

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 8, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on October 8, 2002, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jankowsky at 7:35 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

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

CEA/Principals/Teachers:

Eileen Poroszok

Administration:

David Blatt
Jean Rollo
Dr. Thomas Sexton

Public:

John Lewis
Andrew Winslow
Jeffrey Katz
Kristyn Rudnet
Rose Apa
Stephanie Apa
Debbie Schenk
Brittany Schenk
Miranda Schenk
Steve Schenk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENTATIONS

Special Presentation to Students

Mrs. Jankowsky announced that there were two members of the student body that were to receive accolades for their artwork, which appeared in the Waste Management calendar. They were Brittany Schenk (who was a 4th grader at the time the artwork was done) and Stephanie Apa

(an 8th grader at the time the artwork was done.) Mr. Gillen and Dr. Clark joined in the presentation.

Dr. Sexton read a portion of a letter to David Blatt from Waste Management. Mrs. Jankowsky presented Certificates of Recognition to the two girls for outstanding achievement.

Teacher of the Year Ceremony in Harrisburg

Mrs. Jankowsky spoke about the trip to Harrisburg for the Teacher of the Year awards for the State of Pennsylvania. She and several administrators attended the ceremony and announcement of Teacher of the Year. Shirley Kelly was one of 12 finalists out of thousands of candidates.

A video was shown of John Lewis, a student of Ms. Kelly's, speaking at the ceremony.

Ms. Kelly thanked Mrs. Jankowsky, Mr. Blatt, Mrs. Poroszok and everyone who supported her. She commended John Lewis for being a super person. Mrs. Jankowsky presented Ms. Kelly with a bouquet of flowers and presented Mr. Lewis with a piece of pottery and a letter from Mr. Blatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Jankowsky announced that Mr. Faust was absent from the meeting due to personal family business.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Andrew Winslow, the Senior Class President, reported as follows:

- Two Seniors were named as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.
- The PSSA scores for the Class of 2003 were up considerably over the Class of 2002.
- There was an activity fair during the week of September 23rd.
- There was a drug awareness assembly on September 24th, which he felt was very effective.
- Homecoming Weekend was the previous weekend.
- The Environmental Club held Project River Bright on September 21st, and went on a hawk launching trip to Militia Hill on September 28th.
- For community service, the Boy's soccer team hosted a Special Olympics soccer game on September 21st.
- Becky Higgins was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease, so they are raising money to help with medical bills. So far, they have raised \$1,590.

- PSSA Writing for Grade 9 was on September 7th and 15th.
- The PSAT test will be administered on October 15th.
- Seniors will have cap and gown day on October 15th.
- The school play will be November 21-23. The play will be "The Odd Couple."
- Mrs. Poroszok has given permission for them to move ahead to the next step with the Senior Privilege plan, prior to presenting it to the Board. They are conducting a teacher poll and will analyze the data prior to making a presentation.

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Igor Ozeryansky reported on events at MBIT, as follows:

- Aspirations Restaurant would open the following day. He encouraged people to come.
- Student officers were elected for the career and technical student organizations.
- CTSO's were sponsoring an MBIT auto show on October 11th.
- Community service activities were underway. Students helped out at Warwick Days and were assisting local fire houses with fire prevention week activities.
- Health Occupation students were working with Ronald McDonald House. Cosmetology Students were working with UNICEF and a local agency called Aiding our Neighbors.
- MBIT's Open House would be November 21st.
- Several students would be attending a VSO leadership conference in the Poconos on November 6-8th.

GOOD NEWS

Dr. Sexton presented the Good News Report (see attached.)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No report.

Mrs. Jankowsky spoke about a retreat that the Board had participated in the previous Saturday, which was facilitated by Dr. Gary Bowman.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Huf reported as follows:

- The Education Committee met on October 7th and discussed proposed additions and deletions to the William Tennent program of studies for 2003-04. Administration will prepare additional information and cost estimates. The Committee will reconsider the proposal at its November meeting.
- Committee members approved the recommendations of curriculum council, which will be forwarded to the Board for action.

- Administration will provide additional information on the standards monitoring system, which is scheduled for development during 2002-03.
- The Committee reviewed and analyzed the 2002 PSSA reading and math scores, which showed overall improvement over 2001 scores.
- The next Education Committee meeting will be November 4th. The agenda will include a statistical study of District PSSA scores and a report on the Teacher Induction Program.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

No report.

Intermediate Unit

Mr. Locke reported that there was a recent digital media academy at the I.U. One student from each Bucks County middle school participated and completed a digital project.

Mr. Locke noted that the next meeting would be on October 15th.

PSBA

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that over the past month several Board members had attended the seminar on the program mandated by the Federal Government entitled "No Child Left Behind." She indicated that the impact of this program would be tremendous.

Mrs. Jankowsky advised that on October 1-4 she attended the Pennsylvania School Board Association State Conference. There were outstanding workshops and speakers.

AFG/Induction Program Update

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that no additional meetings had been held. The induction program has reached its final level with regard to input from the committee. The plan will now go to curriculum counsel, then it will come before the Board.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Grossi indicated that a meeting would be held within the next several weeks.

Title VIII

No report.

Federal Lands Reuse Authority

Mr. Grossi advised that there was continuing activity in the conversion of the base.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

Citizens Policy

Mrs. Baranski indicated that the Citizens Policy Committee had met on September 17th and reviewed several policies that would come before the Board at this meeting. The next committee meeting would be on October 15th.

Legislative Liaison

No report.

MINUTES

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

- *Regular School Board Meeting – 9/10/02*
- *Work/Regular Board Meeting – 9/24/02*

The motion passed 8-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Permission to Develop Policy

Mr. Avery indicated that permission was being sought to develop a policy on pest management due to a new requirement by the Commonwealth. Mr. Blatt explained that we are required to have a policy in place by January and that Mr. Lasher was working on this. We will be following PSBA guidelines in developing the policy.

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mr. Avery to resolve that the Centennial School Board grant permission to develop a policy on pest management.

The motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Grossi applauded the legislature for their due diligence in requiring a policy on pest management and ignoring the needs of special education funding and putting it off to a better time. (Note: This comment was made with an appropriate amount of sarcasm.)

Initial Distribution:

Mr. Avery noted the following policies for initial distribution:

- 2.5 – Prohibiting Discrimination in Employment

- 3.25 – Distribution of Written Materials from Outside Individuals or Groups from “Limited Open Forum Student Groups” to Students
- 5.1 – Homework

Final Adoption:

4.12 – Reserve Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Avery and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the adoption of Policy 4.12, Reserve Funds.

The motion passed 8-0.

4.9 – Care and Use of Equipment and Materials

A motion was made by Mr. Avery and seconded by Mr. Locke to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 4.9, Care and Use of Equipment and Materials.

The motion passed 8-0.

5.6 – Use of Audio-Visual Equipment

A motion was made by Mr. Avery and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 5.6, Use of Audio-Visual Equipment.

The motion passed 8-0.

7.22 – Hostile Environment

A motion was made by Mr. Avery and seconded by Mr. Locke to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 7.22, Hostile Environment.

The motion passed 8-0.

FINANCIAL

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

- *Schedule of Bills – September 2002*
- *Investments – September 2002*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – September 2002*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer’s Report – September 2002*
- *Budgetary Transfers – June 30, 2002 and October 2002*

The motion passed 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Permission to Accept Funding – Title I Parent Involvement Mini-Grants
3. Permission to Accept Funding – Competitive Grants
4. Permission to Apply for a Teaching Tolerance Grant

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

- (1) *Approves permission to accept the following competitive grants for the 2002-03 school year in the amounts indicated:*

<i>Title I Parent Involvement Mini-Grant</i>	
<i>Davis Elementary School</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Title I Parent Involvement Mini-Grant</i>	
<i>Willow Dale Elementary School</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>

- (3) *Approves permission to accept funding for the following competitive grants for the 2002-03 school year for the amounts indicated:*

<i>Read to Succeed – Leary</i>	<i>\$23,572.00</i>
<i>Read to Succeed – Stackpole</i>	<i>\$17,143.00</i>

- (4) *Approves permission to apply for the following private competitive grant for the 2002-03 school year in the amount indicated:*
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| <i>Teaching Tolerance</i> | <i>\$2,000.00</i> |
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The motion passed 8-0.

2. Permission to Accept an Ed-Flex Waiver for Stackpole Elementary School

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mr. Avery to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves permission to accept an Ed-Flex Waiver for Stackpole Elementary School under the Title I 2002-03 school year grant.

The motion passed 8-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Avery to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Homebound Instructor; Substitute Bus Drivers; Inductees and Mentors; Title I Tutors; Support Staff Substitutes; Co-Curricular 2002-03 School Year.

The motion passed 8-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary