

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
HELD APRIL 13, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on April 13, 2004, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lynch at approximately 7:30 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

CEA/Teachers:

Cindy Wiegand  
Judith Heep  
Wendy Collins  
Tara Hering  
Ellen Vacchiano  
Theodore Abel

Administration:

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

Public:

Yuuji Crance  
Brian McNicholas  
David A. Schreiner  
Jim Beardsell  
Pam Beardsell  
Jack Collins  
Joe Duffy  
Theresa Kraus  
John Goldsworthy  
Stephen Kraus  
Joe Carter  
Nicole Kulp

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Lynch thanked Mr. Grossi for chairing the last two meetings in her absence.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### Recognition of School Board Members by PSBA

Mr. Blatt explained that, with the help of Mrs. Lynch, he would be presenting certificates recognizing School Board members for attendance at seminars, workshops and academies held throughout the school year. Recipients of the certificates were: Mrs. Baranski, Mrs. Huf, Mrs. Gold and Mrs. Lynch. Since Mrs. Mueller was not in attendance, Mr. Blatt indicated that she would be presented with her certificate at a future meeting.

### Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalist

Mrs. Homel explained that Wendy Collins of William Tennent High School was a semi-finalist for Teacher of the Year in the State of Pennsylvania. She was one of 24 candidates. This is the fourth consecutive year that the District has had a teacher in the semi-finals. Mrs. Homel spoke about Wendy's background and experience, and read portions of the 13-page application that Wendy submitted.

Mrs. Lynch presented Wendy with a certificate. Since it was also Wendy's birthday, she was given a cake and flowers.

### Recognition of William Tennent High School Student Athletes

Joe Duffy of William Tennent High School honored the following athletes:

- Paul Dudley, a multi-sport player, including volleyball, basketball and soccer. Paul played in two national championships. For three years he was voted All League in the Suburban I Athletic League. He was also selected as an All-State player this past season. Next year he will be going to Duke University to play soccer. He has also performed well in the classroom, being consistently in the top ten in his class.
- Ted Abel was selected as the winner of the Girl's Track Coach of the Year by the Courier Times.
- Nicole Kulp was selected by the Courier Times as the Female Athlete of the Year in Track this year. Mr. Abel spoke about Nicole's accomplishments, including being named to the All-State Indoor Track Team.
- Coach John Goldsworthy introduced Steve Kraus and Joe Carter, two of the members of the four by 400-meter relay team, who received medals at the Pennsylvania State Championship meet. The other two members of the team, Andre Burton and Ben Marucci, could not be present at this meeting.
- John Stay, the Wrestling Coach, spoke about Curtis Beardsell, who finished his career at William Tennent High School with 116 wins, breaking the old record of 106. He was undefeated in his Junior and Senior years, and will be wrestling for Kutztown University next year. David Schreiner was the all-time winning wrestler in Tennent history, with 129 wins. He was the two-time sectional champ and was the outstanding wrestler at the district

tournament this year. He also received the Sportsmanship Award by the Delaware Valley Wrestling Officials. He will be attending Bloomsburg University.

- Maggie Crinio, the Diving Coach, honored Amanda Burke, who took 4<sup>th</sup> place in the PIAA State Diving Championships. She broke a 6-dive record and an 11-dive record. She was named First Team for the Intelligencer.

Mr. Blatt spoke about the fact that the staff and the athletes were a credit to the District. Mrs. Lynch indicated that this was a fine hour for the Board to honor these athletes.

## **GOOD NEWS**

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

Mrs. Jankowsky congratulated the students, staff, parents and administration at both the middle school and at the high school for the two theatrical productions they put on. At Klinger Middle School, they put on *Cinderella*, which was a delight. At the high school they put on *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.

Mrs. Jankowsky requested that the text of a thank you note written by Mr. Bateman and Ms. Travis at Klinger be included in the minutes. She felt that this applies to both the middle school and the high school. The text of the note is as follows:

“Thank you to so many parents, teachers, coaches, administrators and students for building sets, props, providing and selling snacks, running bowling parties, donating attic treasures, planning cast parties, selling balloons, rehearsing with kids, being stage moms and dads, donating lots of money, giving back door prizes to the show, creating hats, supporting your directors, lending furniture and other artifacts, and sharing the kids who are so active in their school. You are all cogs in the wheels that keep Klinger Middle School rolling along! We are most grateful!!!!”

Mrs. Lynch agreed that the students were outstanding. Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that the pit at Klinger was probably 98% students playing the music for *Cinderella*.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Brian McNicholas of 327 Sterling Circle, Southampton, addressed the Board regarding AP exams. He reminded the Board that he had appeared before them the previous month. Since then, he did some research on 16 different school districts in the area, the results of which he distributed to the Board. He also discussed that the amount of students taking AP exams at William Tennent has been increasing. He enumerated some of the other expenses Seniors must bear, including caps and gowns (\$17), prom tickets (\$140), college admissions fees (\$300), various other clubs (\$50), dances (\$50), prom dress (\$300), after-prom activities (\$200), yearbook (\$80), and six-month's car insurance (\$600). He requested that the Board consider doing something to help the students with the cost of the AP exams.

Mr. Grossi commended Mr. McNicholas on his research. Mrs. Brzezinski questioned why he included car insurance in his itemization, since she felt this was a privilege. Mr. Grossi felt that, in light of Mr. McNicholas's work on this, the Finance Committee should discuss this matter.

Mrs. Brzezinski suggested that the students arrange fundraising to help pay for the testing.

Mrs. Baranski stated that she felt Brian had included the \$600 for car insurance since this was an expense that students needed to pay in addition to the other expenses.

Mrs. Jankowsky complimented Log College Middle School for all of the artwork on display in the Board Room.

## **REPORTS**

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Mr. Crance reported on the following events:

- The Student Government sponsored a canned food drive to benefit Operation Helping Hand.
- During all student lunches, the League of Women Voters signed up all eligible students to vote.
- The Senior Computer Club was started as a community service activity that pairs Tennent students with residents from Southampton Estates to teach the seniors computer skills.
- School rings were delivered.
- PSSA testing for Juniors took place.
- There was a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade semi-formal dance.
- There was a new computer system introduced at Tennent in the cafeteria.
- The school musical, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* took place.
- There will be a final contest of the PA Math League. Tennent is second going into this contest.
- Reading Olympics will take place at Tennent.
- Senior Prom will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Mr. Gearty for his support and help, as well the other class officers.
- The class officers are also focusing on the Senior Treat each month.

### **MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

No report.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Blatt had no report. However, Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that Mr. Blatt had sent Board members a report that included one item regarding goals for the 2004-05 school year. She requested that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Baranski reported that the next meeting would be April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf reported that a meeting was held the previous evening. There was an Executive Session prior to the meeting regarding the MBEA tentative agreement. Also, the MBIT technology plan was approved; the MBEA contract agreement with the staff was approved; and the budget was reviewed. They were able to bring the budget down from an over 8% increase to a 4+% increase.

### Intermediate Unit

Mrs. Brzezinski reported that the next meeting of the I.U. would be on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. She pointed out that she had received information from PSBA regarding the Region 11 Annual Business Meeting.

### PSBA

No report. Mrs. Lynch felt that this item should be removed from the agenda since all Board members receive a lot of mail from PSBA.

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

Mr. Faust stated that the Finance Committee had been busy reviewing the budget over the past few weeks. The next meeting would be at 6:30 p.m. on April 14<sup>th</sup>, at which time they would review the fund balance projections.

Mrs. Huf commented on an article that had appeared in the Intelligencer by stating that she was not aware of a 38 mill increase. Mr. Faust felt that what they were saying was that 38 mills was what was needed to balance the budget, but no one on the committee is planning to balance the budget with a 38 mill increase. Mrs. Huf indicated that she had received several phone calls regarding this. Mrs. Lynch stated that had also received many calls.

Mr. Grossi commented on the state budget, indicating that we don't know what the future holds as far as the state is concerned. He pointed out that there is a significant shortfall in the promises made for special education and No Child Left Behind mandates. He felt there would be difficult times ahead for everyone involved in local government.

Mrs. Lynch stressed that she had not heard from anyone that it is a fact that there would be a 38 mill increase; therefore, she was concerned that this appeared in the newspaper.

Mrs. Gold indicated that she had also received many calls about this and that there was no way that she would vote for any kind of increase.

Mr. Faust indicated that one Finance Committee Meeting would have to be cancelled since Board members would be at MBIT to interview candidates for the new directorship. Although the tentative budget calendar called for preliminary budget adoption at the next meeting, at this point he felt that was an unrealistic goal.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she was saddened to see the Secretary of Education, Vicki Phillips, departing. She found her to be very knowledgeable, effective and responsive. In Mrs. Jankowsky's opinion, Ms. Phillips was the best Secretary of Education she had experienced in her time on the Board. Ms. Phillips had many things to implement and to provide to school districts across the state that were not of her making, but were federal mandates and policy issues by the government and the legislature.

Mr. Blatt commented on the budget process, indicating that it is very much a work in progress and that it takes many months to look at a \$60+ million budget. In Centennial, the budget is reviewed line by line. He indicated that he had also received calls from the public regarding the budget. He felt that once we take the time to explain the procedure, there is acceptance. He felt it was healthy to continually look at new programs and new approaches and then decide whether or not we can afford them.

#### Title VIII

No report.

#### Federal Lands Reuse Authority

No report.

### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that the Operations Committee had met prior to this Board Meeting and reviewed the capital projects list that had been previously submitted. They also reviewed additional capital projects that the committee had requested Administration to develop. The next meeting of the committee would be held in two weeks, prior to the next Board Meeting.

#### Citizens Policy

Mrs. Baranski advised that a meeting was scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Legislative Liaison

No report.

## TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jankowsky advised that the committee had completed its task and that a plan had been distributed to the Board. There was a presentation at the last meeting by Mr. Reed. The committee asked for the Board's support and pointed out that the Board would be *accepting* the plan, not *approving* it and that there is a timeline since the plan needs to be in Harrisburg by April 30<sup>th</sup>. She thanked everyone who had worked on the plan.

Mrs. Lynch pointed out that although her name was listed as being Board liaison, she was unable to go to any of the meetings so Mrs. Jankowsky went to them. She thanked her for doing so.

Mrs. Jankowsky explained that this was a three-year plan, from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007. There are three subsections to the plan, including Communication and Information, Curriculum and Learning, and Administration and Management. Under each of these, there were goals and action plans developed. The bottom line on the plan is around \$3.9 million.

Mr. Reed indicated that there were several projects that they would be investigating as part of this plan. He felt that a number of these would probably not be brought forward to the Board but they would investigate them and determine which were appropriate. Any of the items they felt were appropriate would have to come before the Board for approval.

Mr. Grossi pointed out that this instrument was brought forward by the state because not all of the 501 school districts plan as well as Centennial does. He felt the plan was very well done and indicated that many people worked on it. He stressed that this not a finished document, but is a work in progress.

Mrs. Brzezinski expressed concern about voting yes for this plan now and then getting a large list later about how much money is needed for technology. Mr. Grossi stated that he would agree except that this plan was not our idea, it is required by the state.

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that in the executive summary provided by Mr. Reed behind item #6, it clearly states under point #4 that: "While the total of the projects exceeds the spending maximum set by the Board for Technology Reserve Fund, it is understood that after investigation not all of the projects will be brought before the Board for approval and that those that are brought forward must fall under the budgetary limits set by the Board for technology spending." She felt that the committee understood that \$3.9 million was not going to be available but that hopefully the Board would set aside money to keep us current in our technology initiative.

Mr. Faust stated that although he understood the reason for this plan and supported it for that reason, he had concerns that in the future it would be stated that the Board supported this plan and thus should approve the expenditures for this reason. He pointed out that that had happened in the past with the Strategic Plan. Mrs. Brzezinski clarified that this

was her concern also. Mr. Grossi felt the process was rushed because of the state mandate.

Mr. Blatt felt these concerns were legitimate, but assured the Board that there will never be a “bait and switch” approach on the part of any Administration that he is a part of. It is fully understood that the Board is accepting, rather than approving, the plan. He pointed out that if we fail to submit the plan, we place \$90,000+ of funding in jeopardy. He pointed out the statement on page 2 indicating that “no commitment on any part of the plan has been made. rather the Board requires that each project will be brought before the appropriate Board subcommittees, Finance, Education and/or Operations, and, if necessary, be reviewed and voted upon.” He felt this provided protection for the Board.

Mrs. Jankowsky suggested adding a cover letter to the plan indicating to the state that rather than bringing people together and having them come unencumbered by financial limits, maybe it would behoove the state to say that they except so much money to be put aside, or for each district to say there is so much money they are going to put aside for development of the Technology Plan and to develop a plan within those constraints.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Lynch stated that since there were people in the audience for Item #5 of New Business, that item would be taken next.

### 5. Preliminary and Final Approval for a Trip by Klinger Middle School to State College, PA

*A motion was made by Mrs. Baranski and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary and final approval for the Klinger Middle School trip to the National History Day State Competition in State College, Pennsylvania, May 12-13, 2004. The cost to the District is \$795.00 and the cost of the use of the District van.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

## MINUTES

*A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the minutes of:*

- *Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – February 24, 2004*
- *Regular School Board Meeting – March 9, 2004*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

## OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

### Initial Distribution:

Mrs. Jankowsky enumerated the following policies for initial distribution:

- 2.20 – Support Staff Evaluation and Rating
- 4.8 – Disposal of Surplus Furniture, Supplies, Books and Equipment
- 7.11 – Classroom Visitation

### Final Approval:

3.3 – Clubs and Co-Curricular Activities

3.16 – Hazing

5.8 – Outside Speakers in the Instructional Program

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to the following policies:*

*3.3 – Clubs and Co-Curricular Activities*

*3.16 – Hazing*

*5.8 – Outside Speakers in the Instructional Program*

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that in Policy 3.3, Administration inserted language and clarified the discussion from the last meeting on page 3.3B. On Policy 3.16, after discussion with the solicitor, Administration provided additional language under Section VI.

Mrs. Gold questioned language in Policy 5.8 stating that club programs “shall be” conducted in each elementary school. She felt this stated that they must have clubs and questioned whether the language should state that they “can be” conducted in each elementary school. Dr. Sexton explained that there is an expectation that each of the elementary schools will have some sort of club program, although it does not have to be the same among the six schools.

Mr. Grossi felt that “shall” was the proper language if there was an expectation that there would be clubs. Mr. Faust also felt it was appropriate.

*The motion passed 7-0. (Mrs. Brzezinski was out of the room at the time of the vote.)*

## FINANCIAL

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

- *Schedule of Bills – March 2004*
- *Investments – March 2004*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – March 2004*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – March 2004*
- *Budgetary Transfers – April 2004*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Exception to Policy 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 19-19 and (Grade 3) and 19-19 (Grade 7)
2. Exception to Policy 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 7-14
3. Exception to Policy 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Students 2-13 and 10-13
4. Exception to Policy 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 12-19
6. Technology Plan 2004-2007
7. Paper Supply Bid
8. Assessment Appeal Settlement – Kohl's PA, Inc.

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

- (1) *Approves an exception to Policy 7.18 to allow Student 19-19 and (Grade 3) to attend McDonald Elementary School for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year and to allow student 19-19 (Grade 7) to attend Klinger Middle School for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year. The family will provide transportation.*
- (2) *Approves an exception to Policy 7.18 to allow student 7-14 to attend Davis Elementary School, beginning in September 2004 as long as she is a resident elementary school student in Centennial School District. The family will provide transportation.*
- (3) *Approves an exception to Policy 7.18 to allow student 2-13 and student 10-13 to attend Davis Elementary School, for the 2004-05 school year as tuition students. The family will provide transportation.*
- (4) *Approves an exception to Policy 7.18 to allow student 12-13 to attend Log College Middle School for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year. The parent(s) will provide transportation in the morning to Log College Middle School. In the afternoon, the student will take the bus to student's baby-sitter's house at Grier Street, Warminster, Pennsylvania.*
- (6) *Accepts the Technology Plan for 204-2007.*
- (7) *Approves the Paper Supply Bid No. 2004-11 be awarded to Paper Mart at the lowest responsible bid amount of \$65,718.76.*
- (8) *Approves settlement of the Tax Assessment Appeal of Kohl's of PA, Inc., via fixing the then 2003 Assessment at \$323,000.00, which translates into a fair market value of \$8,500.00, utilizing the applicable Common Level Ratio, and fixing the*

*2004 Assessment at \$283,500.00, which translates into a fair market value of \$8,800.00, utilizing the current Common Level Ratio.*

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that the exceptions to Policy 7.18 (Items #1, 2, 3, and 4) were recommended by Administration and the families would provide transportation. There are also a couple of tuition students. Mrs. Jankowsky asked Administration that the acceptance and approval of that recommendation would be based upon it not having any staffing implications. Mr. Blatt confirmed that.

Under Item #6, Mr. Grossi commented that, if one were a skeptic they could say that if fiscal limits were put on this, the state would not be able to collect data on what the 501 school districts would like to buy so that information could be shared with the large companies.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she did not appreciate having the Technology Plan as part of this motion but for the good of this Board she would go along with it. When she votes no, it will be for seven other items. Mrs. Huf asked why she didn't just pull the acceptance of the Technology Plan and vote on that separately.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she was also concerned about one of the Exceptions of Policy 7.18 where the family was asking that the child be permitted to continue to attend their current schools in the District for more than one year. Dr. Sexton pointed out that although the parent was requesting multiple years, the motion was written for only the remainder of this school year. The recommendation of Administration is just to support this for the remainder of this year.

Mrs. Brzezinski requested that each item be taken individually. Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that since there had been such extensive discussion already, the Board's permission would be required.

*A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Gold that the motion be withdrawn.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

1. Exception to Policy 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 19-19 and (Grade 3) and 19-19 (Grade 7)

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18 to allow Student 19-19 and (Grade 3) to attend McDonald Elementary School for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year and to allow student 19-19 (Grade 7) to attend Klinger Middle School for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year. The family will provide transportation.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

2. Exception to Policy 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 7-14

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18 to allow student 7-14 to attend Davis Elementary School, beginning in September 2004 as long as she is a resident elementary school student in Centennial School District. The family will provide transportation.*

Mrs. Gold asked for clarification of what the problem was with the child. Mr. Blatt indicated that if more detail was needed, it would be more appropriate to address this in an Executive Session. There were a number of situations that unfolded last school year relating to the student's adjustment at the school, as well as the family's acceptance of certain aspects of the program at that particular elementary school. Mr. Blatt indicated that he and Dr. Sexton took extraordinary steps to try to ameliorate the situation but they were not particularly successful for a variety of reasons, some of which were out of their control. In light of everything that had taken place at the building and in light of a desire to try to provide a setting for the youngster and the family, they affected a change last year that was, by all measures, very successful and very acceptable to the family. At this point, they are loath to change this since they have had such a remarkable turnaround in the situation.

Dr. Sexton indicated that he agreed with Mr. Blatt and that the key word is the acceptance on the part of the family of the new assignment. That was critical in determining the success of the transfer.

Mrs. Gold asked if they did not feel that this was opening a kettle of worms. Dr. Sexton responded that he did not at all.

Mrs. Brzezinski did not agree that this would not be opening a kettle of worms. She felt this would cause problems in the future and she was opposed to this.

Mrs. Huf felt that Administration had done a lot of work on this so she would be supporting this motion.

*The motion passed 6-2. (Mrs. Brzezinski and Mrs. Gold opposed.)*

3. Exception to Policy 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Students 2-13 and 10-13

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18 to allow student 2-13 and student 10-13 to attend Davis Elementary School, for the 2004-05 school year as tuition students. The family will provide transportation.*

Mrs. Jankowsky congratulated the Davis School staff. She felt they must be doing something quite well if people are willing to pay money in addition to their school taxes to send students there.

Mrs. Brzezinski asked how much the family would pay. Mr. Faust stated that it would be at the state approved tuition rates.

*The motion passed 8-0.*

4. Exception to Policy 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 12-19

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18 to allow student 12-13 to attend Log College Middle School for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year. The parent(s) will provide transportation in the morning to Log College Middle School. In the afternoon, the student will take the bus to student's baby-sitter's house at Grier Street, Warminster, Pennsylvania.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

5. Preliminary and Final Approval for a Trip by Klinger Middle School to State College, PA

[This item was handled earlier in the meeting.]

6. Technology Plan 2004-2007

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Gold to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the Technology Plan for 204-2007.*

[This item was also discussed earlier in the meeting under the Technology Steering Committee Report.]

Mrs. Lynch stated that the technology people did a wonderful job and she believes in technology, but she would vote no on this item.

*The motion passed 5-2. (Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Baranski opposed. One Board member was out of the room.[In the Board Secretary's absence, it was not noted which Board member was not present at the time of the vote.]*

7. Paper Supply Bid

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Paper Supply Bid No. 2004-11 be awarded to Paper Mart at the lowest responsible bid amount of \$65,718.76.*

Mrs. Baranski asked about the \$1,500 additional charge indicated on the backup (but not included in the motion.) Mr. Vail explained that we had asked for a price to have the paper delivered in two installments but since the price was significantly higher, we are opting to take the entire order at one time. That additional cost will not apply.

*The motion passed 7-0. (Mrs. Lynch was out of the room at the time of the vote.)*

8. Assessment Appeal Settlement – Kohl’s PA, Inc.

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves settlement of the Tax Assessment Appeal of Kohl’s of PA, Inc., via fixing the then 2003 Assessment at \$323,000.00, which translates into a fair market value of \$8,500.00, utilizing the applicable Common Level Ratio, and fixing the 2004 Assessment at \$283,500.00, which translates into a fair market value of \$8,800.00, utilizing the current Common Level Ratio.*

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that this was discussed by the Finance Committee. Mr. Grossi pointed out that this is recommended by the solicitor.

*The motion passed 7-0. (Mrs. Lynch was out of the room at the time of the vote.)*

**PERSONNEL**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Huf 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; Tutors; Per Diem Administrative Assistance; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Support Staff Substitutes; and Co-Curricular.*

*The motion passed 7-0. (Mrs. Lynch was out of the room at the time of the vote.)*

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None.

**BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT**

Mrs. Jankowsky requested Mr. Blatt to check into having some of the cast of *Cinderella*, which was performed at Klinger, appear at a future Board meeting to make a brief performance. Mr. Blatt indicated that he had attempted to do so previously and had run into difficulty but that he would try again.

## **SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

See Schedule attached hereto. Mr. Faust indicated that the Finance Committee Meeting of May 19<sup>th</sup> would be canceled due to the Board members attendance at MBIT. It will be rescheduled.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Gold and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie A. Detwiler  
Board Secretary

[Note: The Board Secretary was absent from the meeting. The Minutes were prepared from tapes of the meeting and notes of the Assistant Secretary, Betty Huf.]