

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF REORGANIZATION MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 1, 2003**

CALL TO ORDER

A Reorganization Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on December 1, 2003, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jankowsky at 7:38 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

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

Administration:

David Blatt
Sandy Homel
Victor Lasher
Dr. Michael Masko
Robert Reed
Dr. Thomas Sexton

CEA/Principals/Teachers:

Denise Wettstein

Public:

Scott Jaffe
Brett Gold
Allie Gold
Adam Jaffe
Jared Gold
Judge Thomas Reuter
Joey Faust
Al Carbone
Megan Faust
Susan Strouse
Max Brown Gold
Luke Brown Gold
Theresa Brown Gold
Lee Mueller
Gwen Mueller
Chad Mueller

Cyndi Mueller
Bobbie Loftus
Bernie O’Neill
Joe Kehan
Stanley Allen
Paula Strauss
Arnold Strauss
Eileen Shestack
Charles Shestack
Marie C. Brzezinski
Fred Gold
Rose Gold
Neil Gold
Jamie Gold
Mona Jaffe
Robert A. Shaffer
Ben Finlay

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

Mrs. Jankowsky asked for nominations for Temporary President. She indicated that only the holdover Board members would be voting on this, including Mrs. Baranski, Mrs. Huf, Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Jankowsky.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to approve appointing Joan Jankowsky as Temporary President.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to close the nominations.

The motion to close nominations passed 4-0.

The motion to elect Joan Jankowsky as Temporary President passed 4-0.

RECOGNITION OF DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Jankowsky noted that the term of the departing Board members “officially” ends with the swearing in of the new Board members. Each of these members has contributed to the work of the Board and the education of the students long before their election to the Board and hopefully will continue after this Reorganization Meeting.

On behalf of the entire Centennial community, Mrs. Jankowsky extended heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Locke, Mr. Hertenberger and Mr. Strouse for their dedication and commitment to public education in Ivyland, Southampton and Warminster. She gave several examples of things that have been accomplished in the District during their term in office, including: conducting a search and appointing a new Superintendent who has provided the leadership that has made Centennial a district on the move; providing responsible leadership in negotiating a contract with the Centennial Education Association; developing labor agreements with the Centennial administrative and support staffs; approving the middle school schedule that focuses resources on student achievement, while maintaining the critical components of the middle school schedule and setting; approving a literacy program that will provide all students with the opportunity to become proficient readers; supporting an effective program for continuous review of curriculum, instruction and assessment; and providing funding for the maintenance of our facilities and the updating of our technology program. They have served their community well and have discharged the duties of their office with fidelity.

Mrs. Jankowsky then presented engraved pen sets to Mr. Hertenberger, Mr. Locke and Mr. Strouse in recognition of their service to the Centennial School District.

Mr. Blatt recognized Mrs. Jankowsky for her Presidency during the past two years. He stated that she made herself available as needed, whether it was days, nights, weekends or holidays, beyond what anyone could reasonably expect. Mr. Blatt stated that it was his distinct pleasure and honor to work beside Mrs. Jankowsky.

Mr. Strouse, as Vice President of the Board, stated that Mrs. Jankowsky has served as a mentor to him for public and political education. She taught him a lot and has given much to the District. He presented her with an engraved gavel on behalf of the District, in recognition of her service as President of the Board for the past two years.

Mr. Strouse, as a departing Board member, expressed his gratitude to all his colleagues on the Board. He stated that there was recently an article in the newspaper regarding whether school boards should even exist and that they rarely serve a purpose. He felt that this Board has served a purpose and has had much constructive debate and gotten things done. It was a wonderful experience for him.

Mr. Strouse thanked Mrs. Jankowsky for her service as President. He noted that Mrs. Huf was President during his first two years on the Board. Mr. Grossi taught him about finance and what boardmanship is about. He felt that Mr. Faust brought a different dimension to the Board, having children in the District. He thanked Mr. Locke for his time and effort. He stated that it was a pleasure working with the Board and that it was terrific doing this job. He was glad that they accomplished so much.

Mr. Locke expressed his gratitude for working with a superb group of people in the community. He felt Centennial has an excellent teaching staff and that the Superintendent is super. He felt that Centennial is gaining recognition in the Bucks County area as a quality school system. We have excellent long-term Board members who have made excellent contributions with their experience. It was an honor to work with this group. He also offered congratulations to the new Board members and wished them the best.

Mr. Hertenberger stated that he felt more people needed to come in and get active in the District. If people don't get involved, nothing will happen. He spoke about Mrs. Jankowsky's strong leadership skills and wished everyone well.

[Dr. Sexton arrived at the meeting at 7:55 p.m.]

RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION, ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Mrs. Jankowsky introduced The Honorable Thomas Reuter, who was on hand to administer the oath of office to incoming and holdover Board members.

Mrs. Jankowsky read the Certificate of Election of Cynthia L. Mueller, of Region 1. Judge Reuter administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Mueller, while her children, Gwen and Chad, held the Bible.

Mrs. Jankowsky read the Certificate of Election of Marie Brzezinski, of Region 2. Judge Reuter administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Brzezinski. Mrs. Brzezinski apologized that none of her family could be present since they were all out of town.

Mrs. Jankowsky read the Certificate of Election of Joseph F. Faust, Jr., of Region 3. Judge Reuter administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Faust, while his daughter, Megan, held the Bible.

Mrs. Jankowsky read the Certificate of Election of Rose L. Gold, of Region 2. Judge Reuter administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Gold, while many of her family members held the Bible.

Mrs. Jankowsky read the Certificate of Election of Eugene J. Grossi, of Region 1. Judge Reuter administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Grossi.

Mrs. Jankowsky thanked Judge Reuter for making himself available to administer the Oath of Office to these Board members. The departing Board members then left the Board table and the new Board members took their places.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President

Mrs. Jankowsky requested nominations for President.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Grossi to nominate Mrs. Lynch as President.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to close the nominations. The motion passed 9-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mrs. Huf to elect Mrs. Lynch as President by acclamation.

The motion to elect Mrs. Lynch by acclamation passed 9-0.

Vice President

Mrs. Jankowsky requested nominations for Vice President.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Baranski to nominate Mr. Grossi as Vice President.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to close the nominations.

The motion to close the nominations passed 9-0.

The motion to elect Mr. Grossi as Vice President passed 9-0.

Assistant Secretary

Mrs. Jankowsky requested nominations for Assistant Secretary.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Baranski to nominate Mrs. Huf as Assistant Secretary.

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to close the nominations.

The motion to close nominations passed 9-0.

The motion to elect Mrs. Huf as Assistant Secretary passed 9-0.

COMMITTEES

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that committee assignments and appointments will be made by the incoming President as soon as possible. Mrs. Lynch stated that it would be done at the next meeting.

Mr. Grossi commented that the Board members who retired this evening, as well as the continuing Board members, have made a terrific contribution to the District. He thanked Mrs. Jankowsky for her leadership and dedication to the Centennial School District, which is second to none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Gold to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary