

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 28, 2003**

CALL TO ORDER

A Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on October 28, 2003, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jankowsky at 7:40p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Sina Baranski
Joseph Faust
Eugene Grossi
Al Hertenberger
Betty Huf
Joan Jankowsky
Jerry Locke
Jane Lynch
Harve Strouse

CEA/Teachers:

Joe O'Connor
Bucky Clark
Eric Goldsman
Jennifer John

Administration:

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

Public:

Cherdchai Palanjuat
Mr. Koson
Manit Sripheetak
Cyndi Mueller
Donna Marie Saul
Bruce Waugh
Sawyer Waugh
Theresa Waugh
Eric Cauto
Lisa Simano

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 and that a reception was held for our international visitors from Thailand.

Mrs. Jankowsky commended the William Tennent Athletic Council, Mr. Pacchioli and the entire cafeteria staff for the Hall of Fame game on October 17th.

Mrs. Jankowsky congratulated the band parents and Mr. LoVecchio on the Celebration of Bands event. The Temple University Band was also in attendance. It was a lovely evening.

PRESENTATIONS

Welcome to Visitors from Thailand

Mrs. Jankowsky welcomed the guests from Thailand to America. She introduced them as follows and summarized their experience: Mr. Manit, a principal of a secondary school (7-12) in Northern Thailand; Mr. Koson, the principal of a secondary school (7-12) in Northeastern Thailand; and Mr. Cherdchai, principal of the largest high school in Thailand, with 6,000 students and 300 teachers.

Mrs. Jankowsky presented gifts to the three visitors. Mr. Blatt shared with the gathering the contents of the gift bags, which included books about Bucks County and Pennsylvania, a William Tennent High School cap and football T-shirt and other items from the School Board and Administration.

Mrs. Jankowsky wished the travelers well for the remainder of their stay in America.

Presentation to Earth Day Calendar Contest Winner

Mrs. Homel congratulated Jessica Cirilo, a Tennent freshman, for being selected a winner in the Earth Day 2003 Calendar contest sponsored by Waste Management and the Newspaper in Education Program of the Bucks County Courier Times/Intelligencer. Mrs. Jankowsky read the text of the Certificate of Recognition presented to Jessica.

Presentation to Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest Winner

Mrs. Homel congratulated Sawyer Waugh, a Klinger Middle School 6th grader, for being selected as a winner of the Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest sponsored by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Liquor Control Board. Mrs. Jankowsky read the text of the Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Achievement presented to Sawyer. Mrs. Homel pointed out that Paul Kalstein, another Klinger 6th grader, had also been selected a winner but was unable to be present at this meeting. Paul and Sawyer were among only 88 students chosen for recognition out of more than 1,400 entries.

GOOD NEWS

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Donna Marie Saul of 589 Lowell Road, Warminster, reported that she had good news from the Klinger PTO, which she wished to share. They voted unanimously to share with the volunteer fire companies of Ivyland, Warminster and Southampton forty Klinger Middle School value cards as a thank you from the families.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Baranski and seconded by Mr. Hertenberger to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting of June 2, 2003.

The motion passed 8-0-1. (Mrs. Lynch abstained since she was not a Board member at the time of the meeting.)

POLICIES

Discussion:

3.27 – Retention

Mrs. Jankowsky asked Administration to provide further clarification on the implications of the “Reason for Change” listed on the cover sheet for Section III. B-1 indicating that students must complete required courses and compile 30 credits to graduate.

Mrs. Homel explained that the need to designate credits has become passe under the present circumstances and that we need to move students with their class. Mrs. Jankowsky stated that this might have implications on other policies, such as tuition status. She asked Administration to review these other policies.

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that the statement page referred to “specific criteria” but that she didn’t see any specific criteria in the body of the policy. It states factors that must be considered but no specific criteria. Dr. Sexton stated that he didn’t disagree with what she was saying but that they felt that “meeting student performance standards” was specific enough. However, they can take this back and further refine it.

Mr. Strouse suggested that it might need a definitive statement such as “A student shall be considered for retention if ...” Dr. Sexton stated that he would look into this and that it will come back at the next meeting.

4.1 – Grants

There was no discussion on this policy. It will be moved forward for action at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Preliminary Approval for the WTHS Academic Team Trip to the Scholar's Bowl

A motion was made by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary approval for the WTHS Academic Team trip to the Scholars' Bowl in Dix Hills, Long Island, New York, in January 2004. The cost to the District is limited to the use of the school van and the cost of a rental van that shall not exceed \$500.00.

Mr. Strouse pointed out that the information provided indicates that the van is estimated at \$500.00. Therefore, he questioned whether the Board wanted to put a cap of \$500 on this in the event it was slightly more.

Mr. Locke and Mrs. Huf, as mover and seconder of the motion, agreed that the second sentence should be changed to read: "The cost to the District is limited to the use of the school van and the cost of a rental van that is estimated to be \$500.00."

The motion passed 9-0.

2. Preliminary Approval for the WTHS Student Government Trip to the PASC State Conference

A motion was made by Mr. Hertenberger and seconded by Mrs. Baranski to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary approval for the WTHS Student Government trip to the PASC State Conference in Erie, PA, November 13-15, 2003. The cost to the District is \$180.00.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked what PASC stood for. A representative of the student government explained that it stood for "Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils."

The motion passed 9-0.

3. Facility Use Waiver Application

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Facility Use Waiver Application of Warminster Basketball Association for Sunday use of WTHS gym from December 7, 2003, to February 15, 2004 (excluding 12/28/03). The cost for custodians will be shared with the Warminster Baseball Association. Warminster Basketball will pay the full facility use fee and be reimbursed by Warminster Baseball for their share of the fee.

The motion passed 9-0.

4. Assistant Board Secretary Position

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that the Chair would accept nominations for the position of Assistant Board Secretary.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Strouse to nominate Mr. Faust.

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mr. Locke to nominate Mr. Hertenberger.

As there were no additional nominations, a motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Grossi to close the nominations.

The motion to close the nominations passed 9-0.

Mrs. Jankowsky requested a roll call vote, as follows:

<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Mr. Faust</i>
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<i>Mr. Grossi</i>	<i>Mr. Hertenberger</i>
<i>Mrs. Baranski</i>	<i>Mr. Faust</i>
<i>Mr. Locke</i>	<i>Mr. Hertenberger</i>
<i>Mr. Hertenberger</i>	<i>Mr. Hertenberger</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Abstained</i>
<i>Mr. Strouse</i>	<i>Mr. Faust</i>
<i>Mrs. Jankowsky</i>	<i>Abstained</i>

The motion failed. (Mrs. Jankowsky explained that the motion failed since five votes were required for a candidate to be elected. She felt that there was no need to fill the position at this time.)

5. Assistant Superintendent's Salary 2003-2004

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Hertenberger to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the salary of \$115,900.34, effective July 1, 2003, for Dr. Thomas W. Sexton, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education/Administrative Services for the 2003-04 school year. The Assistant Superintendent will also receive a performance bonus of \$1,500 for the 2002-03 school year.

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

6. Superintendent's Salary 2003-2004

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the salary of \$139,725, effective July 1, 2003, for

David P. Blatt, Superintendent of Schools for the 2003-04 school year. The Superintendent will also receive a performance bonus of \$2,500 for the 2002-03 school year.

Mr. Strouse stated that the Board had received a copy of the Addendum to the Employment Agreement.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she had reviewed this matter and felt this was a bizarre procedure since it had been voted on before and was already in place.

Mr. Faust asked if the question could be split. He had no problem with the salary but does with the contract. Mr. Strouse had no problem with splitting this out to a separate resolution; Mr. Grossi agreed.

The motion as to salary and bonus passed 8-1. (Mrs. Huf opposed.)

Regarding the contract, Mr. Grossi advised that they had been working on it for some time and that it has been reviewed in detail. The attorneys have reviewed this, as has the committee.

The motion as to the contract passed 7-2. (Mrs. Huf and Mr. Faust opposed.)

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mr. Locke to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Change of Status; Mentors; Tutors; Saturday School Proctor; and Per Diem Substitute Teachers.

The motion passed 9-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Strouse indicated that he had received an e-mail regarding the letting of a contract for the data processing department. Administration has handled the issues involved.

Mrs. Jankowsky received an e-mail regarding a busing issue for private school.

Mr. Hertenberger received a request for information relating to the cost of educating a student, specifically elementary versus high school. Mrs. Jankowsky asked Mr. Blatt to provide that information.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mrs. Jankowsky advised that the white board issue has been addressed through two memos: one from Mr. Blatt dated September 18th regarding an explanation; the second from Dr. Masko to

Mr. Blatt regarding the expenditure being listed as part of the Technology curriculum. She requested and received the Board's approval to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting so that the vendor can be paid.

Mr. Strouse stated that he was still not able to locate this item in the Finance or Education Committee minutes. He asked that this be looked into. Mrs. Jankowsky stated that this information will be provided.

Mr. Hertenberger announced that the Centennial Education Foundation is having a party on Saturday evening, November 1st, and invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Hertenberger pointed out that at the last meeting he had asked the newspapers to investigate where the money is that the government is sitting on. He would like an answer from the newspapers, and would also like the legislature to find this out.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Faust to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary