

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
HELD MARCH 26, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER

A Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on March 26, 2002, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jankowsky at 7:42 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

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

Administration:

David Blatt
Dr. Michael Masko
Jean Rollo
Dr. Thomas Sexton

CEA/Teachers:

Jennifer Higgins
Sue Wagner
Allison McGill
Dawn Park
Jill Goldner
Denise Quinn
Stephanie Badulak
Jennifer Foight-Cressman
Shirley Smith
Renee Schaffer
Keely Mahan

Joseph Pisacano
Barbara Poole
Tom Bateman
Terry Travis
Dot Gannon
Tracy Laverty
Julie Wahl
Jill Phelps
Cheri Tenaglia
Mick Sander

Public:

Debby Weber
Richard Jadico
Gail Jadico
Kathy Murphy
Inge McKernan

Dianne Henwood
Barbara Froggatt
Gene Goldner
Tom Kirby
Sue Kirby

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silence for Brent Townsend, a Log College student who was killed when he was hit by a truck.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Jankowsky announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting relative to the following matters:

- Negotiations with the CEA
- Discussion regarding a real estate matter
- Discussion regarding student issues

PRESENTATIONS

Guys and Dolls Cast from Klinger Middle School

Janice Spirk introduced members of the cast of *Guys and Dolls* from Klinger Middle School. She thanked Mr. Blatt and Mrs. Jankowsky for inviting them and also thanked Board members who had attended the play. The cast members performed several selections for the Board.

Ms. Spirk thanked the students' parents, who had helped out and supported the children. She spoke about Tom Bateman and Terry Travis, the dedicated directors of the show.

Centennial Education Foundation Minigrant Awards

Bob Schrader spoke briefly about the Foundation and thanked the Board and staff members for their support.

Each of the mini-grant recipients was presented with a copy of the check they would be receiving for their project.

Dr. Sexton stated that he was pleased that we were able to find Mr. Schrader to take Frank Gallagher's place in working with the grants. He also spoke about Donna Mooney, who kept the office running during the interim period. During that time there was a Safe and Drug Free Schools audit, and the auditors were very pleased with Mrs. Mooney's work and recordkeeping.

Mr. Blatt thanked Mrs. Mooney for her efforts and presented her with a certificate.

GOOD NEWS

Dr. Masko presented the Goods News Report (see attached).

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

COMMITTEE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Avery to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the Minutes of the:

- *Finance Committee – 1/14/02*
- *Education Committee – 2/4/02*

The motion passed 9-0.

POLICIES

Discussion:

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she would like to pull Policy 3.4 – Student Trips. Mr. Strouse reminded her that this policy deals with students and should go through the Citizens Policy Committee before coming to the Board. There was a consensus of the Board to do this. Mrs. Jankowsky requested Dr. Sexton to “fast track” this policy.

2.4 – Housekeeping

There was no discussion on this policy.

2.10 – Supervising and Evaluating Professional Performance

Mrs. Jankowsky advised that this policy had not been reviewed by the solicitor. At the request of Mr. Faust, Dr. Sexton gave a “Reader’s Digest” version of the contents of the policy.

2.16 – Service Staff Education/Training Subsidy

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that she had a recommendation from Administration to delete Attachment A. She felt that it was appropriate to keep it since, as a matter of practice, attachments are included with the policies.

Mrs. Huf asked why Administration requested to delete the attachment. Dr. Sexton explained that it did not really apply to support staff and that Administration was in the process of drafting another form for support staff, which would be added to the policy when completed.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she had no objection to the deletion of Attachment A, as long as the new form would be included in the policy.

Mr. Avery asked whether there was a need to expedite this policy, or if it could wait until the form was completed. Dr. Sexton responded that there was no need to expedite and that the form could be ready for the next meeting.

4.7 – Payroll

Mr. Strouse questioned why the term “on alternate Fridays” was being deleted from Section III D. Dr. Sexton responded that this was requested by the Business Office in order to afford greater flexibility. After a short discussion, it was decided that since Mr. Vail was not in attendance at this meeting due to illness, this policy would be brought forward at the next meeting.

5.10 – Copyright Compliance

Several “housekeeping” items were discussed.

In reference to Section VII dealing with the labeling of equipment, Mr. Faust stated that he had noticed that most of our equipment was not labeled. He felt that if we were not going to label the equipment, this provision should not be in the policy. Dr. Sexton advised that this was recommended by our previous solicitors so he felt that the equipment should be labeled.

Regarding Section V, Mr. Strouse questioned where the references to number of words, pages, etc. came from. Dr. Sexton responded that the solicitor provided these and that there are various works that list these specifics, such as case laws, statutes, etc.)

Mr. Hertenberger left the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

7.3 – Emergency School Closing/Early Dismissal

After discussion, it was decided that more information should be included as to the telephone chain.

Mr. Hertenberger returned to the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS**1. Programs and Services/Instructional, Materials and Research Services, Budget for I.U. #22 for 2002/03**

Dr. Richard Coe, the Executive Director of the I.U., spoke briefly about the mission of the I.U. and the fact that they provided a wide range of programs and services.

Dr. Larry Martin spoke about the budget, pointing out that Centennial's portion of the budget had decreased slightly. The overall budget increase was 7.9%.

Mr. Grossi commented on the budget, indicating that he felt an 8% increase was pushing the envelope. He advised that he planned to vote against the budget because of the 8% increase. He did indicate, however, that he felt the I.U.'s administration had been forthcoming and cooperative.

Mr. Blatt stated that he had always gotten a quick response to his requests from the I.U. He felt the \$76,000 Centennial spends was very much a bargain for the services we receive.

Dr. Coe felt that the I.U. had a good working relationship with Centennial. He presented Mr. Grossi with a plaque honoring him for his service to the I.U.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if this motion needed to be moved at this meeting. Mr. Faust stated that he would like to wait until the next meeting but would defer to the wishes of the other Board members. Mr. Strouse indicated that he would like to wait since there were questions pending. It was decided to wait until the next meeting.

3. Child Care Program

Richard Jadico of Kids Care stated that he was honored to be at the meeting and to be the proposed child care provider for the District. He stated that he liked to look at the relationship with school districts they work with as a partnership. He wanted to provide a safe environment so the children of working parents would not have to be at home alone, unsupervised.

Dr. Sexton spoke about the process of selecting a child care provider and the criteria. He felt that Kids Care was the best-qualified provider and that he was recommending them.

There was some discussion by Board members and questions about the details of the program.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Kids Care of DVCCA, Inc. to provide before and after school child care services for Centennial elementary school students in our elementary buildings for the 2002/03 and 2003/04 school years. These services shall be provided

beginning at 7 a.m. until the start of the school day, and from the end of the student day until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. An optional Day-Off Program shall also be available to parents. These services will be provided in the cafeteria or all-purpose room of each building at a yearly rate of reimbursement to the District of \$5,250 per 25 students, per location, for 2002/03 and \$5,513 per 25 students, per location, for 2003/04 school year. Kids Care of DVCCA, Inc. shall provide to the District Business Office evidence that liability and workers' compensation insurance are in effect prior to the start of services, as per District Facility Use Policy. Kids Care of DVCCA, Inc. shall also provide the District with all licenses/certifications required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the local municipalities for operation of child care programs in District facilities. All costs related to such licenses/certifications shall be the responsibility of Kids Care of DVCCA, Inc. Kids Care of DVCCA, Inc. agrees to publicize the child care program to all parents of all Centennial students. The approval is subject to the execution of a mutually satisfactory agreement and subsequent Board approval.

The motion passed 9-0.

2. Deputy Tax Collector – Ivyland Borough

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Faust to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the appointment of Diane Williams as Ivyland Borough Deputy Real Estate Tax Collector by Theresa Roberts, duly appointed Real Estate Tax Collector. Appointment is effective March 15, 2002. This action is taken in conformance with the provisions of 72 P. S. §5511.22 permitting a tax collector to appoint a deputy.

Mr. Strouse questioned whether the fact that Diane Williams was not a District resident had any bearing on this matter. Mr. Blatt responded that he did not think so. Mr. Grossi agreed.

The motion passed 9-0.

4. Purchase of Defibrillators

Mr. Grossi stated that he favored this purchase but was not sure our insurance carrier had expressed the appropriate coverage for employees using this equipment. Mr. Faust indicated that he would like to support this purchase but had the same reservations. He stated that when the Finance Committee approved this, he thought some of the assurances would be attached to this, including the policy and the insurance company's assurance.

Mr. Avery pointed out the last sentence of the proposed motion, which stated that we wished to qualify for reduced state pricing effective through June 2002. He wondered if a delay in obtaining documentation would prevent us from getting the reduced price.

Mr. Strouse proposed that we wait until the next meeting so that more information could be obtained. This was agreed upon.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves all personnel recommendations.

The motion passed 9-0.

OTHER

1. Allentown School District Resolution

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if there was any interest from the Board in pursuing this matter. Mr. Grossi stated that he did not support this at this time.

Mrs. Huf stated that she could support a resolution by the Board. She felt that doing nothing would not get the legislators to rethink their position on this.

Mr. Blatt stated that this was sold to school districts that there would be no increase to the local school districts. He felt this put the district in an awkward position.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if the Board would consider a letter from Mr. Blatt rather than a resolution. Mrs. Baranski felt that the Board needed to be a unit with other school districts. Mrs. Huf felt that as a Board we should submit a letter and resolution. Mr. Hertenberger agreed.

Mr. Faust supported doing a resolution and perhaps a letter if that was what the Board wanted to do.

There was general consensus to drafting a resolution using the Allentown School District model and also a cover letter, which would be sent to the same people as the last one.

2. Correspondence – Central Bucks School District

Mrs. Jankowsky advised that she had a written discussion with Mr. Baker asking if he was requesting a meeting with legislators. He stated that at this time he was not.

3. Other

Mr. Faust reminded the Board that at its previous meeting it had tabled a matter regarding an exception to Policy 7.18 until this meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Avery to defer consideration of an exception to Policy 7.18 for student 1-7 until the next Board meeting.

The motion passed 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Avery to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary