

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on February 8, 2005, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lynch at 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
Cynthia Mueller

Administration:

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

CEA/Teachers:

Katherine Dusin
Becky Schroeder
Edward Ostroff
Chris Shepper

Public:

John Prybella
Patricia Brown
Nancy Hyman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that the art presentation at the Michener Museum was a delight and that she enjoyed spending time with the children and the art teachers. She indicated that she had pictures that Dr. Masko could share via the internet if Board members were interested.

Mrs. Huf stated that she had been upset with the Board for their personal attacks on each other and on the Board President. She apologized to the audience, stating that a lot of this was

uncalled for. This was the worst she had ever seen. She reminded Board members that they needed to work together for the sake of the children. She was discouraged and stated that she did not know how to fix this. She asked everyone to get off the personal and political agendas and move on.

Mrs. Jankowsky commended and extolled the virtues of the 5th grade students at Davis, as well as the teachers, for their third annual book nook. She felt it was a tremendous display and that it could not have been done without the excellent leadership of the teachers. She indicated that she attended this in the daytime and saw the older children read to the younger students.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that she had attended in the evening and that she thought it was a marvelous experience that was provided to the students. There was a lot of effort put into this on the students' part, as well as the teachers and the parents.

Mrs. Mueller congratulated the Girls JV team for finishing the season 14-7. She commended the coach for a wonderful job.

Mrs. Gold informed the Board that on February 2nd she was part of an interviewing team for the position of Director of Special Education. The team was still actively checking references and would probably get together again soon to discuss this and make a decision.

Mr. Grossi stated that he had missed the previous evening's Special Board Meeting due to a medical procedure that he had to undergo. He had found out about it on the previous Thursday when he was in Florida on vacation. Although he requested that it be rescheduled to a time when he could attend, it was not. He indicated that the proposal he presented at the prior meeting was a serious one and that he felt it would be better than how things are now being done. He requested that information be obtained from PSBA. He felt certain things needed to be changed. He did not feel that he attacked anyone. He stated that he read rather calmly a paper that some people may have taken offense to.

Mrs. Jankowsky acknowledged the beautiful artwork in the BoardRoom from students at Willow Dale.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she hoped that this could be a productive meeting without personal attacks and political agendas. In the next few months, there would be major issues facing the Board, such as Act 72 and the budget. She hoped that everyone could work in a spirit of harmony, despite differing opinions.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

GOOD NEWS

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Nancy Hyman of 963 Dick Avenue, Warminster, stated that over the past several years she was involved in organizations involving her children's schools. Through her experiences she had sometimes had to smile and bite her tongue to get the job done. She indicated that she did not realize what was going on in this District and was appalled and embarrassed at the circus atmosphere present in the room at the previous night's meeting. She felt the Board members acted childlike and disrespectful of each other. She thought that everyone believed what they were saying but the manner in which things were said was wrong. Board members have a job to do. She suggested that they check their egos at the door and show respect for others at the table. She indicated that she prayed that each Board member would recognize and admit that they could do a better job.

REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Mr. Klenk reported on the following items:

- Students participated in the FBLA regional competitions
- Two teams placed in the regional stock market
- The Senior Sweetheart Dance was held recently
- Junior Class officers were selling stuffed bears as a Valentine's Day fundraiser to benefit the Junior Prom
- Black & White Night preparations were underway
- Back to School Night for the second semester would be held on February 10th

Mr. Klenk also updated the Board on the sports records of the various teams.

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Sellers reported on the Skills USA Competition, which MBIT had hosted on February 1st. He also reported that on February 3rd, 11 students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society; the adult education spring semester was scheduled to start this week; and the salon and restaurant were open to the public.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Blatt stated that most of his items had been covered already. He spoke about the tsunami relief project indicating that there was a small get-together in the Board Room the previous Thursday, which was attended by student representatives, representative staff members and two representatives from Save the Children, who traveled here from Connecticut. Our students presented them with a symbolic check, while the Save the Children representatives made a presentation explaining what was being done with the money. At this point, it is believed that Centennial donated more money to the relief effort through Save the Children than any other school district in the country.

Mrs. Huf stated that she was very happy with the amount of money collected. She asked if more donations were coming in. Mr. Blatt stated that they would gratefully accept any donations, and that he believed the number had grown. Mr. Vail stated that the figure was over \$29,000 at this point and that they hoped it would reach \$30,000.

Mrs. Huf stated that she applauded the Centennial staff and community for their generous donations.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Gold reported that the Education Committee had met the previous evening and discussed curriculum renewal. This topic will be discussed again at the next meeting on March 7th.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf reported that a meeting was held earlier in the evening. She reported that the following items were discussed:

- Final review and proposal on child care expansion
- Practical environmental landscape program
- There was some interest by students in the horticultural program that was previously offered
- Reviewed status of performing arts. The Superintendents are not in favor of this.
- She had an update of the communicable diseases policy.
- An agreement will be signed with Penn State for engineering that is comparable to what Drexel had to offer. Drexel is no longer interested.
- Reviewed Apple having MBIT become a licensed training center
- There were some room changes so that they can make room for their expansion and take advantage of a few of the suggestions on the new programs.

Mrs. Huf stated that the next meeting was scheduled for February 14th at 5:30.

Mr. Grossi questioned the cost of the expansion programs. Mrs. Huf stated that she would try to get a figure.

Intermediate Unit

Mrs. Brzezinski distributed cards to each member that were made by children at the I.U. She also showed a gift bag that had been distributed.

Mrs. Brzezinski indicated that she could not attend the next meeting, which would be on February 15th and asked if anyone from the Board could attend.

Mrs. Brzezinski reported that she had become a member of the National Affiliation for Board Members. She thanked Mrs. Lynch for putting her back in the I.U. and stated that it was a pleasure to work with them.

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that the I.U. had hosted a meeting for the purpose of having PFM do a numbers-crunching report on Act 72. She felt this was a very informative session and that this information would be very critical to have. She pointed out that the revenue would not be available until the 2007/2008 school year. Also, it was her understanding that if the Board opts out of Act 72 before May 30th, that is a one-time, permanent decision. Mr. Vail confirmed that that was his understanding also.

Mrs. Lynch stated that the PSBA Executive Board had explored a possible legal challenge to this for school districts. PSBA is also concerned that a successful challenge to Act 71 would not necessarily guarantee that Act 72 would also fail.

Mrs. Huf questioned whether you could opt out once you were in. Mr. Blatt stated that he read there was the possibility that if you opted in, perhaps in two or three years you would opt out. Mr. Faust pointed out that that did not get you out of the back-end referendum.

Mr. Grossi stated that the problem was that the legislature never allows the professionals who know how to deliver educational services to come up with alternatives for delivering the same programs in a better, more efficient fashion than is mandated by the state. He felt that cost aspects needed to be dealt with first. He also addressed the problem of bailing out large communities such as Philadelphia and Chester, which would also help the surrounding areas. However, he did not feel this legislation would help Bucks County students.

Mrs. Jankowsky did not feel that this piece of legislation was the answer to how to equitably fund the urban areas and fairly fund the suburban areas, although she felt it was important to support equal educational opportunities for all children. Mrs. Jankowsky also felt that if the state fully funded their mandates, there would probably be no need for tax increases in most of the state.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Faust stated that the committee would be bringing something forward to the Board regarding Act 72.

Mr. Faust stated that at the Work Session there were some concerns about an emergency purchase for lifts. He indicated that the specs were out to bid and that the bids would be opened towards the end of February and would be at the Finance Meeting on February 28th. He hoped there would be something for the Board at the beginning of March.

Mr. Faust reported that the first draft of the budget would be presented to the committee from Administration on February 28th and that the committee would begin work on the budget.

Title VIII

Mr. Faust reported that at the previous meeting the committee approved getting applications filed, which has been done.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Huf indicated that the Operations Committee had not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting would be on February 22nd at 6:00 p.m., at which the feasibility study would be presented. Mrs. Brzezinski requested that this be put on the cable.

Citizens Policy

Mrs. Baranski stated that the next meeting would be on March 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Mueller read from an article that appeared in the Courier Times that explained that lawmakers were looking at the possibility of eliminating property taxes and changing the sales taxes in order to provide money for education. She felt that lawmakers were realizing that Act 72 was a bad piece of legislation and were trying to work on it. She also felt that this was a very politically energized topic.

Mrs. Mueller read from the Legislative Report of January 21st appearing in the *School Leader News* regarding high school initiatives proposed by President Bush relative to plans for a new High School Intervention and State Assessments initiative, an increase in his Striving Readers initiative, and his support for partnerships between school districts and public-private institutions creating an Adjunct Teacher Corps. She also read a paragraph indicating that schools must teach about the Constitution on September 17th of each year, with sanctions for those that don't comply. She wondered whether Dr. Masko had received this also.

Mrs. Mueller also referred to an item in the Legislative Report of January 28th appearing in the *School Leader News* regarding the Bridge II program.

Mr. Blatt stated that the teaching of the Constitution on September 17th was another form of an unfunded mandate. School districts are being told they must teach about the Constitution on that day, whether or not it fits into the curriculum. Although he agreed that students should learn about the Constitution, he felt that it would be better for it to be taught at an appropriate time where it would coordinate with the curriculum.

Mrs. Rollo explained that the Bridge II guidelines had not yet been issued, but that it was very complicated. This is a federal, unfunded, mandate. Pennsylvania's method of meeting the "highly qualified" requirement was to call everyone who was certificated "highly qualified." Therefore, the certification regulations needed to be changed. She explained some of the ways teachers could meet the requirements.

Mrs. Jankowsky addressed an issue that appeared in the January 14th School Leader News regarding a court ruling that could cost Pennsylvania school districts nearly \$100 million. She was interested in any information Mr. Vail could generate regarding the cost. The action by the courts permits the purchase of partial prior service that previously was not qualified for acquisition for the retirement system.

Mr. Vail indicated that this case had been pending for a number of years. A ruling had recently come down from the Supreme Court that these employees who did not contribute to the retirement system because of their status as part-time are now eligible to buy that time back. The employer's share would be on the backs of the school districts. He felt that it would be very difficult to assess the cost of that because it is impossible to determine who you will receive applications from.

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that the January 7th Legislative Report addressed the Pennsylvania value added assessment system. Right now this is voluntary but by 2005-2006 all school districts in Pennsylvania must participate in this system. She felt it would be good for us to come up to speed on this.

Mr. Blatt felt there were both positives and negatives involved. There is no funding attached and we must purchase all the materials to administer the tax. We must also take time from the curriculum to administer more standardized testing.

Regarding the recent ruling that will involve local school districts, Mr. Blatt stated that the estimate could be up to \$100 million because of the retirement interpretation. He felt it was another example of an expense that must be put out, and we don't know what the liability will be.

Mrs. Mueller reported that the PDE released the results of an independent study concerning the state's career and technical education programs ("cte's"). The study concluded the cte's were doing well but much improvement was needed to ensure that academic expectations are met and that cte offerings are current and relevant. She recommended that Board members check this item out on the website for more complete information.

Mrs. Mueller also pointed out that the PSBA Legislative Leadership Conference would be held on March 6-7. She asked if this was worthwhile. Mr. Faust felt that it was, considering everything that was currently underway.

Mrs. Mueller wondered if she had Board support for attending this conference. Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that there was money set aside for Board member training and

PSBA conferences. She indicated that Board approval was not really needed, but that Mrs. Mueller could apply through Mr. Blatt's office.

Mrs. Mueller pointed out Article II, 7 of the *Code of Ethics for School Board Members* which stated that it was the primary function of the Board to establish policies by which the school are to be administered, but that the administration shall be left to the employed superintendent and staff.

Mr. Grossi stated that the kind of nonsense with the legislature had occurred for the past 32 years since he had been involved. He felt you must focus on what you want to do. He felt that the children meeting the standards and being competitive was what should be focused on, and that if you set expectations, the children would reach them.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Minutes of the:

- *Reorganization Meeting – 12/6/04*
- *Regular School Board Meeting – 12/14/04*
- *Regular School Board Meeting – 1/11/05*
- *Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – 1/25/05*

The motion passed 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Huf requested the Board's permission to move up items 1 and 2 of Old Business. There were no objections.

1. Real Estate Tax Collector Compensation

Mr. Faust stated that it was his understanding that while these motions passed with the physical presence of Board members, there was not a five-vote majority that is required under the state Code.

Mrs. Lynch indicated that the solicitor had confirmed that five votes were needed to pass this. (The vote at the previous meeting was 4-3.) On item #2 (following), the solicitor felt the definition was not clear-cut. For clarification purposes, this item was appearing again on this agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes the following compensation to the District's tax collectors. This compensation shall be subject to adherence to the procedures set forth in Exhibit "A" which is attached to this resolution.

	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
Warminster Township	\$22,625	\$23,417	\$24,237	\$25,085
Southampton Township	16,322	16,893	17,484	18,096
Ivyland Borough	1,532	1,585	1,641	1,698

If the Tax Collector does not accept the procedures as set forth in Exhibit “A”, then the compensation to be paid to the Tax Collector shall be as follows:

	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
Warminster Township	\$11,313	\$11,709	\$12,119	\$12,543
Southampton Township	8,161	8,447	8,742	9,048
Ivyland Borough	766	793	821	849

Failure to comply with all legally mandated items shall result in suspension of compensation.

Interim tax bills produced and mailed by the tax collector during the current fiscal year shall be compensated at the rate of \$2.75 per bill payable with final annual payment in June.

Be it further resolved that the above compensation shall be due and payable on an annual basis as follows:

- 10% at the end of July*
- 40% at the end of August*
- 30% at the end of October*
- 10% in the payroll following receipt of notice from Bucks County that liens have been properly filed, or by the end of February, whichever comes first*
- 10% at the end of June*

Mrs. Mueller stated that when this came up at the last meeting, she felt the increases were too high. It was her understanding that we provided many services to the tax collectors that should have netted them savings in costs. She felt this was too much considering what the Board was facing, and indicated that she would not be supporting this.

Mrs. Huf stated that she was in support of this, that it had come through the Finance Committee, and she felt the increase was fair.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that she would be abstaining since it was her intention to seek the position of tax collector for Upper Southampton.

A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

<i>Mrs. Brzezinski</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Grossi</i>	<i>No</i>

<i>Mrs. Baranski</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Jankowsky</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Mrs. Gold</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Faust</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion carried 6-2-1.

2. Bus Bids

[See Mrs. Lynch’s comments about solicitor’s opinion under Item #1 above.]

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the 2005-2006 transportation vehicle bids to be awarded as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Bid Description</u>	<u>Bid No.</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>
<i>Rohrer Bus Sales</i>	<i>65-Passenger Conventional Buses (3)</i>	<i>2005-03</i>	<i>\$188,850.00</i>
	<i>24-Passenger Bus</i>	<i>2005-04</i>	<i>Reject</i>
		<i>Total Net Expense</i>	<i>\$188,850.00</i>

Funds to be appropriated from the 2005-2006 General Fund Budget.

This compares to a total General Fund Expenditure in 2004-2005 of \$328,300.00.

Mrs. Brzezinski asked what would happen to the 24-passenger bus. Mrs. Lynch pointed out that it was rejected. Mr. Faust read from a memo from Mr. Vail and Mr. Robinson to Mr. Blatt explaining that due to the potential budget shortfall for the 2005-2006 school year, it was their recommendation that no 24-passenger vehicles be purchased. They indicated that this recommendation was made with the understanding that the normal cycle should be returned to for the 2006-2007 school year.

Mrs. Huf pointed out that this had come through the Finance Committee. It was a voluntary suggestion by the Transportation Manager that they could go another year without purchasing two 24-passenger buses. It was not a safety concern. Mrs. Huf indicated that she would be supporting this.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she would not be supporting this, as she indicated previously. She felt that it simply deferred costs to the following year and places a sound bus

replacement schedule in jeopardy. She felt the schedule had worked well in the past and she felt it should be retained.

Mr. Grossi stated that the bus replacement schedule was established in the 1970's and that it has worked well. The schedule has been extended at times in the past to take care of one-time educational expenditures, but this proposal doesn't do that. He indicated that he would not vote for this as presented.

Mrs. Mueller concurred with Mrs. Jankowsky and Mr. Grossi. She felt the schedule was a sound business practice that has served the District well. She felt that this would just be deferring the cost and that she didn't see the benefit. She reminded the Board to look long range. She indicated that she would not be supporting this.

Mrs. Baranski stated that she would be supporting the motion because she felt Mr. Robinson knew what he was doing. She appreciated that he was trying to help defer costs.

Mr. Blatt felt that there was no escaping the fact that the rotation had worked in the past. He indicated that he took responsibility for this decision. He reiterated the point that it was very important to return to the schedule next year.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mrs. Brzezinski</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Grossi</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Baranski</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Faust</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Gold</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Jankowsky</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 6-3.

Mrs. Lynch called for a break at 9:43 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:58 p.m.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Initial Distribution:

Mrs. Huf enumerated the policies for initial distribution, as follows:

- 5.3 – Standardized Testing Program
- 7.34 – Control of Blood Borne Pathogens
- 7.8 – Response to Disaster and Emergency

Final Approval:

3.13 – Suspected Child Abuse

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.13 – Suspected Child Abuse.

Dr. Sexton confirmed that the suggested changes had been made to the policy.

The motion passed 9-0.

3.19 – Homebound Instruction

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Baranski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.19 – Homebound Instruction

Dr. Sexton confirmed that the suggested changes had been made to the policy.

The motion passed 9-0.

3.28 – Student Health Services

Dr. Sexton pointed out that there was a memo in the Board’s packet indicating the changes made to the policy.

Regarding Section IX, Mr. Faust questioned whether there was another policy that addressed administration of medications during the school day. He pointed out that there were band functions, club activities, etc. that occur after the school day.

Dr. Sexton indicated that the school trip policy covers some of these issues, but that some are not covered under policy, such as the clubs.

Mr. Faust pointed out that he had been to a lot of sporting events where students self-medicate while on school property. Dr. Sexton stated that he was not aware of a policy that covered extracurricular activities.

Mrs. Mueller voiced her concern about the District’s liability. She questioned whether this should be a part of this policy, or a separate policy.

Mr. Faust indicated that he did not have a problem passing this but he felt it should be looked into, either as an amendment to this policy, or by adding a new policy. Dr. Sexton stated that he would be more comfortable looking at this again before bringing it forward. Mrs. Jankowsky suggested that this be postponed until the next meeting. Dr. Sexton stated that he would rather bring this back at the next regular meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Grossi to postpone action on Policy 3.28 – Student Health Services until the first meeting in March.

The motion passed 9-0.

5.2 – School Libraries

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Gold to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 5.2 – School Libraries.

The motion passed 9-0.

6.1 – Community/School Fund Raising

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 6.1 – Community/School Fund Raising.

The motion passed 9-0.

FINANCIAL

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

- *Schedule of Bills – January 2005*
- *Investments – January 2005*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – January 2005*
- *Student Activity/Clearing Fund Reports – October 1 – December 30, 2004*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – January 2005*
- *Budgetary Transfers – February 2005.*

The motion passed 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

[This was handled earlier in the meeting.]

NEW BUSINESS

1. Exception to Policy 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Baranski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18 to allow student 13-14 (elementary) to attend Davis Elementary School, and student 13-14 (secondary) to attend

Klinger Middle School for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year. The District will continue to provide transportation.

The motion passed 9-0.

2. Projects for PDE Approval

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf 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>Door Replacement</i>	<i>Davis, Longstreth, McDonald and Stackpole Elementary Schools, Klinger Middle School, Log College Middle School, William Tennent High School</i>
<i>Replace HVAC Control System</i>	<i>Longstreth and Stackpole Elementary Schools, Klinger Middle School, Log College Middle School, and William Tennent High School</i>
<i>Replace Roof</i>	<i>William Tennent High School</i>
<i>Replace Lifts</i>	<i>Bus Garage</i>
<i>Install Lighting & Controls</i>	<i>McDonald Elementary School Special Experience Room</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.

Mrs. Lynch asked if there was any idea of what the dollar figure would be. Mr. Faust responded that the roof would be \$700,000. He pointed out that this was just to apply to PDE for approval but did not require the Board to have the work done. Mr. Lasher felt that the total cost would be about \$1 million.

The motion passed 9-0.

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; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Title I Tutor; Homebound Tutor; Support Staff Substitutes; Substitute Bus Drivers and Driver Trainees; Student Work Study Program; and Co-Curricular.

Mrs. Huf indicated that she would be abstaining since her niece was on the list under “Resignations.”

Mrs. Brzezinski asked about the Science teacher position. Mr. Blatt explained that the teacher was very ill at the moment but they were hoping he could come back at some time.

Mrs. Mueller asked for clarification of whether this position was permanent or a long-term substitute position, since it was listed as full-time. Mr. Faust clarified that the code LTS (long-term substitute) was listed under “Location.” The designation of FT (full-time) under “Code” referred to number of hours worked.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mrs. Mueller stated her concern about drop-off and pick-up times at the high school, and the fact that there was only one entrance and exit for over 2,000 people to get in and out. She felt that this was a safety issue, particularly on days whether there was inclement weather. She was concerned not only about the traffic issue, but also about a student possibly being hit by a vehicle. She questioned whether the exit that is currently blocked off could be opened up, and felt that this matter should be addressed. She felt the students were a top priority as far as safety. She indicated that the architects conducting the feasibility study confirmed that this was a problem.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she would support getting more information about this. She requested Administration to check into this matter and provide some historical background.

Mr. Grossi explained that the situation had changed over the years as far as more children walking and more parents picking up and dropping off. He felt there was now more traffic around the schools.

Mrs. Brzezinski suggested that the gate be opened only at drop-off and pick-up times.

Mr. Blatt indicated that he would provide information on this.

Mrs. Jankowsky thanked the students of Centennial for the wonderful vandalism report, which was practically nonexistent.

Mr. Grossi asked whether the PSBA information that he asked for been requested. Mr. Blatt replied that he had this in his notes and would get the information. Mrs. Jankowsky clarified that Mr. Grossi meant the information on the dissolution of the school district.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Gold to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary