

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
HELD JULY 22, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on July 22, 2002, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jankowsky at 7:00 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

CEA/Teachers:

None

Public:

Bobbi Loftus

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mrs. Jankowsky then called for a moment of silence for John Deitz, a former teacher and principal in Centennial School District.

Mrs. Jankowsky announced that no Executive Session had been held prior to this meeting. An Executive Session was held on June 13th for discussion of a real estate matter and also on June 25th regarding a real estate matter and a personnel matter.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

ADOPTION OF 2002-2003 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mr. Faust to resolve that the Centennial School Board, in compliance with Pennsylvania Legislative Guidelines associated with the

passage of the 2002-2003 Commonwealth Budget reopens and adopts the revised General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 in the amount of \$61,731,369, as presented per the attached supplement, and hereby authorizes the expenditures as set forth therein during the Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

[The following is the language of the attached supplement, in its entirety.]

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
HEREBY REOPENS THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 IN RECOGNITION
OF INCREASED SUBSIDY AMOUNTS APPROVED IN THE 2002-2003
COMMONWEALTH BUDGET AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR FRINGE
BENEFITS. TOTAL REVISED BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,731,369 IS ADOPTED
AS FOLLOWS:

	2002-2003 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2002-2003 REVISED BUDGET
<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Local Sources	\$42,867,075.00	\$42,867,075.00
State Sources	\$16,051,365.00	\$16,416,564.00
Federal Sources	\$ 1,957,730.00	\$ 1,957,730.00
Other Revenues	\$ 460,000.00	\$ 490,000.00
	\$61,336,170.00	\$61,731,369.00
TOTAL REVENUES		
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Regular Education	\$26,945,804.00	\$26,975,804.00
Special Education Instruction	\$ 9,272,715.00	\$ 9,272,715.00
Vocational Education Instruction	\$ 1,322,415.00	\$ 1,322,415.00
Other Instructional Programs	\$ 782,181.00	\$ 782,181.00
Adult Continuing Education	\$ 25,638.00	\$ 25,638.00
Pupil Personnel	\$ 2,566,933.00	\$ 2,566,933.00
Support Service Instructional Staff	\$ 3,098,997.00	\$ 3,464,196.00
Administration	\$ 4,166,475.00	\$ 4,166,475.00
Pupil Health	\$ 1,012,769.00	\$ 1,012,769.00
Support Services – Business	\$ 486,542.00	\$ 486,542.00
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 6,194,861.00	\$ 6,194,861.00
Student Transportation	\$ 2,857,041.00	\$ 2,857,041.00
Support Services Central	\$ 348,367.00	\$ 348,367.00
Other Support Services	\$ 39,731.00	\$ 39,731.00
Student Activities & Athletics	\$ 910,104.00	\$ 910,104.00
Community Services	\$ 35,395.00	\$ 35,395.00
Debt Service	\$ 960,714.00	\$ 960,714.00
Budgetary Reserve	\$ 309,488.00	\$ 309,488.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$61,336,170.00	\$61,731,369.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES FOR USE OF THESE INCREASED STATE SUBSIDIES, HEREBY DIRECTS THAT ALL ANTICIPATED INCREASED STATE SUBSIDY FUNDING BE USED TOWARD THE RETIREMENT OF DEBT ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS FOR THE

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW MATH CURRICULUM INITIATIVE WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEEN PAID FOR IN SUBSEQUENT BUDGET YEARS 2003-04 AND 2004-05.

Mr. Faust stated that at the Finance Committee meeting, they had discussed using some of the additional State funds for the purchase of math books and materials but there was some question about whether we should negotiate a better price. He asked how Administration had made out on this.

Mr. Blatt responded that he had contacted the three major vendors to obtain additional background information. One of the vendors did not move in any regard; the second did not provide anything in writing but Mr. Blatt felt that we would receive consideration in the area of \$5,000; the third vendor had not yet responded, but Mr. Blatt felt that they might be closed for vacation.

Mr. Faust asked if Administration felt this was still the best way to go and indicated that there had also been discussion about paying off a bond issue.

Mr. Blatt responded that he felt there was a significant possibility of realizing additional dollars but did not feel that it would be in the area originally hoped. According to the legislature, one of the options we have is to pay down debt, which could be considered by the Board.

Mr. Faust pointed out that the backup material indicated that the funds would be used for the math materials. Mr. Strouse pointed out that the backup materials indicated some revisions in the budget, including the application of \$365,000 through the State and some corrections to the budget.

Mrs. Huf advised that she had come to this meeting intending to vote for paying for the math initiative but now that she saw that the motion was for the approval of the whole budget, she would be voting to oppose the budget again.

Mrs. Jankowsky clarified that while the debt was spread over three years, the vendors would supply all the materials and textbooks this year.

Mrs. Baranski felt that it was correct to give the money back to the taxpayers so she advised that she would be voting against the budget.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if it would be possible to show the taxpayers how this money was used (possibly in their tax bills.)

Mr. Grossi stated that we have consistently and traditionally taken excess money to pay off debt and felt that it was wise to document this. He indicated that it could be discussed in the Finance Committee.

Bobbi Loftus of Webber Road, Warminster, questioned if all of the money was being used. Mr. Grossi clarified that it was.

The motion passed 6-3. (Mrs. Huf, Mrs. Baranski and Mr. Hertenberger opposed.)

PURCHASE E&O INSURANCE EXTENSION

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the purchase of an extension to the District's expiring 2001/02 Errors and Omissions Insurance Policy from Genesis Insurance at a cost of \$11,047.00. Funds are hereby appropriated from the 2002/03 General Fund budget for this purpose.

Mrs. Jankowsky advised that this motion had been discussed extensively in the Finance Committee.

Mr. Grossi explained that this was to cover any item in the errors and omissions field, primarily legal costs in special education cases. The Finance Committee recommended that this be purchased, but that it had been missed the previous year.

Mrs. Huf indicated that she would be supporting this but that she recommended that this be tracked somehow in the future so that it would not be missed again.

The motion passed 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mr. Hertenberger to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary