

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD MARCH 14, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on March 14, 2006, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mueller at 7:37 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Marie Brzezinski
Joseph Faust
Betty Huf
Joan Jankowsky
Patricia Jones
Michael Monaghan
Cynthia Mueller
Harve Strouse

Administration:

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

CEA/Teachers:

None

[Note: Mrs. Lynch was absent from the meeting.]

Public:

Michael Erwin
Robert A. Kleeman
Paul Carney
Pat Crean
Michelle Miller
Jeff Bangs
Dylan Cooper
Corey Bangs

Alison Roby
Alyson Neamand
Laura Cochrane
Joanne Cochrane
Al Cicchitti
Matt Merin
Lynn Sparling
Judy Hengst

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Mueller announced that on the upcoming Friday and Saturday there would be a musical production of “Into the Woods” at Klinger. She thought this should be a good musical.

Mrs. Mueller also reported that Black & White Night was enjoyed by many.

PRESENTATIONS

MBIT Student Presentation

Mr. Blatt welcomed Dr. Erwin from MBIT, who indicated that Mr. Kleeman had come to him about a year ago with the idea of building a motorcycle.

Mr. Kleeman introduced Mr. Carney, the welding instructor at MBIT, as well as Donald Bangs and Matthew Miller, students that participated in the project. Mr. Kleeman then presented a slideshow depicting the various phases of the construction of the motorcycle. He indicated that there were ten students involved in the project. The motorcycle was on display at this meeting.

Mrs. Brzezinski congratulated the students for their hard work and spoke about the importance of vocational technical education in this country. She recommended that the motorcycle not be sold but that it be sent around to the various schools to be put on display.

Mr. Blatt asked what the plans were for the motorcycle. Dr. Erwin responded that it was built for the adult education program for the purpose of teaching how to inspect a motorcycle.

Mrs. Mueller called for a short break at 8:05 p.m. so that the motorcycle could be removed from the meeting room. The meeting resumed at 8:13 p.m.

Mrs. Mueller noted that Mrs. Lynch was absent from this meeting.

Technology Presentation by Stackpole Elementary School Students

Dr. Sexton gave a short update on technology at Stackpole School, then introduced Pearlina Greene, the principal.

Ms. Greene thanked the Board for allowing the students to be present at the meeting. She introduced George Fischer, the librarian.

Mr. Fischer spoke about the educational conference in Hershey. He indicated that the theme of Stackpole’s computer club was “Making Character Count.” He then introduced three Stackpole students, Alison Roby, Alyson Neamand and Laura Cochrane, who presented a slide show.

Mrs. Garcia then spoke about the criteria they strive for in the computer team.

Mrs. Neamand, a parent of two Stackpole students, stated that they have had wonderful parents, principal and support staff at Stackpole and that she could not say what a wonderful organization it is.

Mrs. Mueller thanked the parents for their support.

GOOD NEWS

Mr. Blatt presented the Good News Report (see attached.)

Mrs. Brzezinski indicated that her son was in Florida recently. He wore a Klinger t-shirt and while at a shopping mall he was approached by three people who said they knew of the school. Mrs. Brzezinski felt that our principal at Klinger was doing very well, especially with the new baby.

STUDENT REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Mr. Merin reported on the following items:

- On March 20th there would be assemblies for HEADS UP (Heroin Education and Dangerous Substance Understanding Program) by the Philadelphia police.
- On March 22-24 the Juniors would be taking the PSSA exams.
- Since April is National Poetry Month, the librarian would be sponsoring the William Tennent Poet Laureate contest.
- Grades 9 and 10 semiformal would be held on April 1st.
- Peace Week begins on April 3rd
- The Junior Prom was scheduled for April 22nd.
- The school musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*, would be April 6-8.

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

None.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Al Cicchitti of 658 Lilly Road, Warminster, stated that he noticed that property lines were being drawn on some of the District's property and wondered if it was going to be sold.

Mr. Blatt explained that there was a tract of land owned by the District that was often referred to as the driving training lot. There has been discussion for well over a year of possibly selling that property and taking the proceeds to offset expenses in the District. The District was in the process of advertising the property to developers or any other interested parties and there was an expression of interest. We are being represented by counsel on this. There was a formal survey

conducted of the property and a plot plan drawn up. Mr. Blatt believed that this was now in the hands of Warminster Township for their review and comment and zoning.

Mr. Cicchitti asked where it would go from there.

Mr. Blatt indicated that there were a number of steps required and that certainly the township would be involved. The School District is required to go through a legal process at some point. He believed the Bucks County Court must approve the sale of the property by the District but that was down the road a while. He believed it was intended that this property be zoned Residential.

Lynn Sparling of 1254 Sweetbriar Drive, Warminster, asked if there was a unanimous vote by the School Board to sell the property. Mrs. Mueller indicated that there was.

Mrs. Sparling asked if there was any way this could be re-examined to see if there was any other use for the property.

Mrs. Mueller explained that the District was under advisement of counsel and that they did not foresee any need for this property in the future. They were looking at the budget and ways to cover this. The property had not been used for a number of years.

Mrs. Sparling asked when the expiration date was for the bids and who the bidder was.

Mr. Blatt stated that he thought the date was around February 15th. He indicated that there was one serious bidder and several nibbles. He was not sure it was proper or legal for him to divulge the name of the bidder so he would check with counsel about that the next day. Mr. Blatt then clarified that it was an offer, not a bid.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adjudication – Student 19-7

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the attached Adjudication pertaining to Student 19-7.

A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

<i>Mr. Monaghan</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Jones</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Mrs. Jankowsky</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Strouse</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Brzezinski</i>	<i>Yes</i>

<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Faust</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 6-1-1.

2. Final Approval for Heather Cummings to Participate in the PA Annual Homecoming Queen Selection

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for the request of Heather Cummings, a 12th grade student at William Tennent High School, to attend the Pennsylvania Homecoming Queen Selection to be held on March 25-26, 2006 in Lancaster, PA. There is no cost to the District.

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that the Athletic Council at Tennent was underwriting the cost of this.

The motion passed 8-0.

3. Permission to Apply for Private Competitive Grants

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

<i>Wal-Mart Community Grant</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>2006 Mantis Aware Program (Mantis Tiller/Cultivator)</i>	<i>TBD</i>

The motion passed 8-0.

4. Budget for Bucks County Intermediate Unit

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the 2006-2007 Programs & Services and Instructional Materials & Research Services Budget for the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 in the amount of \$1,913,500. Centennial School District's share to be \$71,608.00 per attached supplement.

Mr. Faust pointed out that this was a slight decrease from what we paid the previous year.

The motion passed 7-1. (Mr. Strouse opposed.)

5. Approval of Truck Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board hereby approves that the 1993 Ford Truck be sold to Southampton Motor Cars for their high bid of \$4,625.00.

The motion passed 8-0.

6. Awarding of Bids

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board hereby approves the following bids to the lowest responsible bidder to be funded as a 2006-2007 capital reserve expenditure as follows:

Door Replacement Bid No. 2006-07 for the Administration Building, Davis Elementary School, Longstreth Elementary School, McDonald Elementary School, Stackpole Elementary School, Klinger Middle School, Log College Middle School and William Tennent High School be awarded to Security Door Specialists in the amount of \$104,145.00.

Athletic Locker Installation Bid No. 2006-11 for William Tennent High School be awarded to Robinson Steel in the amount of \$49,485.00.

Stage Dimming Bid No. 2006-13 for Log College Middle School be awarded to Tri-County Electrical Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$26,000.00.

Emergency Generator Replacement Bid No. 2006-08 for Stackpole Elementary School be awarded to Penn Power Systems in the amount of \$18,280.00.

Carpet Installation at the William Tennent High School 3rd floor be awarded to Independent Contract Flooring, LLC at a total cost of \$258,358.00. Pricing for this project is per Pennsylvania State Contract CN00002772 (7220-05), SAP Contract 4600004990.

Mr. Strouse explained that this would encumber the budget they were currently working on and would commit funds for next year.

The motion passed 7-0-1. (Mrs. Brzezinski abstained.)

7. Exception to Policy 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 11-7

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18 for Student 11-7 to attend Leary Elementary School for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year. The family will provide transportation.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that Administration had indicated their support for this exception and that it was only for the 2005-2006 school year.

The motion passed 8-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Mentor; Title I Tutor; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Support Staff Substitutes; and Co-Curricular.

Mr. Strouse stated that over the past few months it had been a pleasure to note that there had been a lot of Centennial students returning as personnel.

The motion passed 8-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Initial Distribution:

Mrs. Jankowsky enumerated the following policies for initial distribution:

- 2.18 – Employment of Co-Curricular Coaches, Advisors and Club Sponsors
- 3.18 – Student Indebtedness
- 5.4 – Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Development
- 724 – Acceptable Use of Computer Technology

Final Approval:

3.5 – Non-Discrimination on Basis of Disability

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.5, Non-Discrimination on Basis of Disability.

The motion passed 8-0.

7.21 – Exemption from Instruction

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 7.21, Exemption from Instruction.

The motion passed 8-0.

FINANCIAL

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

- *Schedule of Bills – February 2006*
- *Investments – February 2006*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – February 2006*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – February 2006*
- *Budgetary Transfers – March 2006*

The motion passed 8-0.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 14, 2006.

The motion passed 8-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mr. Monaghan pointed out that Board members had received a note from Mr. Blatt regarding the Community Safety Program.

Mr. Blatt indicated that he had heard from several Board members who were in favor of this but wanted to make sure that there was not a cost down the road. Mr. Blatt explained that they asked the entity to give us more time to get the proper approvals, so we are waiting to see if those funds will be coming our way.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she was always concerned about the use of the entity's name.

Mr. Blatt responded that he was aware of this and would be sure to keep an eye on how it was used.

Mr. Monaghan pointed out that under the strategic plan one of the goals was partnerships and working with businesses in the communities to possibly help us offset some of our costs. He felt this was something we should look to foster to help us achieve some of our goals. He felt that since this had come up again and it was a goal the last time told him that we haven't been doing enough of this.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that it was important for the Board to know that the steering committee had approved the goals but the Board had to accept or reject them. She also felt that just because this has surfaced again as a goal did not mean we hadn't been working at it. She felt that the need to solicit more funds had grown, rather than depending solely on real estate taxes.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Blatt thanked the Board for permitting the MBIT students and the Stackpole students to make their presentations and showcase their talents earlier in the evening. The Board's interest and attention to the youngsters had not gone unnoticed. He indicated that although the Board might not hear how much this is appreciated, he did.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

No report.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mr. Faust reported on the following matters from the meeting held the previous evening:

- An update was given on the renovation project. The bonds went out to sell. The payments would be going out over 21 years rather than 20 years in order to keep the debt level. Centennial's share of the debt service annually would be \$142,789.
- A presentation was given on the draft budget, which called for an increase of 4.07%. We had requested that they bring this down closer to the cost of living, 3.6%, so they are continuing to work on this. At the budget's current levels, Centennial's share would be approximately \$1.8 million.
- MBIT received a couple of matching grants from the state which they will fund with capital reserve funds.
- Administration was authorized to approve change orders up to \$10,000 on the renovation project, with the approval of the Building Security and Technology Committee.

Mrs. Jankowsky clarified that the \$1.8 million did not include the bond issue.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that MBIT was getting a tremendous amount of cooperation from Warwick Township in meeting and decreasing the amount of money needed to do some of the work associated with the bond issue. She felt that Warwick Township was doing an exemplary job.

Intermediate Unit

Mrs. Brzezinski requested Board members to fill out and return their ballots.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Faust reported that the Finance Committee had met the previous evening and that they would be meeting every Monday evening for the near future. The Committee

reviewed projected revenues, the fund balance projection and staffing requests. They also reviewed the budget adoption timeline, although no changes were recommended at this time. (Legal advice was requested regarding this.)

Mr. Faust also indicated that there would be a list of all Finance Committee meetings, with topics, in the Board's Friday packet.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Faust reported that this Committee had a good initial meeting with the Centennial Administrators Association (CAA) and that they would be meeting again next month. There would be more information coming in the near future.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that the Operations Committee would be scheduling a meeting after completion of the report that Administration had initially promised to the Finance Committee regarding the elementary utilization study.

Citizens Policy

Mr. Monaghan indicated that the next meeting of this Committee would be on March 21st.

Legislative Liaison

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Faust indicated that he had received a letter from a taxpayer regarding overpayment of a tax bill. This was forwarded to the Business Office.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she had received a thank you note from Mr. Vaughn for the flower basket sent for his new baby.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf 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