

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD AUGUST 23, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on August 23, 2005, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lynch at 8:00 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Sina Baranski
Marie Brzezinski
Joseph Faust (arrived at 8:20 p.m.)
Rose Gold
Eugene Grossi
Betty Huf
Jane Schrader Lynch
Cynthia Mueller

[Joan Jankowsky – absent]

CEA/Teachers:

Andy Mahony

Administration:

David Blatt
Sandy Homel
Victor Lasher
Dr. Michael Masko
Jean Rollo (arrived at 8:51 p.m.)
Timothy Vail

Public:

Trina Flack
Chuck Flack
Bart Patrick
Mark Stump
John Mooney
Colleen Mooney
Eileen Lenox
Michael Monaghan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Lynch apologized for the late start of the meeting and indicated that Mrs. Jankowsky was absent due to illness. She announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting relative to legal and personnel matters.

Mrs. Lynch stated that the Board was pleased to announce that the District and the CEA had reached a tentative agreement for a four-year extension. The Board expected to formally vote at

a Special Meeting to be held on September 7th, at which time the specifics of the agreement would be discussed. No further announcement would be discussed until the contract was approved.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

GOOD NEWS

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

No report.

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

No report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Blatt stated that it had been a very busy summer, particularly with the number of new staff that needed to be selected as a result of the early retirement incentive. He indicated that they were very pleased with their selections.

Mr. Blatt reported that the building tours had been held the previous day and that the schools appeared to be in very good order for the opening of school. Mr. Blatt also indicated that the high school roof was nearing completion and that it should be substantially complete for the opening of school.

Mrs. Lynch stated that the buildings looked beautiful and that the staff did a wonderful job. She also indicated that the roof looked marvelous.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

No report.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf reported on the following matters from a meeting held on August 8th:

- There was a motion to appoint Chuck Baker of Central Bucks as chairperson for the remainder of the year. Next year it should be Centennial's turn to chair this.
- Dave Wetzel was recognized for his service to the Board.
- Administrative Report on Middle Bucks Partners in Learning, Summer Camp Exploration and Summer School program and the Practical Environmental Landscape Program implementation.
- Approved resignations and employment of new staff.
- Motion to adjust the Director and Business Manager's salary.
- Motion to implement the formula for calculating wage increases for certain staff members.
- Approved new job descriptions, new substitute staff and construction of a modular room for the maintenance staff.
- Approved Student Code of Conduct and Little Bucks Partners in Learning Staff Handbook.
- Approved budget transfers.

Intermediate Unit

Mrs. Brzezinski reported that the I.U. had met in July and were supposed to vote on the salary for Dr. Coe; however, this was postponed. They received a letter from the auditing firm, which were going to make a presentation to Administration on August 23rd.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Grossi reported that this Committee would meet in September. He was glad to see that the early retirement replacements were going well and suggested that Administration keep notes on how they are doing this in case it is decided to do it again in three or four years.

Title VIII

No report.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

Citizens Policy

Mrs. Baranski stated that this Committee would meet on September 20th, and would review Policy 3.5 – Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability and Policy 5.4 – Curriculum Instruction, Assessment and Development.

Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Mueller reminded the Board that on June 14th she had informed them about SB361 regarding home schooled students' participation in extracurricular activities. The Board had asked Mr. Blatt to write a letter to the House of Representatives. A response was received from Representative Scott Petry, which Mrs. Mueller read. On June 30th the House Education Committee amended the Bill to read that school district policy must specify that the home schooled students must meet the same requirements as other students to participate in these activities. This passed the House on July 4th. Mrs. Mueller indicated that she was very pleased when she read this.

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:

- Budget Hearing Meeting – June 14, 2005
- Regular Board Meeting – June 14, 2005
- Work Session/Regular Board Meeting – June 28, 2005

The motion passed 7-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

None.

FINANCIAL

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

- *Schedule of Bills – June 2005; July 2005*
- *Investments – June 2005; July 2005*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – June and July 2005*
- *Student Activity/Clearing Funds – April 1 through June 30, 2005*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – June 2005; July 2005*
- *Budgetary Transfers – June 2005*

The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Faust arrived at the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Gold to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Minutes from the Board Meeting of May 10, 2005.

A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

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

The motion failed 2-4-2.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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 7-19 to attend Davis Elementary School for the 2005-2006 school year, beginning on September 7, 2005. The family will provide transportation until they move into the District.

The motion passed 8-0.

2. Exception to Policy 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 10-11

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Gold to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18 to allow student 10-11 to attend Klinger Middle School for the 2005-2006 school year. The parent(s) will provide transportation.

The motion passed 8-0.

3. Exception to Policy 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 7-13

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 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for student 7-13 to attend William Tennent High School for the 2005-2006 school year as a tuition student. The parent(s) will provide transportation.

The motion passed 8-0.

4. Affiliation Agreement between Centennial School District and Ann's Choice, Inc., for 2005-2006 School Year

A motion was made by Mrs. Gold and seconded by Mrs. Baranski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Affiliation Agreement between Centennial School District and Ann's Choice, Inc., for the 2005-2006 school year at a cost not to exceed \$3,800.00 for transportation.

Mrs. Mueller asked if this was already put into the budget. Mr. Faust confirmed that it had been.

Mrs. Homel gave a brief overview of the program.

The motion passed 8-0.

5. Affiliation Agreement between Centennial School District and Tenet HealthSystem Bucks County, LLC

A motion was made by Mrs. Gold and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves a two-year Affiliation Agreement, effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007, between Centennial School District and Tenet HealthSystem Bucks County, LLC. Cost for the 2005-2006 school year includes \$300.00 for student malpractice insurance and transportation costs not to exceed \$3,500.00 for a total cost of \$3,800.00.

Mrs. Brzezinski questioned why this Agreement was for two years. Mrs. Lynch responded that our attorney advised us to do this. Mr. Blatt stated that we wanted to enter into a longer term relationship.

Mrs. Mueller asked how this would affect the number of students, credits, etc. since the schedule would be changing at the high school.

Mrs. Homel stated that it would probably run much the same as it did before. This serves as an elective. Since class time will be shorter, they will probably need to be creative and put this in the last period. That way maybe students could stay longer. She felt that they could find a way to work with the hospital on this.

The motion passed 7-1. (Mrs. Mueller opposed.)

Mrs. Lynch asked if any language had been changed that needed to be reviewed by the solicitor. Mr. Blatt explained that all contracts had been reviewed by the solicitor, whether they have been long-standing or not. There was a statement in the Board's packet to that effect.

6. Agreement with Bethanna, Inc.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gold and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Special Education Services Agreement between Bethanna, Inc. and the Centennial School District for the 2005-2006 school year at the per diem rate of \$140.25 per student.

The motion passed 8-0.

7. Agreement with Bucks County School Intermediate Unit #22

A motion was made by Mrs. Gold and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board agrees to pay the Bucks County Schools Intermediate Unit #22 \$2,075,578.80 for the 2005-2006 school year to provide instructional programs and services for Centennial School District special education students as indicated in the attached listing. All instructional programs and services shall be consistent with all state and federal requirements.

Mr. Grossi asked what last year's figure was. Mr. Blatt indicated that that figure would be provided.

Mrs. Baranski left the room at 8:40 p.m.

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

8. Agreement with Buxmont Academy

A motion was made by Mrs. Gold and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Act 48 Program Placement Agreement between Buxmont Academy and the Centennial School District for the 2005-2006 school year at the per diem rate of \$104.97 (\$18,894.60 a school year) per special education student.

Mr. Blatt stated that he would like to pull this item because, although they had reason to believe that the language changes that were required by the solicitor and accepted by Buxmont Academy would be taken care of, they did not receive written acknowledgment of this. They would wait until written confirmation was received.

Mrs. Huf asked how this would affect the students. Mr. Blatt responded that he felt this was merely a technicality or some kind of glitch. If there was a major change, it would be reported to the Board.

Mrs. Homel stated that she thought they would have what was needed in a day or two.

Mr. Faust asked if they had an updated version of the exact language since it was not included in the Board's packet.

Mrs. Mueller asked if this could be placed on the agenda for the Special Meeting of September 7th. Mrs. Lynch indicated that it could.

Mrs. Baranski returned to the room at 8:43 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to table this item.

The motion to table passed 8-0.

9. Agreement with Delaware Valley Mental Health Foundations, Inc.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gold and seconded by Mrs. Baranski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Act 48 Program Placement Agreement between Delaware Valley Mental Health Foundations, Inc. and the Centennial School District for the 2005-2006 school year at the per diem rate of \$132.00 per student plus expenditures for Special Services, if needed.

The motion passed 8-0.

10. Agreement with Lakeside Educational Network

A motion was made by Mrs. Gold and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Agreement between Lakeside Educational Network and the Centennial School District for the 2005-2006 school year at the per diem rate of \$136.75 (\$21,060.00 a school year) for each regular education placement and at the per diem rate of \$150.50 (\$24,201.00 a school year) per special education placement, plus \$34.10 per day per student with respect to transportation.

The motion passed 8-0.

11. Agreement with Middle Earth, Inc.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gold and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Act 48 Program Placement Agreement between Middle Earth, Inc. and the Centennial School District for the 2005-2006 school year at the per diem rate of \$72.82 (\$13,107.60 a school year) per student.

The motion passed 8-0.

12. Agreements with the District and the New Jersey Department of Education Mandated Private Schools for the Disabled and Bancroft Schools and Communities

A motion was made by Mrs. Gold and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the contract between Centennial School District and the New Jersey State Department of Education mandated Private Schools for the Disabled "Tuition Contract" (N.J.A.C. 6A:23-4.4(a)13) and the contract between

Centennial School District and the Bancroft Schools and Communities Residential Service Contract for the 2005-2006 school year at a cost of \$236,091.00 to the District.

The motion passed 8-0.

13. Permission to Apply for a Competitive Grant – Safe School Initiative

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves permission to apply for a competitive grant for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years in the amount indicated:

	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
<i>Safe School Initiative</i>	<i>\$15,250</i>	<i>\$15,250</i>

The motion passed 8-0.

14. Appointments to Citizens' Policy Committee

A motion was made by Mrs. Baranski and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board appoints Mrs. Colleen Zysk, Mrs. Iolanda Cavallo, and Mr. James Haitzsch to a three-year term on the Centennial School District Citizens' Policy Committee. Such term shall begin effective August 24, 2005 and end June 30, 2008.

The motion passed 8-0.

15. Final Approval for Trip by Longstreth Elementary School to Camp Canadensis

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for a trip by students at Longstreth Elementary School to Camp Canadensis, September 21-23, 2005. The cost to the District is \$510.00.

Mr. Faust asked if there were any changes between preliminary and final approval. Mr. Blatt stated that he did not think so but that he would check on this the next day.

Mrs. Rollo arrived at the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

The motion passed 8-0.

16. Permission to Apply for 2005-2006 Entitlement Grants

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves permission to apply for the following 2005-2006 entitlement grants:

<i>Title I</i>	\$791,427
<i>Title II-A</i>	260,225
<i>Title II-D</i>	13,181
<i>Title III</i>	31,045
<i>Title V</i>	11,961
<i>Safe & Drug Free</i>	29,597

The motion passed 8-0.

17. Permission to Accept Competitive Grant – Leary Elementary School

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves permission to accept the following competitive grant for the 2005-2006 school year in the amount indicated:

Hands on Learning for Leary Elementary School \$10,000

The motion passed 8-0.

18. Permission to Apply for a 2004-2005 Academic Achievement Grant for 2005-2006 School Year

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Gold to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves permission to apply for a 2004-2005 Academic Achievement grant to be used in the 2005-2006 school year in the amount indicated:

2005-2006

<i>Title I – 2004-2005 Academic Achievement Grant (2005-2006 school year)</i>	\$11,988
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The motion passed 8-0.

19. Facility Use Waivers

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board hereby approves the Facility Use Waiver Application for the following:

<i>Warminster Symphony Orchestra</i>	<i>Sunday use of William Tennent's auditorium on September 25, October 2, & November 27, 2005 and March 12 and May 14, 2006. There is no cost to the District.</i>
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Southampton Basketball

Sunday use of Klinger Middle School gym on January 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2006 and February 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2006. There is no cost to the District.

Spartans Wrestling Club

Sunday use of William Tennent's gym on December 11, 2005. There is no cost to the District.

The motion passed 8-0.

20. Addendum to Tot Time Agreement

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Baranski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Addendum to the existing Tot Time Agreement to provide after school child care to sixth and seventh grade students as per the attached supplement.

Mrs. Baranski questioned Dr. Sexton's memo of August 18th regarding the fact that there would be no special bus routes created. She asked whether there would be no transportation in some cases.

Mr. Blatt responded that every school had transportation with the exception of Davis Elementary. Many of the youngsters are in the walking zone for Klinger, so the assumption was that they could safely walk to Davis rather than having a special bus being put on. Mr. Blatt also indicated that at this time there are only six requests for middle school students.

Mr. Faust stated that he had a problem with this. He indicated that he supported the day care but pointed out that Tot Time leases space from us and is a for-profit company. We are busing out children to them so they can make more money. Therefore, we are subsidizing their for-profit program. He felt this was more than a straight lease for space.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that that was her comment also. She felt that we are very efficient in minimizing space on our school buses but putting more students on our buses could cause problems. She stated that she could not support this and that we are not in the business of after school care. Since there are other businesses in the community that provide the same type of service, she felt that we would be doing them a disservice.

Mrs. Lynch felt that without this type of program working parents would not have someone to take care of their children. She did not know how the Agreement got into bussing since she had not seen it before this evening.

Mrs. Brzezinski pointed out that instead of a child being bused home, they would be bused to child care.

Mr. Faust explained that this type of issue had come up before with other day care providers and they have sent their own vans to pick up the children. He felt that if we did this for Tot Time, then we would have other day care providers requesting the same service.

Mr. Grossi agreed with Mrs. Brzezinski that we would just be busing the children to a place other than home. He felt that this was a tough call.

Mrs. Baranski also felt that if this was started, others would want the same service and there would be a big problem on the buses.

Mrs. Huf stated that the Agreement with Tot Time was for K-5. She was hesitant to put 6th and 7th graders with that group and would be opposing the motion.

Mrs. Gold agreed and felt that Tot Time should provide their own transportation.

Mrs. Lynch stated that Tot Time does a good business, but asked who requested them to extend this. She reiterated that this was the first time she had heard of this and felt that the Board did not have enough information. She indicated that she would like it to be tabled. However, the Board did not wish to table this matter.

A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

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

The motion failed 3-5.

21. Auxiliary Pay Rates – 2005-2006 School Year

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Grossi to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves pay rates for all auxiliary positions for the 2005-2006 school year as per the attached supplement.

The motion passed 8-0.

22. Sale of Surplus Property

Mrs. Lynch indicated that this was discussed in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Grossi and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board declares the piece of ground generally known as the driver's ed training lot as surplus property and recommends a review by the Finance Committee as to the proper method of disposal of said property.

The motion passed 8-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Gold to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Change of Status; Summer Help; Homebound; and Co-Curricular.

Mr. Blatt called the Board's attention to Item 3 under Authorization to Employ and indicated that there was a late notification that this individual would not be able to accept the position. He also noted that Item 57 was the same situation and that both notifications were received this day. Both of the individuals handled the notification in a highly professional and respectful manner. Mr. Blatt indicated that they will be seeking replacements for these two individuals and that it would not be necessary for the Board to vote on these two items at this time.

Mrs. Baranski requested that Items 12 and 46 be pulled. Mr. Blatt explained that these two positions were discussed when they were looking to reduce administrative staff at the high school. He believed that it went through Finance and that the Board discussed this. There was concurrence that we move forward with these two positions, which would handle low level disciplinary situations at the high school.

Mrs. Baranski stated that in that case she would abstain.

Mrs. Huf stated that we did get rid of the security position and that this seemed to lead to some type of security with the students. She indicated that she would be abstaining.

The motion passed 8-0 (excluding Items 3, 57, 12 and 46, as indicated above.)

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Personnel Items 12 and 46 under Authorization to Employ.

The motion passed 5-3. (Mrs. Baranski, Mrs. Huf and Mr. Faust opposed.)

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Bob Jacoby, a resident of Ann's Choice, voiced interest in the vote to provide transportation services to a non-public agency (Tot Time). He felt that very often these agencies provide a great service. He provided some history about transporting non-public students, indicating that there were three main issues, which were: existing routes, space availability, and that there is no additional cost to the District. He felt that this was a slippery slope that the District should be cautious about getting into, even though the purpose might be applaudable.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto. Mr. Grossi noted that the Special Meeting of September 7th at 6:30 should be added to the schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary