

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD JUNE 25, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on June 25, 2002, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jankowsky at 7:40 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Scott Avery
Sina Baranski
Joseph Faust
Eugene Grossi
Betty Huf
Joan Jankowsky
Harve Strouse

Administration:

David Blatt
Sandy Homel
Jean Rollo
Dr. Thomas Sexton
Timothy Vail

CEA/Teachers:

None

Public:

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Jankowsky commended the high school staff, administrators and students for a beautiful graduation ceremony on June 17th.

She thanked Jean Rollo, Joann Cookman and other staff members for the spectacular retirement reception held on June 19th at Spring Mill Manor.

Mrs. Jankowsky also thanked Mr. Blatt for the artwork in the Board Room, which was done by McDonald Elementary students.

PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

None

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

None

GOOD NEWS

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Blatt stated that he had provided information to the Board, which was self-explanatory and business-oriented. He advised that Mr. Rhodes would be presented with a plaque in August honoring him as Transportation Manager of the Year.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

No report.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

No report.

Intermediate Unit

No report.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that Mr. Hertenberger was absent from this meeting due to family matters, and also that she had not heard from Mr. Locke.

PSBA

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that there were two conferences coming up. Mrs. Baranski and Mrs. Huf would be attending the Summer Conference in Lancaster June 28-30. Also, the PSBA State Conference would be October 1-4. Board members who wished to attend should contact Mrs. Doh.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Grossi stated that the Finance Committee had not met in two weeks.

Title VIII

No report.

Federal Lands Reuse Authority

No report.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

Citizens Policy

No report.

Legislative Liaison

No report.

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 and Long Range Budget Committee of May 20, 2002.

The motion passed 7-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

ABE/ESL/GED Services

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Faust to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves removing from the table the ABE/ESL/GED Services.

The motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Jankowsky advised that this item had been moved and seconded previously. She asked if there were any questions on the original motion.

Mr. Faust questioned Attachment A of the Agreement – Job Description. He pointed out that the solicitor previously stated that because of the Collective Bargaining Agreement we must offer these positions to our staff first and also we must meet the salary listed in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The job description calls for a rate of \$18 per hour; however, this rate will expire on July 1st. The new contract extension calls for an increased rate. Mr. Faust felt that the new rate should be reflected in this agreement.

Dr. Sexton indicated that he would adjust this rate to concur with the new contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Strouse to amend the Salary portion of the Job Description by inserting the following language, “at an hourly rate in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement if Centennial staff members are hired.”

Mr. Faust pointed out that the Job Description stated that coordination time would be paid at \$13 per hour, but he was not sure how this fit into the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that we could expand this to say that in addition to coordination and teaching, the salary will be in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement if CEA members are selected for teaching duties.

The motion to amend passed 7-0.

Dr. Sexton stated that he did not feel that VITA would agree to the higher rate for coordination time. Mrs. Jankowsky felt that in light of this new information, it might be appropriate to table this again. Mr. Faust felt that maybe some discussion could be held with the CEA to determine their position on this.

Mr. Blatt felt that we must be true to the Collective Bargaining Agreement and that VITA would have to understand that. If there would be a grievance, it would come to us and there could be costs associated with that. He felt there should be a discussion with the CEA and that we should then proceed from there.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Strouse to table the amended motion until the August 13, 2002 meeting.

The motion to table passed 7-0.

Capital Reserve Policy

Mr. Strouse suggested that this item not be removed from the table at this time since he felt additional information was required.

Mrs. Jankowsky agreed that there was additional information which she would like to have supplied to the Board. She suggested that, with the Board's approval, this item be postponed until the August 13th meeting. The Board concurred.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adjudication – Student 19-3

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the Adjudication pertaining to Student 19-3. The School District Administration is directed to take the action necessary to effectuate the Adjudication and to properly serve the Adjudication on Student 19-3.

Mrs. Huf advised that she had read the materials and was prepared to vote on this matter.

The motion passed 7-0.

2. Adjudication – Student 4-20

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Avery to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the Adjudication pertaining to Student 4-20. The School District Administration is directed to take the action necessary to effectuate the Adjudication and to properly serve the Adjudication on Student 4-20.

Mrs. Huf advised that she had read the materials and was prepared to vote on this matter.

The motion passed 7-0.

3. Warminster Hospital Partnership

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Avery to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Affiliation Agreement between Centennial School District and Tenet HealthSystem Bucks County, LLC, for the 2002/03 school year at a cost of \$25,405 to the District.

Mr. Faust stated that after reviewing this Agreement and looking at the entire program, he believed he could not support the program. After the last meeting when the Board

approved the budget and he reminded the Board that we have to consider the budget with every motion, he does not see that this is a very cost-effective program. With the added cost of transportation, he did not feel he could support it.

The motion passed 4-3. (Mr. Strouse, Mrs. Baranski and Mr. Faust opposed.) [There was some question as to whether a 4-3 vote would carry on this matter.]

4. Cafeteria Budget 2002/03
5. Cafeteria Pricing 2002/03
6. Head Start Use of Facilities Lease 2002/03
7. Insurance Renewal Premiums 2002/03
8. School Physician Contracts 7/1/02-6/30/05
9. Medical Benefit Renewal Premiums 2002/03
10. Closing of Books 2001/02
12. Grants Consultant

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

- (4) *Adopts the attached supplement in the amount of \$1,695,792 as the Centennial School District Cafeteria Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2002/03 as presented, and hereby authorizes the expenditures set forth therein during the Fiscal year 2002/03.*
- (5) *Approves the cafeteria pricing for the 2002/03 school year as recommended by Administration per the attached cafeteria pricing request report dated June 3, 2002.*
- (6) *Approves the attached Agreement with Bucks County Head Start Agency for the 2002/03 school year for the rental of four classrooms in the Johnsville Building at a total annual cost of \$17,595.00.*
- (7) *Approves the 2002/03 District Insurance Premiums as per the attached supplement.*
- (8) *Approves entering into an agreement with Dr. Larry Cowen and MCP Hahnemann University to act as school physicians for the three-year period commencing July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2005, as per the terms and conditions of the attached supplement.*
- (9) *Approves the attached fringe benefit rates with Independence Blue Cross (Keystone Point of Service and HMO) for District CEA staff for the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.*
- (10) *Authorizes the Administration to close the 2001/02 Centennial School District books as of June 30, 2002, incorporating all accruals therein; that all bills that arrive and are due by June 30, 2002, are approved for payment provided the Administration reviews the bills and is satisfied the same are just and proper obligations of the school district, and provided said expenditures are within the budget; that the transfer of budget amounts necessary for the processing of budgeted expenditures are approved subject to review and ratification by the*

Board in September 2002; and that the School District auditors be directed to proceed with conducting the necessary audit for the close of the fiscal year 2001/02.

- (12) *Approves the attached Agreement for Professional Services with RHS Consultants at a cost to the District of \$60,000 per year. Said consultants will coordinate the grant application process and seek additional sources of funding for Centennial School District. This Agreement is subject to mutual agreement on contract terms regarding compliance and administration.*

Mr. Faust requested that item 12 be pulled for a separate vote.

The motions on items 4 through 10, inclusive, passed 7-0.

The motion on item 12 passed 5-1-1. (Mrs. Huf opposed; Mrs. Baranski abstained.)

11. Permission for VITA to Service the ABE/ESL/GED Program

[This item was handled earlier in the meeting, under Old Business.]

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Change of Status; Secondary Summer School Teachers; Co-Curricular 2002/03 School Year; and Accepts Award of Tenure.

Mr. Faust pointed out that the Board was being asked to grant tenure to someone and also accept their resignation.

Mrs. Rollo advised that this was done according to State law.

The motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that Board members had received a communication from Amy Hengeveld of Warminster dated June 12th regarding her son.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Avery to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary