

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on February 10, 2004, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lynch at 7:35 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Sina Baranski  
Marie Brzezinski  
Joseph Faust  
Rose Gold  
Eugene Grossi  
Betty Huf  
Joan Jankowsky  
Jane Schrader Lynch  
Cynthia Mueller

CEA/Teachers:

Andy Mahony  
Carol Monaghan

Administration:

David Blatt  
Sandy Homel  
Victor Lasher  
Dr. Michael Masko  
Jean Rollo  
Dr. Thomas Sexton  
Timothy Vail

Public:

Harve Strouse  
Michael Monaghan  
Marianne Chisesi  
Stefanie Ryan  
Linda Fanelli  
Karen Kinzle

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Lynch announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting relative to personnel matters.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### Presentation to Make-a-Wish Foundation by WTHS Key Club

Mrs. Lynch stated that she personally thought what the Key Club did was absolutely marvelous. They raised \$5,000 to take a three-year old to Disney World. She thanked them for their hard work.

Mrs. Homel introduced Karen Adams, a teacher in the Language Department who is advisor to the Key Club. Four of the students involved in the project presented Janet Bolens, a volunteer for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, with the check. She thanked the students for their work and said how much it meant to these families.

### Recognition of Vic Lasher by PASBO

Mrs. Lynch explained that recently Vic Lasher was recognized as a Pennsylvania Registered School Business Administrator by the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials. He was granted this professional registration status by PASBO for meeting the high personal, ethical and professional standards established for the program. Mrs. Lynch congratulated Mr. Lasher for this award.

Mr. Grossi stated that he was glad that PASBO had recognized Mr. Lasher and that we at Centennial know that he is unquestionably the most skilled person in his field. His long-term commitment to preventive maintenance and ongoing maintenance has been outstanding and his leadership is beyond question. Although the District's buildings are 30 to 50 years old, they look new. Mr. Grossi felt that there was no one better than Vic Lasher.

Mrs. Jankowsky concurred with Mr. Grossi's comments. In her years with the District she has noted that each year the buildings are fine tuned. She felt the School Board should also be commended for committing the money to do so but that we wouldn't be there without Mr. Lasher. She thanked him for his hard work.

### Barbara Loftus, Warminster Tax Collector

Mrs. Lynch stated that she was in her second term as tax collector of Warminster Township. Mrs. Loftus thanked the Board for inviting her to the meeting and explained that although the school works on a fiscal year, she must work on a calendar year. Therefore, her report was for calendar year 2003. She also indicated that her report was for Warminster only for property real estate taxes, not earned income taxes. There is a regular bill that everyone gets; some people get an interim bill if their assessment has changed over the year.

Mrs. Loftus reported that they were able to have the interim bills 100% collected. There were no tax liens put on for these. There was an extra \$42,382.33 collected on interim bills. For the regular real estate taxes she received a warrant for \$21,946,278.44. She indicated that there is no way all of it can be collected, but she collected \$21,316,848.45, which is almost 98%. Out of

9,740 parcels, 156 were liened. The total collected for 2003 was \$21,359,230.78, which is the highest it has been in the four years since she has been here.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she has known Mrs. Loftus for many years and has never seen anyone who works so hard. She felt she has done a wonderful job.

Mrs. Loftus stated that it was a shame to have had such a good year, then to have her pay withheld. She explained that due to a clerical error, she would not be paid until February 20<sup>th</sup> when she should have been paid the week prior to this meeting.

Mr. Blatt explained that when this was brought to his attention, he looked into it. It was in the cycle that she should be paid on February 20<sup>th</sup>, but she was under the impression that it would be before that.

Mrs. Lynch stated that Mrs. Loftus had done a marvelous job and if there was an error in the timing of her payment, she apologized. She indicated that this would be looked into so this will not happen again next year.

Mrs. Huf asked if Mrs. Loftus received any additional money for the interims she collected. Mrs. Loftus stated that she did from the county, but not the school district. Mr. Faust stated that it was true that she did not get additional money for the interims; however, there was an increase factor built into the salary several years ago for this. Mrs. Loftus felt that this was probably before she got elected.

## **GOOD NEWS**

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

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None

## **REPORTS**

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Mr. Crance reported on the following activities:

- In the January-March edition of "Penny Lots", the newsletter of the Bucks County Historical Society there was an article published by Ed Austen, a Tennent teacher, entitled "A History of Slavery in Bucks County."
- January 14 – Pennsylvania Math League Contest; Tutorial presentation by Officer Batistini about the real life of police.
- January 15-17 – Heather Siegfried, a Senior, participated in the PMEA District Orchestra Festival at Bensalem High School.
- January 16-17 – Thespian Troupe presented "Check Please", a one-act play.
- January 21 – Math Contest during tutorials

- January 22-29 – Final Exams
- February 3-4 – Auditions for the Spring Musical
- February 4 – Senior Sweetheart Skits; FBLA District Competition
- February 5 – Assembly featuring a troupe of Chinese acrobats; Tennent Mock Trial Team
- February 5 & 7 – Voting for Senior Sweetheart
- February 8 – American Math Competition Contest

Mr. Crance also spoke about ongoing projects, such as the Heifer Project and Valentine's Day candy sales. The Senior Prom was scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> and the Senior Social was being set up.

### **MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Ezokas reported as follows:

- The VICA District Competitions were held on February 5<sup>th</sup>. MBIT hosted 300 students from ten technical schools, who competed in over 70 different areas.
- The adult education program started the previous week and was offering twenty different courses.
- The current week was Vocational Education Week.
- On February 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 at Aspirations the National Technical Honor Society would induct 13 students, including Mr. Ezokas.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Blatt indicated that information was included in the Friday Update to the Board or in his Superintendent's Report.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Baranski reported that the Education Committee met on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Kindergarten Task Force gave a report and the reading initiative proposal was moved to the full Board. The Committee feels the library and health and phys ed renewal needs to be streamlined before it comes to the full Board; they will do so on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf reported that a meeting was held the previous evening. There was no administrative report since Dr. Lees was absent. She reported on the following:

- There were several student recognitions.
- There was a Safety Committee report.
- The Personnel Committee had met the previous week and discussed the feasibility study for this year.
- The resignation of Dr. Lees was accepted. He will be moving to another high school to act as Superintendent.

- The Articles of Agreement were brought up since they indicate that for every 11% you are entitled to another Board representative but it also stated that no school will have more than three members. After discussion, it was decided that they would not be changed. It would require a unanimous vote to change this.

Mr. Grossi stated that the solicitor agreed that the Articles of Agreement are as they should be.

#### Intermediate Unit

Mrs. Brzezinski reported that she missed the last meeting due to illness. The next meeting will be on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### PSBA

No report.

### **FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mr. Faust reported that at the last meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>, the committee started the early stages of the budget review. They reviewed the capital projects, but no decisions were made. It was just an information meeting. They also had a presentation on the cafeteria point-of-sale system. The next meeting will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Title VIII

Mr. Faust reported that the application has been filed with the state.

#### Federal Lands Reuse Authority

No report.

### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that the Operations Committee met on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and discussed the following three issues:

- A transportation issue raised by a resident
- Feasibility study for the high school
- Remote voting by Board members – they will generate a recommendation for the Board at a later time.

The annual building tours are scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. All Board members are welcome to attend.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that Administration had been asked to generate a priority list of capital projects regarding the \$600,000 the Board received from the sale of Shelmire School. This money must be used for capital projects.

The next meeting will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Regarding the capital projects list, Mr. Blatt indicated that he had sent out a message to the administrative staff asking for their comments. They are coming in and he felt there would be a comprehensive list for the Board to consider.

### Citizens Policy

Mrs. Baranski reported that the next meeting will be on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Mueller reported that the General Assembly was in session the previous week and passed House Bill 2128 to establish basic education continuation or stop gap funding. If, by August 15<sup>th</sup> of any year, there was no legislation enacting the basic education subsidy, unappropriated monies from the general fund would be transferred to an emergency fund. This fund would be used to make the regularly scheduled basic subsidy payments to districts in amounts no greater than they received in the previous year. It would also permit school boards to reopen their budgets to reflect the funding provided under the bill. PSBA supports this bill. They wanted to make sure that all Board members received information to be active in the fight against the referendum. Mrs. Mueller encouraged the Board, as well as the listening public, to check out PSBA's website regarding this matter. This would remove our ability to actively govern the District.

## **MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of January 13, 2004.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

## **OPERATIONS AND POLICIES**

### Initial Distribution:

Mrs. Jankowsky noted the following policies for initial distribution:

- 3.28 – Student Health Services
- 4.10 – Video Surveillance
- 5.14 – Volunteers
- 7.19 Weapons/Explosive Devices and Caustic Substances

Final Approval:

2.22 – Evaluation and Rating of Administrators

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 2.22 – Evaluation and Rating of Administrators.*

Mr. Faust asked if the formatting question raised at the previous meeting had been taken care of. Dr. Sexton confirmed that it had.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

3.4 – Student Trips

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Gold to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.4 – Student Trips.*

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that there was additional language in the policy that addressed the point Mr. Faust made at the last meeting regarding page 3.4C.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

3.11 – Prohibiting Discrimination in Education

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.11 – Prohibiting Discrimination in Education.*

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that the requested changes had been made.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

5.16 – English as a Second Language Program

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the adoption of Policy 5.16 – English as a Second Language Program.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

**FINANCIAL**

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the:*

- *Schedule of Bills – January 2004*
- *Investments – January 2004*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – January 2004*
- *Student Activity/Clearing Funds – October 1 through December 31, 2003*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – January 2004*
- *Budgetary Transfers – February 2004*

It was noted that we are at 100% of current real estate taxes at this time. The interims are way down but that is not unusual since the currents are way up.

Mr. Grossi requested a breakdown of interim taxes, i.e. where they came from and what the interim billings were.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated, for clarification, that she believed that last year during the budget process there was a lot of give-and-take on the number used for collectibility. The committee established 96%. When we indicate 100% collected, that is 100% of 96%.

Mrs. Brzezinski asked why the money is so spread around. Mr. Faust explained that some of it has to do with the FDIC only insuring up to \$100,000. Also, we do nationwide research on who has the best interest rates, so the money may be deposited in an institution in another state.

Mr. Blatt commented that several years ago a bank went under due to large-scale fraud. Several school districts were exposed to a possible loss but because of the good work of this Board and previous Boards and Administration, we were fortunate that we recouped every single penny. He felt this was a credit to the Board.

Mrs. Baranski stated that she would like to hold the following checks: #010669, 011007, 011026 and 010900. She did not understand what they were for and wanted explanations. Mr. Vail explained that the Board policy on payment of bills called for holding all bills for 48 hours or two business days, so these check were all mailed earlier in the day. He stated the he could provide her with backup information on the checks.

Mrs. Baranski felt it was silly to have this procedure if the checks were already mailed. Mrs. Mueller pointed out that the information was provided the previous Friday. Mrs. Lynch pointed out that if there were questions, Mrs. Baranski should have contacted someone about them. Mrs. Baranski asked why they were mailed before they were presented at the meeting. Mr. Vail stated that there is a Board policy on payment of bills that is very strictly adhered to. There are two classifications of bills: (1) pre-approved items, such as payroll items, bids, etc.; and (2) pending items which the Board receives in their packet on a weekly basis. These are held for two business days by Board policy. If no one objects, they are cleared for release. He reiterated that this policy is adhered to very strictly.

Mr. Grossi explained the history of the policy, indicating that there was a point where vendors weren't getting paid for sixty days and were complaining. This was addressed in policy; now

they are paid as close to thirty days as possible. Mr. Grossi suggested that the policy be reviewed more often.

Mr. Faust indicated that at the time the policy was written, the Board only had one voting meeting per month. If there is enough concern by the Board, the policy could be changed to provide that the bills not be paid until the Board approves them. However, the policy would have to be worded to account for July, August and December when the Board doesn't meet twice.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that it would be a good idea for the Finance Committee to review the policy.

*The motion passed 8-1. (Mrs. Baranski opposed.)*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Purchase Cafeteria Point of Sale System**

Mrs. Lynch explained that this matter had to be brought forward again to assure that the Board was following strict procedures. She had the solicitor forward an opinion on this and it has been brought back at the request of Mrs. Mueller.

Mrs. Huf stated that she was disappointed to see this on the agenda again since it was discussed and voted on the previous week. She didn't understand why it was being brought back in a week's time. She stated that this was unacceptable to her.

Mrs. Gold stated that, according to Robert's Rules of Order, once an assembly has decided a question, the same or substantially the same question cannot be brought up again unless there is an unusual circumstance.

Mrs. Lynch indicated that the solicitor has said that any Board member may place an item on the agenda a minimum of five days before a meeting by written notice, or may verbally submit it to the Superintendent/Board President. Mrs. Lynch indicated that she asked for a legal opinion on this and according to that opinion it may be placed on the agenda again.

Mrs. Mueller cautioned the Board on going to a solicitor on something that there is a policy for. She indicated that the Board has authorized a parliamentarian, who was not consulted on this. Also, we do not follow Robert's Rules of Order; we have our own. She felt money was wasted by paying a solicitor for this. She indicated that she checked this out ahead of time and asked that the following statement be included verbatim in the minutes:

"I feel we are bound by our policy 4.5A. Cafeterias Roman Numeral II. Section labeled Participants Item #10. The school shall provide a method of serving the free and reduced breakfast/lunches, which respects the dignity of students.

“It is my opinion that we are not currently providing a process that respects this dignity when these students have to get into a separate line. We are segregating students and to me this is a discriminatory practice.

“Last Tuesday we all supported Policy 3.11 and voted 9-0 on it this evening to pass this policy. This policy prohibits discrimination in our Education Programs and Services. Currently we have a discriminatory practice in the way we provide free and reduced breakfast and lunches to our students. We need to follow our Policies 3.11A and 4.5A.

“A vote against implementing in all of our schools this evening is voting not to follow our own policies.”

Mrs. Lynch stated that Mrs. Mueller was proclaiming that the School District had violated its own policy since it was implemented in 2000. Mrs. Mueller stated that she felt there was a process that did not provide dignity, that when children are separated, they are being segregated and so you are up for discrimination. She felt this matter needed to be looked at and moved on.

Mr. Grossi pointed out that he had not been present the previous week and was not fully aware of all the discussion that had taken place. He indicated that the cash registers are old, as is the inventory control. Sooner or later we will have to replace the cash registers, which will probably cost more than \$42,000. He remembered discussion in the Finance Committee meetings where they had discussed needing a new system. He felt it was not new that a policy is brought up at one meeting and then brought up again at another meeting.

Mr. Grossi felt that a staged implementation was reasonable; then if there was a problem with the software it could be fixed. He felt the system needed to be purchased for the whole District and implemented in stages.

Mr. Faust indicated that the way he understood it was that it could be done at the middle and elementary schools later, but it would be a pilot at the high school first. We would have to rebid it again for the other schools. He was not opposed to the phased-in motion. He just wanted to let one contract. The motion that was approved the previous week was for one contract at the high school.

Mr. Blatt stated that he wanted to confirm much of what Mrs. Lynch said. He received a fax requesting the item be placed on the agenda again. It was not his place to check the Board President – it was to consult with the Board President and implement policy. He gave his opinion to Mrs. Lynch. He interpreted the policy the same way. He was part of the decision to obtain the solicitor’s opinion; he felt it was the right thing to do. The policy allows for an item to be revisited.

Mrs. Huf stated that she felt the aggressive schedule provided the previous week was too aggressive without seeing how the system worked. She felt the vote for the high school was a good vote and that she would stand by her reasoning. When the data becomes

available she will review it. She indicated that she had no problem with her vote and that she would be opposing this motion this evening.

Mrs. Gold agreed with Mrs. Huf entirely. She did not understand why we could not implement this gradually and have a contract that way.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated, by way of clarification, that the Board voted for one-year implementation at the high school only.

Mrs. Mueller felt there were other issues as well, including the effect on the e-rate. She stated that if there were 1-19% of students on free and reduced lunches, we would receive a 40% e-rate discount on telecommunications; 20-29% of students, a 50% discount; and 30% of students, a 60% discount. At Leary and Longstreth we have 17% participation; Log College – 20%; McDonald – 20.9%; Willow Dale – 20.9%. If we lose one or two students, we could lose \$5,000 or \$6,000. Klinger is at 10% and the High School is at 11%. Mrs. Mueller read from a letter from Karen Kinzle dated February 4<sup>th</sup> indicating that she expected the new system to bring in \$100 extra per day once it starts.

Mrs. Lynch pointed out that it would be wonderful to bring more money in, but it would cost money also.

Mr. Grossi stated that he had only seen this afternoon that we contracted only for the high school. He felt we should go back to the contractor to ask what deal could be cut. He felt this motion made reasonable sense. The payment could be held until the software was working adequately. He felt we were in an awkward position to go back to a bidder to see what the credit would be if we change the contract. He felt it could be phased in.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she would not be voting for this; that she was upset. Mrs. Lynch pointed out that discussion is healthy.

Mrs. Huf pointed out that a question was raised the previous week about whether prices would hold if only the high school was done and Mrs. Kinzle indicated that they would. Mrs. Kinzle now stated that they would probably hold a few months, but she didn't know whether they would hold for a year.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that this was a completely different discussion than what was held the previous week. Clearly the message given to Administration the previous week was for the high school only and for a full year. This could have been prevented if there was an open mind to review it again in May or June. There was no discussion about revisiting it in April, May or June. It was for one year at the high school. She felt that Mrs. Mueller brought up a good point that the Board should follow its own policies.

Mr. Grossi stated that if there was a disagreement on how it should be, it should have gone back to Finance so they could fix the contract. This inadvertently put the District at risk with the vendor. We could have asked for a pilot program ahead of time and worked with the vendor on that. To try to fix it afterwards creates a problem with the vendors.

He understood that everyone was sincere in this but felt that that wasn't the process that should have been used.

Mr. Grossi stated that if lunch prices were raised to help pay for this, the adjustment would not be significant. Mrs. Baranski was not in favor of raising prices.

Mrs. Jankowsky suggested to Mrs. Mueller that, in light of the conversation, perhaps this could be moved for possible consideration in April, May or June. She asked if that was feasible for the Finance Committee and suggested that this item be withdrawn even though it was not moved yet.

Mrs. Mueller felt that was a wonderful idea and stated that she would like to withdraw the motion from the table. Mr. Grossi pointed out to Mr. Faust that this should be placed on the Finance Committee agenda.

Mrs. Huf stated that discussion was that this was to be a pilot program at the high school for one year. She did not remember this item being moved for a period of one year. She read from the motion of the previous week (which was provided in draft by the Secretary and not yet approved by the Board), which stated, in part: "Purchase and implementation at William Tennent High School to be phased over the remainder of the 2003-04 school year."

Mr. Faust indicated that he had made the motion and that he believed he made the motion for a calendar year.

2. Appointment of 2004 Impact Aid Representative

*A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mrs. Baranski to resolve that the Centennial School Board appoints Mr. Joseph Faust, Board Member, to replace Timothy Vail as the 2003-04 Impact Aid representative for the Centennial School District.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

Mrs. Lynch called for a brief recess at 9:55 p.m. The meeting resumed at 10:03 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

4. Facility Use Waiver Application

Mrs. Lynch asked to have this item moved up on the agenda. Mrs. Jankowsky explained that because of the timing of the meetings, it was not possible to have this appear on the Work Session agenda first.

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Gold to resolve that the Centennial School Board hereby approves the Facility Use Waiver Application for Warminster Baseball Association for Sunday use of William Tennent's auxiliary gym*

*from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on February 15, March 21 and 28, 2004. Facility use fee for custodians will be paid by the association. There is no cost to the District.*

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that the application indicates that 100% of the participants are Centennial residents. She indicated that the Board usually allows these if we can obtain custodial help on a Sunday. Mrs. Jankowsky asked Administration to do what they could to make sure the various groups know the rules for items appearing before the Board and that they should submit their applications in a timely manner.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

1. Final Approval for the WTHS Boys Volleyball Team Trip to the Hempfield Tournament

*A motion was made by Mrs. Baranski and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for the William Tennent High School Boys Volleyball Team Trip to the Hempfield Tournament in Landisville, Pennsylvania, on March 26-27, 2004. There is no cost to the District.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

2. Herff-Jones/WTHS Yearbook Change Order

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes a change order to the Herff Jones/WTHS Yearbook contract in the amount of \$11,795 for enhancements, additional pages and additional books in keeping with Administration's efforts to update procedures and increase sales. Cost of total yearbook contract to be covered by student sales and fund raising activities (if necessary).*

Mrs. Lynch indicated that the price was brought down \$800. Mr. Grossi indicated that in the past there have been times when we have needed to make up deficits in the yearbook. This is an aggressive, exciting approach. In the second year of implementation we may need to kick in a little bit to make this balance. He felt that the effort was worth it and he planned to support it.

Mrs. Mueller thanked Mr. Blatt and Administration for going back and renegotiating this. She felt it was worthwhile.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

3. Projects for PDE Approval

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board hereby applies to the PDE (Pennsylvania Department of Education) for approval of the plans and specifications for the work described as follows:*

<u>Project</u>	<u>Building(s)</u>
<i>Carpet Replacement</i>	<i>Administration Bldg., McDonald Elementary School, Log College Middle School, William Tennent High School</i>
<i>Door Replacement</i>	<i>Davis, Leary, Longstreth, Stackpole, and Willow Dale Elementary Schools, Klinger Middle School, Log College Middle School, William Tennent High School</i>
<i>Replace Bleachers</i>	<i>Klinger Middle School, Log College Middle School</i>
<i>Replace HVAC Control System</i>	<i>Leary Elementary School</i>
<i>Replace Rooftop HVAC Units</i>	<i>McDonald Elementary School</i>

*The Board hereby applies to the Department of Education for approval of the plans and specifications for the work described above. The Board certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, construction bid documents comply, or will comply, with applicable laws, regulations and policies, and the project will not pose a hazard to the health and safety of users. Specifications include all applicable statements set forth in the current PDE document entitled "Required Clauses for Specifications". Construction contracts will not be entered into prior to PDE approval. If the Board proceeds with this project, the lowest responsible bidder(s) will be selected. The Board also certifies that the above-described work will proceed whether or not additional on-site work that is subject to Act 34 of 1973 goes forward.*

Mr. Faust stated that at the last Work Session the Board had requested additional information on the last sentence. He asked Mr. Lasher to address this. Mr. Lasher explained that the wording of the last paragraph was taken word-for-word from the PDE form. That sentence referred to Act 34 (commonly referred to as "The Taj Mahal Act"). The language does not apply to this work because it is not new construction.

Mrs. Lynch asked for confirmation that there is no commitment, this is just an application. Mr. Lasher confirmed this. Mr. Grossi explained further that this is something that is done annually and that the projects don't always all go ahead. However, we need PDE approval since we don't go through the local authorities.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

## **PERSONNEL**

*A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/*

*Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Mentors; Curriculum Resource Team Members; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Support Staff Substitutes; Homebound Tutor; and Co-Curricular.*

Mrs. Jankowsky noted that one of the names on the list was Sherry Weinberg, who will be retiring after 18 years of service to the District. She wished her well and stated that she has done a wonderful job with the children.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she was sorry Mrs. Weinberg was leaving. She thanked her for beautifying the front lawn at the school.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

## **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. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Huf to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie A. Detwiler  
Board Secretary