

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

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

CALL TO ORDER

A Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on November 26, 2002, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jankowsky at 7:32 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

CEA/Teachers/Principals:

Eileen Poroszok
Bernie O’Neill
Joe O’Connor

Administration:

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

Public:

Donna Marie Saul
Michael A. Morrow
Richard Gilman
Cynthia Mueller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Jankowsky congratulated the cast and crew of *“The Odd Couple”*. She felt they had done a wonderful job. She extended congratulations to the 61 new inductees to the William Tennent Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that there was no Executive Session prior to this meeting and that Mr. Strouse would be absent from this meeting (or late) due to family obligations.

PRESENTATIONS

Make-A-Wish Foundation

Heather Stek, a teacher at William Tennent, reported that the Key Club had raised over \$2,100. These funds would be used to purchase and donate a computer in order to fulfil the wish of a terminally ill child.

A representative of the Make-A-Wish Foundation was present. She thanked the teachers and students and indicated that she would like the students to present the gift to the child. She also presented a banner from the foundation. Mrs. Homel distributed certificates to the students.

Special Recognition – Bernie O’Neill

Mrs. Jankowsky thanked Mr. O’Neill for making time to attend this meeting. She explained that he was the newly elected State Representative for the new 29th District. She congratulated him, then read a biography regarding Mr. O’Neill’s experience and achievements. Mr. O’Neill was presented with a pen. He thanked everyone for their kind words and wishes.

Mrs. Huf also thanked Mr. O’Neill for his leadership and dedication to the Centennial School District over the years.

GOOD NEWS

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

At this point, Mrs. Jankowsky requested the Board’s approval to move up item #2 of New Business. There were no objections.

2. Exception to Facility Use Policy

There were two representatives from Warminster Baseball present. They indicated that the Basketball association had already received approval to use the facilities at the same time and they would be splitting the cost.

Mr. Grossi stated that he felt the policy stated that if two groups were using the facilities, they would both pay the full fee.

Mrs. Homel stated that the two groups were looking to share the cost since there would be no additional custodial help required. Mr. Grossi stated that he did not feel that it was fair for them to both pay the same costs.

Mrs. Homel clarified that our cost for custodial fees was covered.

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mr. Avery to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Facility Use Waiver Application of Warminster Baseball Association for Sunday use of WTHS gym on December 8, 15 and 22, 2002, January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2003, and February 2 and 9, 2003. The cost for the custodians is covered by the Warminster Basketball Association.

The motion passed 8-0.

It was suggested that a joint request be made in the future.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- *Finance Committee – September 9, 2002*
- *Education Committee – October 7, 2002*

The motion passed 8-0.

Mrs. Huf noted that the next Education Committee Meeting would be on Monday, December 2nd, following the Board Reorganization Meeting.

POLICIES

Discussion:

3.14 – Sexual Harassment of Students

Mrs. Jankowsky advised that this policy had been reviewed by the solicitor.

Mr. Avery asked if references to harassment should be separate from sexual harassment. Dr. Sexton stated that the term could be changed to “sexual harassment” each time it was used. Mr. Avery felt that general harassment should be dealt with under a separate policy. Mrs. Jankowsky suggested that the solicitor be consulted regarding this matter.

There was consensus of the Board to contact the solicitor and this policy would be listed on the agenda for the January Work Session.

3.15 – Graduation

Mr. Faust questioned the meaning of Section III.C. regarding a student who attended another facility.

Dr. Sexton clarified that this meant students who were attending schools outside the District, such as students in an approved private school program or an alternative school program.

Mrs. Jankowsky noted that the numbering on this policy needed to be adjusted. She indicated that this would be moved forward at the next meeting.

3.29 – District Financial Support for Student Trips to Competitive Events

Mr. Avery advised that there were no changes to this policy and that it had not been reviewed by the solicitor.

Mr. Faust questioned whether there should be additional language in the policy since we had a request from MBIT for funding to go to a State-sponsored competition. MBIT had some requirement as to funding. He felt that maybe there should be a section addressing this. There was consensus of the Board that this should be done.

Mrs. Jankowsky requested Administration's recommendation about this.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked Administration to review Section I.5. She felt that it did not read properly.

This policy will appear on the agenda for the January meeting.

Mrs. Jankowsky also requested Administration to provide a copy of MBIT's policy.

4.13 – Integrated Pest Management

Mr. Avery advised that this was a new policy and that it had not been reviewed by the solicitor.

Since there were no revisions requested, Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that this policy would be moved forward.

5.16 – English as a Second Language Program

Mr. Avery indicated that this was a new policy and that it had been reviewed by the solicitor.

Dr. Sexton advised that the program would probably be audited in the near future.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that this policy would come forward at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Exception to Policy 7.18

Dr. Sexton explained the background of this matter. A request was being made for the student to remain at Stackpole School for the remainder of the school year even though the family was moving to a new school zone. The parents would provide transportation.

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mr. Avery to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 18-2 to attend Stackpole Elementary School. The child's parents are responsible for transporting the student to and from Stackpole School.

The motion passed 8-0.

2. Exception to Facility Use Policy

[This matter was handled earlier in the meeting.]

3. Additional Pupil Transportation Contract for 2002-03

Mr. Blatt advised that this was consistent with Act 372 and gave some background on the matter.

Mr. Faust asked if this was from this point forward or back to the beginning of the school year. As there were several other items to be confirmed, Mr. Blatt stated that he would rather wait to get the answers before asking the Board to approve this item.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that this matter would come forward at the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Co-Curricular Additions and Deletions – November 12, 2002

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Avery to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves removing from the table the Co-Curricular Additions and Deletions submitted by Administration at the November 12, 2002 meeting of the Board.

The motion to remove from the table passed 8-0.

It was clarified that the items in question related to the Cheerleading Coach.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Hertenberger to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Co-Curricular Additions and Deletions as submitted by Administration on November 12, 2002.

The motion passed 8-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mr. Avery to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves all Personnel recommendations.

The motion passed 8-0.

OTHER

Mrs. Jankowsky wished everyone a wonderful holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Avery and seconded by Mr. Faust to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary