

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD JUNE 10, 2003**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on June 10, 2003, 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 *
Al Hertenberger
Betty Huf
Joan Jankowsky
Jerry Locke
Harve Strouse

[*Mr. Grossi arrived at 7:55 p.m.]

Administration:

David Blatt
Jean Rollo
Dr. Thomas Sexton
Mrs. Homel [Arrived at 8:30 p.m.]

CEA/Teachers:

None

Public:

Igor Ozeryansky
Bobbie Loftus
Donna Marie Saul
Cyndi Mueller
Dan Klenk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Jankowsky announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting relative to a personnel matter.

Mrs. Jankowsky extended congratulations to all of the seniors who won awards and scholarships.

Mrs. Jankowsky announced that Mr. Blatt, Mr. Vail and several members of the Board had presented the Centennial School District budget to members of the public and that it was well received.

PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Bobbie Loftus, the Warminster Township tax collector, asked if the Board was still planning to pass the budget on June 30th. Mrs. Jankowsky responded that that was the plan at present. Mrs. Loftus indicated that in that case the tax bills would go out on July 15th and each of the due dates would be extended by two weeks. She explained that from the day she receives her warrant (which would be July 1st), she has 15 days to get the bills out.

Mr. Faust stated that if the Board approves the budget before knowing what the State is doing, we may be charging taxpayers too much millage, or not enough. For that reason, it is necessary to wait.

REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Dan Klenk, Sophomore Class President, reported on the following events:

- May 14 – William Tennent Buckle Up Safety Program; Spring Concert
- May 16-19 – Marching Band Trip to Cleveland (received *Superior* rating)
- May 19 – Chorale Night
- May 21 & 27 – Student Elections
- May 21 – Driving Under the Influence Re-enactment
- May 20 – Mr. Tennent Competition (Andrew Winslow)
- May 21 – Channel 6 “*Best of Class*”, represented by Andrew Winslow, took place at Longwood Gardens
- June 4 – Senior Awards Night
- June 10 – Yearbook distribution
- June 12 – Log College 8th graders to visit Tennent
- June 13-19 – Final Exams
- June 20 – ½ day of school and graduation
- June 25-27 – Registration for summer school
- June 30-July 31 – Summer School

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Igor Ozeryansky invited everyone to attend on Thursday evening, June 12th, the Senior Awards and Recognition night at Archbishop Wood. He also announced that during the weeks of July 14th and 21st, summer career exploration courses would be held. He thanked everyone for their continued support and wished everyone a good summer.

Mr. Strouse congratulated Igor and others who would be receiving awards at MBIT's Senior Awards Ceremony.

GOOD NEWS

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

Mr. Grossi arrived at the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Blatt announced that Mrs. Homel and Dr. Masko were accompanying the Life Skills students on a trip and would be arriving back too late to attend this meeting. Mr. Vail was absent due to attendance at another meeting.

Mr. Blatt summarized the two budget presentations held in the community recently. He felt there was good dialogue and that the presentations were very well received.

Mr. Blatt reminded the Board of the need to entertain the question of home schoolers participating in the co-curricular program. He shared with the Board several weeks ago the solicitor's opinion on this. Mrs. Jankowsky suggested that this be addressed under "Board Discussion and Comment" later in the meeting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Avery stated that the Education Committee had met on June 2nd. The main topic was District alternatives to current vo-tech educational theories and practices. Administration has been asked to respond to questions raised in the fall. The next meeting of this committee will be held this coming fall.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mr. Strouse reported that there was a lengthy meeting the previous evening. The reorganization plan was approved after recommendation of the Professional Committee. There should be a savings of about \$130,000. In addition, refinancing of the Bond took place, with a \$275,000 savings. This should be returned to the districts in some form.

Mr. Strouse reported that some programs were cut back and others initiated. He commended the Administration of MBIT for their creative solutions to overenrollment.

Mr. Faust reported that MBIT's Administration was doing something that we have been asking them to do; i.e., getting proposals for their professional services. They have begun with the solicitor. They removed this from their agenda and are seeking additional proposals.

Mr. Grossi stated that he believed that under the Articles of Agreement, funds from the savings from the bond issue should be returned to the districts.

Mr. Faust pointed out that the savings on the reorganization will not result in savings coming back to the District. This will provide additional funds for capital spending.

Intermediate Unit

Mr. Locke reported that the I.U. hosted an Employee Ability Expo in May to plan events for students with learning disabilities. Nearly 100 students participated. Representatives from local companies conducted individual interviews with the students.

The next meeting of the I.U. will be on June 17th.

PSBA

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that PSBA had just sent out a publication advertising their "School Leadership Conference" in October. She asked that any interested Board members let her know.

Mrs. Jankowsky also indicated that she had received something from PSBA regarding their support for the Governor's proposals on school funding.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Grossi stated that the Finance Committee had a meeting scheduled the previous week, which had to be cancelled due to an emergency. The next meeting is scheduled for June 16th.

Mr. Grossi reported that the MBIT budget called for an additional expenditure, which we must deal with.

Title VIII

Mr. Faust reported that he received a solicitation for Centennial School District to become a member of the National Conference of NAFIS. He forwarded this to Mr. Vail to determine if there was any need to follow up. His initial reaction was negative, but Mr. Faust will follow up with Mr. Vail.

Federal Lands Reuse Authority

No report.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

Citizens Policy

No report.

Legislative Liaison

Mr. Faust reported that the House and Senate were starting to take up educational matters but no one was sure what would happen yet. He has heard various timelines that could take us into July.

As far as PSBA, they picked out the better parts of the Governor's program and decided they were good. They did not necessarily endorse the funding.

MINUTES

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

- *Regular School Board Meeting – May 13, 2003*
- *Budget Hearing – May 27, 2003*
- *Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – May 27, 2003*

The motion passed 9-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Initial Distribution:

Mr. Locke noted the following policies for initial distribution:

- 1.2 – Centennial School Board Meetings
- 3.12 – Student Accidents
- 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status

Final Adoption:

3.6 – Student Records

A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mr. Avery to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.6, Student Records.

Dr. Sexton advised that the policy statement on the first page was changed, per the Board's request.

The motion passed 9-0.

3.9 – Corporal Punishment/Reasonable Force

A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mrs. Baranski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.9, Corporal Punishment/Reasonable Force.

Dr. Sexton advised that the change requested at the last meeting, the deletion of the second sentence of the policy statement, had been done.

The motion passed 9-0.

3.10 – Contacts with Law Enforcement Agencies

A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mrs. Baranski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.10, Contacts with Law Enforcement Agencies.

The motion passed 9-0.

FINANCIAL

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

- *Schedule of Bills – May 2003*
- *Investments – May 2003*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – May 2003*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – May 2003*
- *Budgetary Transfers – June 2003*

Mr. Faust questioned Investment #882 on the Investment Schedule, which indicated purchase of a CD for \$15. He wondered if that was a mistake. Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that she would obtain an answer on that, since Mr. Vail was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Faust noted that there was an investment made for \$100,000. He pointed out that we normally don't make investments in that amount because that is the FDIC limit. Mrs. Jankowsky asked Mr. Blatt to get an explanation of this.

The motion passed 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Tabled Item – District Calendar – 2003-04

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Hertenberger to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves removing from the table the District Calendar for 2003-04 submitted at the May 27, 2003 meeting of the Board.

The motion to remove from the table passed 9-0.

Discussion continued on the original motion, which was previously moved and seconded at the Work Session on May 27, 2003. [For reference purposes, the text of that motion is as follows: *A motion was made by Mrs. Baranski and seconded by Mr. Faust to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Centennial School District calendar for school year 2003-04 as listed in the attached supplement.*]

Mr. Blatt explained that the first calendar indicated that there was a floating day between semesters, which was confusing. That floating day was removed; other than that, the calendar is the same as the previous one.

Mr. Strouse asked if there were snow days in the first semester, how they would be made up within the first semester. Mr. Blatt responded that they would not be made up in the first semester. Mr. Strouse pointed out that that meant a day of teaching time would be lost; Mr. Blatt confirmed this. He indicated that it was discussed that if several school days were missed in the first semester, a proposal would be brought before the Board for makeup of those days.

[Mrs. Homel arrived at the meeting at 8:30 p.m.]

The motion passed 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Act 48 Professional Development Review Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the appointment of the following individuals as members of the Act 48 Professional Development Review Committee:

Local Business Representatives:

*Scott Frogatt
Donna Siegfried*

Parents:

*Joseph Faust
Donna Marie Saul*

Community Representatives:

*Joan Jankowsky
Robert Shaffer*

The motion passed 8-1. (Mrs. Huf opposed.)

2. Appointment of Bucks County I.U. Representative

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board nominates Jerry Locke, Board Member, to serve on the Bucks County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors for the term of June 30, 2003 through December 2003.

The motion passed 9-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mrs. Baranski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/ Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Summer School – WTHS; Summer Student Employment.

The motion passed 8-0-1. (Mrs. Jankowsky abstained.)

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she had received one item of correspondence, which she forgot to bring, so she would have it distributed to Board members.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Donna Marie Saul of 589 Lowell Road, Warminster, thanked the Board for her reappointment to the Act 48 Committee. She stated that she wanted to add to the Good News Report. Music in the Park was held on May 31st in Hershey. Log College received 4th place for Jazz Band. Klinger came in 5th. The Special Chorus got an attractive trophy for excellence. All in all, it was a wonderful day.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Policy Regarding Participation in Co-Curricular Activities by Home Schooled Students

Mr. Blatt reminded the Board that we had received a request by at least one parent to permit a home-schooled high school child to participate in our co-curricular activities; however, our

policy prohibits this. We have received some legal guidelines and considerations from our solicitor. He would like the Board's direction or opinion on this.

Mrs. Jankowsky requested Mr. Blatt to provide to the Board again a copy of the solicitor's opinion. Then this will be put on the agenda for the June 24th meeting.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto. Mr. Faust noted that the MBIT Executive Council scheduled for July 14th had been canceled.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Hertenberger and seconded by Mr. Avery to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary