the Adjudication on student 10-13.

Mr. Strouse stated that he was not present at the hearing but that he had reviewed the transcript and exhibits and was prepared to vote.

The motion passed 9-0.

2. Final Approval for WTHS Madrigal Singers Trip
3. Final Approval for WTHS Choral Trip

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

- (2) *WTHS Madrigal Singers Concert Tour of France and Switzerland, July 26-August 4, 2001. There is no cost to the District.*
- (3) *WTHS Chorale Trip to Virginia, May 25-27, 2001. There is no cost to the District.*

The motion passed 9-0.

4. Middle Bucks Institute of Technology 2001/02 Budget

Mr. Faust stated that this budget had been passed unanimously by the Executive Council of MBIT.

Dr. Lees introduced Rob Vining, the new Business Manager at MBIT. Dr. Lees then stated that the budget had passed unanimously in Executive Council and that now it was time for the sending districts to approve it. He briefly reviewed the budget document, stating that it was an overall budget of \$5.5 million. There was a \$311,000 increase over the 2000/01 school year, or a 5.9% overall increase. He also advised that \$214,000 of funding was supporting the new technology initiative and that there was a budget-to-budget increase of 1.8%. He spoke about the technology issue.

Mr. Grossi pointed out that the educational delivery system (i.e., vocational education and regular programs) constituted 53% of the budget. He felt that the other 47% constituted bureaucratic overburden. He felt that we need to look at the educational delivery system at MBIT and find better ways to deliver these services to the students.

Mr. Faust stated that he did not totally disagree with Mr. Grossi but that when Mrs. Homel came on board a few years ago she found that the system was cost effective.

Mr. Faust left the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Mr. Grossi stated that several years ago the Board decided that it did not wish to investigate further options but did not say that the system was efficient.

Mr. Faust returned to the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Mr. Locke advised that he would like to hear Dr. Lees' response.

Dr. Lees stated that he believed the program at MBIT was a quality program. He felt that it was extremely valuable to many students throughout the District and the region. He indicated that they had re-evaluated the delivery system every 2-3 years and that while it was not a perfect system, the MBIT Board felt that it was the most efficient system they could have.

Mrs. Huf stated that vocational education is important and that in the past eight years she had seen a lot of improvements. She stated that she would support this budget but did feel that there were some needs to be addressed.

Mr. Grossi felt that we need to think out of the box. He felt the system was flawed, that this was about making it better, not making it cheaper. He requested enrollments per program for Centennial students for the past three years and also next year's projections. He stated that he would like to wait until the next meeting to take a vote.

Mr. Locke indicated that he agreed with Mr. Grossi's request for more information before making the motion. There was consensus that this motion not be made until the next meeting.

Mrs. Huf requested that Item 8 be moved up. This was agreed to.

8. District Calendar and Graduation

Lee Weinstein of 1799 Brandywine Drive, Southampton, raised four issues regarding this matter, as follows:

- (1) Senior Week – Many Seniors had made plans and had made payments. They could either lose money or would skip graduation.
- (2) Family and friends had made plans for attending graduation. Many people would be attending from out of town.
- (3) Summer Jobs – Students told their employers they could start the week of June 18th. Some of these jobs are at summer camps. The camps would have to find substitutes, which could be very difficult. Also, some colleges require students to work during the summer. This could hinder how much they make if they have to delay starting jobs.
- (4) Summer Session of College – Some students would be attending a summer session of college. This would reduce the short break the students would have between the end of high school and starting summer college.

Mr. Weinstein stated that the Seniors would really appreciate if graduation could be held on June 15th.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked Mr. Weinstein if he would come before the Board to request a change if graduation was scheduled for a Tuesday. He indicated that he probably would.

Mr. Grossi asked if we would lose our subsidy if we changed the date of graduation. Mr. Vail explained that Seniors have to go 180 days or we lose the subsidy.

Mr. Faust indicated that Friday, June 15th, would be the 180th day of classroom instruction. Also, Kindergarten through 11th grade would be open on Monday, June 18th, for ½ day. He would like to maintain the 181 days but could support moving graduation to Friday.

Mr. Wybar agreed with Mr. Faust and indicated he would support this. Mr. Strouse stated that he saw no reason not to grant this.

Mr. Grossi reiterated Mr. Faust's statements.

Mrs. Jankowsky explained that she was not saying that she didn't support this. She just wanted to make sure that the whole picture was considered. She did not want to send the perception that the Board would do this on a regular basis.

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mr. Locke to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the change of the date of graduation to Friday, June 15, 2001.

The motion passed 9-0.

5. Adopt Preliminary 2001/02 Budget

Mr. Grossi presented the preliminary budget of \$58,237,132.00 with a 26 mill increase. He stated that the Finance Committee would continue to try to get the expenditures down. He indicated that this was not final, that the budget process was not complete. However, the numbers were close. He stated that they would still look at ways to get the millage down.

Mr. Strouse concurred with Mr. Grossi that the budget was close but that there were some areas of disagreement. There would continue to be discussions. He indicated that he did support the budget as presented here.

Mr. Faust stated that the committee's work was not done but he concurred with Mr. Grossi and Mr. Strouse that there would be a substantial tax increase this year. He indicated that they would start a line-by-line review and that the budget was still in progress.

Mr. Locke asked what 26 mills meant in dollars. Mr. Grossi responded that it was about \$175-200. He felt the long-range picture was fairly bright as far as controlling the costs. He felt we were paying for decisions made two or three years ago.

Mrs. Huf stated that this was a preliminary budget and that the Finance Chair had said that he would try to get the millage down. She apologized to the community for looking short range in the past.

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the preliminary General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2001/02 in the amount of \$58,237,132 as presented, and hereby authorizes the advertising of said preliminary budget as required by the School Code. Final adoption of the budget is tentatively scheduled for May 22, 2001.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust to amend the motion by adding the following after the first sentence: "The School Board will hold a public hearing on May 8, 2001, for this budget." This was agreed to by the mover and seconder of the original motion.

Mr. Grossi felt that final adoption would probably not happen on May 22nd, that it would probably not be until June.

The motion passed 9-0.

Dr. Reid distributed to the Board a Legislative Alert regarding special education funding.

6. Continuation of Program at Dorothy M. Henry Alternative School for 2001/02 School Year

Mr. Faust advised that he had received a memo from Mrs. Homel earlier in the year stating that the students would be better served if the Dorothy Henry School was a part of the Special Service Department. Mr. Faust wondered if that was being done.

Mrs. Homel responded that she had met with Dr. Sexton and Mrs. Fash regarding this matter. If this program were moved to Special Services, it would not receive any additional funding or other services. Therefore, they decided that there would be no advantage in moving it.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Locke to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants approval to make application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for continuation of the Dorothy M. Henry Alternative School program for the 2001/02 school year.

The motion passed 9-0.

7. Reappoint Board Secretary

Mr. Grossi explained that this had come before the Finance Committee and they tied this position to a Class I Secretary position. That is where the numbers came from.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Faust to resolve that the Centennial School Board reappoints Vickie A. Detwiler as Secretary to the Board for 2001/02, 2002/03, 2003/04 and 2004/05 as per the following compensation schedule:

2001/02	\$4,360	4.8% increase
2002/03	\$4,560	4.6% increase
2003/04	\$4,720	3.5% increase
2004/05	\$4,885	3.5% increase

Be it further resolved that duties and responsibilities for the position of Board Secretary are as per the attached position description.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she wanted to publicly acknowledge the quality of work that Mrs. Detwiler performed and she thanked her for her efforts. Mr. Grossi and Mrs. Huf agreed. Mr. Grossi stated that Mrs. Detwiler's work was "truly outstanding."

Mr. Strouse questioned the portion of the Position Description that stated that the Secretary "Shall not be a member of the School Board." He felt that it should read "Shall be a non-elected member of the School Board." Mr. Vail explained that in 3rd and 4th class school districts, the Board Secretary may be a Board member. Centennial is a 2nd class district, so that is not permitted.

Mr. Strouse clarified that it should read "non-elected." Mr. Vail agreed.

The motion passed 9-0.

9. Middle School Transition and Implementation Plans

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that this came from the Education Committee to the full Board.

Mr. Grossi stated that he supported the 5-period block for the middle school and that he supported implementation of the IB program but that he did not support the team concept at the middle school level.

Mr. Faust left the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Mr. Grossi felt that it was time to implement a program with more vigor.

Mr. Faust returned to the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Mr. Hertenberger left the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Mrs. Jankowsky explained that the Education Committee was requesting that the Board authorize looking into two types of schedule, including the 6-period for a full year schedule and the modified 5-period block schedule, which would produce semesters. They also suggested that these schedules be developed with and without a team concept. They also requested Administration to consider the implementation of an International Baccalaureate Program in grade 6 in the first year, beginning in September 2002, with a rolling implementation. She pointed out the fiscal note of \$101,200. This would come back to the Board by September.

Mr. Hertenberger returned to the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Mr. Strouse suggested that if this was limited to investigating the 5-period schedule only, it would speed up the timeline, both for the implementation and the fiscal notes. Also, he pointed out that the \$74,000 allotted for the administrator on special assignment did not include benefits.

Dr. Masko explained that they were looking at assigning an existing staff member to this position and moving someone else over to their position. So we would have to bring in a junior administrator. Therefore, it would not be a higher administrator's salary. He did feel that the numbers could be re-evaluated for accuracy.

Mr. Faust stated that he felt this should be more focused. Mr. Grossi agreed that the focus should be narrower. He felt that the 5-period block was the option the Board would go with. He felt the Board should pick an alternative and move on.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that if the committee was in agreement, the 6-period option could be deleted, but she would like the Board to look at the 5-period option with and without teams. She also felt this should be moved to the May meeting so that Administration could adjust the fiscal note. She asked the Board to consider retaining the team concept.

Dr. Reid asked the Board to consider the fact that it was a very long process to arrive at these recommendations. She requested that the Board consider both alternatives.

Mr. Avery stated that he felt we should review the successes of the teams that may have worked in the past and make that part of the new model. He felt teams should be looked at at all levels. He indicated that he would support reviewing the 5-period day with and without teams and removing the 6-period day.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves development of middle school transition and implementation plans for the 2002/03 school year using the five-period modified block schedule (Alternative E) with and without a team approach at all grade levels, and with a team approach at grade 6 only. The plans shall include a rolling implementation plan for the IB Middle Years Program to be introduced in grade 6 in 2002/03, in grade 7 in 2003/04 and in grade 8 in 2004/05. Costs for the transition in 2001/02 shall be approximately \$101,200.

The motion passed 9-0.

Dr. Masko asked if the Board was looking for data within the District or nationwide. Mr. Grossi felt that it needed to be within the District. Dr. Reid felt that she would like to look within the District and outside also.

Mr. Avery felt that there were middle school models that were working and that they should be reviewed to see why they were working and ours was not.

Mr. Wybar left the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

Debra Oswald of 916 Log College Drive, Warminster, stated that there had been a big discussion 2-3 years ago about changing the middle school schedule but that the parents did not want to do that. She asked when the parents would have an opportunity to hear this proposal and say something about it. She felt that if this was implemented, we would lose the music program. She also felt that the teams were wonderful and stated that she was devastated about this.

Mrs. Jankowsky explained that the decision regarding moving this forward was made as to having Administration develop a 5-period modified block. The next time this would come before the Board would be in September.

Mr. Wybar returned to the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Mr. Strouse asked if these plans would come before the Education Committee before they come before the Board. Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that they would not. All further discussion would be at the full Board level.

Dr. Sexton advised that this would be on the cable channel and on the website. Mr. Strouse stated that this had been the subject of multiple Education Committee meetings before it came before the Board and that there had been many opportunities for parent comment.

12. Art Supply Bid
13. Stock Supply Bid
14. Musical Instrument Bid
15. Classroom Furniture Bid
16. Building Automation System Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Avery to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following:

(12) Art Supply Bid No. 2001-12 to be awarded to the following bidders at the lowest responsible bid amounts:

<i>Kurtz Brothers</i>	<i>\$48,852.70</i>
<i>NASCO</i>	<i>\$ 3,182.55</i>

(13) Stock Supply Bid No. 2001-11 (for building and classroom supplies) to be awarded to the following bidders at the lowest responsible bid amounts:

<i>Kurtz Brothers</i>	<i>\$38,196.82</i>
<i>Cascade</i>	<i>\$ 1,499.76</i>

(14) Musical Instrument Bid No. 2001-13 to Music & Art Center, Inc. (aka Mobile Music) at the lowest responsible bid amounts as indicated on the attached recommendation.

(15) Classroom Furniture Bid No. 2001-15 to be awarded to the following bidders:

<i>Item No.1</i>	<i>Chairs, sled based stacking</i>	<i>Virco Manufacturing</i>	<i>\$ 1,06.00</i>
<i>Item No.2</i>	<i>Chairs, 4-legged, stacking</i>	<i>Virco Manufacturing</i>	<i>\$ 6,916.02</i>
<i>Item No.3</i>	<i>Student stations, no book rack</i>	<i>Tanner School Furniture</i>	<i>\$ 7,858.80</i>

<i>Item No.4</i>	<i>Student station with book rack</i>	<i>Tanner School Furniture</i>	<i>\$12,656.60</i>
<i>Item No.5</i>	<i>Steel folding chairs</i>	<i>Virco Manufacturing</i>	<i>\$ 640.50</i>
<i>Item No.6</i>	<i>48" computer table</i>	<i>School Specialty</i>	<i>\$ 616.44</i>
<i>Item No.7</i>	<i>72" computer table</i>	<i>School Specialty</i>	<i>\$ 818.30</i>
<i>Item No.8</i>	<i>96" computer table</i>	<i>School Specialty</i>	<i>\$ 1,040.64</i>
<i>Item No.9</i>	<i>Cafeteria tables</i>	<i>Reject</i>	<i>\$ <u>0.00</u></i>
			<i>\$31,633.30</i>

(16) *Building Automation System Bid No. 01-17 to be awarded to Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. at the lowest responsible bid amount of \$40,500. This will be a capital reserve expenditure.*

The motion passed 9-0.

17. Facility Use Fees

Mr. Strouse indicated that he would like to see this come through the Finance Committee first. Therefore, the motion was not presented.

18. Appointments to Citizens' Policy Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants approval of the appointments to Citizens' Policy Committee of Maryann L. Rafferty and Susan H. Schultz, residents of Warminster. The appointments shall be for the period from April 24, 2001 to June 2004.

The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Strouse thanked the two women for volunteering. He stated that it was critical to the operation of the District to have participation in this committee.

19. Membership in PA Liquid Asset Fund

Mrs. Huf requested Mr. Vail to explain this motion.

Mr. Vail stated that this was just another investment option, as per the School Code. He indicated that he was concerned about the interest rates going down on CD's and felt that we needed as many options as possible going into the new school year.

Mr. Grossi indicated that this had been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee and that the investments were guaranteed and were fully insured by the Federal Government.

Mr. Faust advised that we also had an attorney contact the Fund and obtain in writing that they are in full compliance with the School Code.

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes Administration to join with other Pennsylvania school districts in the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund for the purpose of

investing idle funds on a pooled basis with the funds of other Pennsylvania school districts as a mechanism for generating more attractive interest rates. All investments shall be in compliance with the terms and conditions of School Code rules and regulations governing investment of public funds.

The motion passed 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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 Absences; and Appointments, with the exception of the next to the last item under Resignations, etc.

Mr. Faust stated that under the Appointments section, we went through an extensive process and brought candidates to the Board level for the appointment of a new Principal for Willow Dale, Denise Wettstein. Dr. Sexton stated that Ms. Wettstein was currently in the Jim Thorpe School District and that she had a great deal of experience running a very large school. He felt her credentials would make her successful at Centennial.

The motion passed 9-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Faust to approve the Retirement of Nancy A. Reid as Superintendent.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she was glad that Dr. Reid would have the opportunity for professional growth but she was sad that it would not be at Centennial.

Dr. Reid stated that she had decided to retire after eight years as Superintendent. She felt that it was time to move on and indicated that she would be pursuing professional growth in another job pursuit. She indicated that the past eight years had been rewarding and challenging. She acknowledged the fine efforts of the administrators and staff members. She felt that Centennial was poised to be a standards district and asked everyone to pursue that. She wished the District the best in years to come.

Mr. Grossi stated that Dr. Reid had been outstanding and that he would miss her. He deeply appreciated what she had given the District and her hard work. He also stated that he knew she would be successful.

Mr. Faust thanked Dr. Reid for what she had taught him and for advancing the children through better education and the standards.

Mr. Strouse stated that he had two students who had truly benefited from Dr. Reid's tenure at Centennial. He thanked her for her services and stated that it had been a pleasure.

Mr. Wybar stated that he had only been on the Board for a short time but he felt that the successes in the District were obvious and outstanding. He also felt that Dr. Reid was a nice person.

Dr. Sexton stated that he had known Dr. Reid longer than anyone here. He spoke about her previous background and felt that she would be leaving quite a legacy. He wished Dr. Reid every success.

Mrs. Huf stated that it had been eight good years and that Dr. Reid had been very supportive of the District, of the community, of the students and of herself. She indicated that she was saddened by Dr. Reid's leaving and that she would vote for this with regret.

Mr. Locke felt that Dr. Reid was a "real class act" and a super administrator. He felt there were many accomplishments she could be proud of. He wished her great luck in her career.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that Mr. Locke had summed it up, that Dr. Reid was indeed a class act. She wished Dr. Reid well.

Mr. Hertenberger stated that he always appreciated Dr. Reid's being straight with him and wished her well.

Mr. Avery thanked Dr. Reid for her help over the past year since he had been on the Board. He felt that his acclimation to the Board had been made easier by her efforts. He felt the District would miss her and wished her luck.

The motion passed 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

10. High School Transition and Implementation Plan

Mrs. Jankowsky explained that the proposed motion was a request for Administration to develop a Transition and Implementation Plan for a five-period modified block by September 2003, which would include a Star period and would meet the graduation requirements for all students.

Mr. Strouse suggested that instead of bringing this plan forward for consideration as of 2003, he would like to see it as of 2002.

Mr. Avery felt that the financial impact of running two plans concurrently would have to be assessed (i.e., the middle school and the high school.)

Discussion was held regarding pros and cons of the Star period and whether or not it should be considered. Mrs. Jankowsky felt that it should be considered if it was not a burden on Administration.

Dr. Reid indicated that she would defer to Dr. Masko and Mrs. Homel on this issue but pointed out two things: (1) She didn't feel that Administration had the resources to do this. (2) This timeline was devised because of the sunset for the high school, which was not until 2004.

Mrs. Homel stated that this would be an awesome amount of work with endless details. To do it properly and give it the attention it deserved would be trying to go too far too fast.

Dr. Masko felt that if we were to move the schedule up from September 2003, we would be running the implementation of the middle school the same year as the transition at the high school. It would be putting a strain on the resources. He felt that from an operational point of view it would make more sense to devote two years to the middle school (one year of transition and one year of implementation) and then move onto the high school.

Mr. Strouse stated that they were not talking about implementation yet, but about developing a plan. Dr. Masko felt that the Star period needed to be evaluated as part of the package.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that without bringing in additional help, the Board would be asking too much to move this up a year. Mr. Strouse felt that was why we were keeping a fund balance.

Dr. Reid felt that an additional person being brought in would still have the need to interface with Dr. Masko and Mrs. Homel. She felt that this was not the way to go.

Dr. Masko asked if by moving up the plan, the intention was also to move up the implementation. Mr. Strouse felt that was not the intention at the moment.

Dr. Reid asked if this could be done next year. Dr. Masko responded that it could not.

Mrs. Huf indicated that she was not in support of moving this up to September 2002.

After additional discussion about the sunset provision, Mrs. Jankowsky suggested that Administration be given until the next meeting to obtain more information. Mr. Faust agreed. There was a consensus of the Board to wait until the next meeting.

Mr. Hertenberger left the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

11. Authorize RFP – Elementary Before/After Child Care Program

Mrs. Huf advised that her phone had rung off the hook about this matter and that she had also received letters about it. She asked why we were asking for an RFP and asked if we could revisit the Child Care.

Mr. Grossi stated that this was a different program. Mr. Faust stated that this had been discussed and voted down twice before. He could not see bringing it back again.

Mr. Hertenberger returned to the meeting at 11:17 p.m. Mrs. Jankowsky left the meeting at 11:17 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Locke to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes Administration to solicit proposals for before and after school child care as per the attached Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 2001/02 school year.

Mr. Strouse stated that this item had appeared before the Finance Committee and was brought to the Board.

The motion passed 8-0. (Mrs. Jankowsky was not present at this time.)

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Faust stated that he would like to get an update before the next meeting of outstanding litigation with the tax collector from Upper Southampton.

Mr. Avery stated that there had been some discussion of a Privacy of Personal Information Act regarding information transferred by electronic means, including fax, e-mail and data transmissions. He felt the District needed to assess this with regard to information to and from tax collectors and what our liability would be.

Mrs. Jankowsky returned to the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

Mr. Faust felt that we were not transmitting this information electronically, that it was done by disk. Mr. Avery indicated that would be covered also.

Mr. Hertenberger questioned the computers received from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. He wondered if these were replacing anything in the budget. Dr. Sexton replied that the computers were a gift and that they would not be replacing anything in the budget.

Mr. Hertenberger suggested that two days be removed from the Easter vacation on next year's calendar and made school days. Then there would be two less student days in the summer when it is hot. Mr. Strouse stated that the calendar had already been approved. Mr. Grossi felt that Mr. Hertenberger had a valid point. It was decided that this should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mrs. Huf stated that, regarding Child Care, Inc., she would like the Board to seriously reconsider granting them one more year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary