

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD MAY 9, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on May 9, 2006, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mueller at 7:35 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

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

Administration:

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

CEA/Teachers:

Ron Husted
Jeff Gold
Denise Quinn
Diane Stevens
Jennifer Cresina
Andy Mahony
Susan Bootel
Christine Roviello
Cindy Anderson
Julie Goodling
Aaron Francis
Jennifer Clark
Leslie Bonner
Dennis Warg

Public:

John Cinone
William Jefferis
Leigh Lieberman
Matt Merin
Tom Crum
Tony Martella
Larry McKeogh
Carol Southard
Renee Stanley
Jacob Gallagher
Eva Lucas
Cheri Tenaglia
Kathryn Wyatt
Mary Godfrey
Rose McKeivitt
Jenn Davis
Kelley O’Leary

Public: (continued)

Chris Shepper
Lavinia Natalie
Sandy Smink
Grace Loscalzo
Mike Phillips
Sue Bazzel
Michelle Grillone

Khalid Mumin
Chris Goppold
Stacey Carey
Debbie Burns
Pat Petersen
Glen Starky
Lynn Sparling

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Mueller announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting.

Mrs. Mueller thanked everyone for their support of Fine Arts Festival Week. She felt it was a wonderful example of what was being done in the schools.

Mrs. Jankowsky concurred, stating that everything was wonderful. She spoke about Grant Gifford, a teacher who had passed away several years ago. His wife had written a song, which was performed by the staff, which was delightful.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

GOOD NEWS

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

STUDENT REPORTS

Mr. Merin reported as follows:

- AP exams were held the end of April and the beginning of May.
- The SADD lock-in was held on April 28th.
- May 1-5 was Fine Arts Week.
- Student elections would be starting on May 15th.

Mr. Merin also indicated that coming up would be the blood drive, Senior Prom and the Mr. Tennent Competition.

Jacob Gallagher, a Junior at Tennent, and student at MBIT reported on the Skills USA competition, indicating that those students who placed first at the district competitions competed at the state competitions in Lancaster in March. The four first place winners there will participate in the National competition in Kansas City in June.

At the HOSA competition in March five MBIT students will be advanced to the national competition in Anaheim, California in June.

Mr. Gallagher also reported as follows:

- The last day of school would be on June 14th.
- The Bucks to Biloxi Prom would be held on April 22nd.
- The motorcycle project was progressing well. The goal was to have it done by the end of the school year.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Leigh Lieberman of 396 Byron Road, Warminster, stated that she was interested in getting more detailed data collected each year regarding advanced placement. She brought copies of baseline information to be distributed to Board members. She noted correlations between problems in Math and Physics, which she felt was a problem. She indicated that this was a very dense report and suggested that it could be discussed at a future Education Committee meeting.

Jack Diamond of 299 Kent Road, Warminster, stated that there was no mention at the previous meeting when they talked about the bond about what that would mean per taxpayer.

Mrs. Mueller explained that that was to preserve our ability, as we are going through the feasibility studies, to be able to go out and get that debt. There is no number at this time. We put it out there as the maximum that we could go.

Mr. Diamond speculated that it would mean approximately 12.3 mills for that debt service only or about \$320 per taxpayer, and he felt that number should be mentioned.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2006-2007 Preliminary Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the preliminary General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 in the amount of \$79,873,200 as presented, and hereby authorizes the advertising of said preliminary budget as required by the School Code. Final adoption of the budget is tentatively scheduled for June 13, 2006.

Mrs. Huf stated that she would be opposing this motion because she did not feel the Board had done its job as far as cutting back the budget. It was not where she wanted it to be. She was a taxpayer also.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she wanted it to be known that she thought everyone who sat on the Board worked very hard to do the best they could but her vote on this preliminary budget was absolutely no. This proposed increase would be most harmful to the senior citizens and young families who were struggling to keep their heads above water. One could say that the final budget was the one that would have an impact on taxes, but her response was that if this budget did not matter, then why did all these Board members attend so many meetings about this. Mrs. Lynch indicated that she hoped that the Finance Committee could, in the next three weeks, adjust this budget to meet the needs of all our children and not have the impact on taxes as this preliminary budget.

The motion passed 7-2. (Mrs. Huf and Mrs. Lynch opposed.)

2. Summer Purchasing

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes Administration to commence with summer supply, book and equipment ordering for the 2006-2007 school year within the limits of the previously adopted 2006-2007 preliminary General Fund Budget and 2006-2007 expenditures identified as payable through the Capital Reserve, Education Initiative and Technology Reserve Funds.

The motion passed 7-2. (Mrs. Huf and Mrs. Lynch opposed.)

3. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 23-8

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Faust to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18 to allow Student 23-8 to attend kindergarten at Stackpole Elementary School for the 2006-2007 school year on a tuition basis. The family will provide transportation.

Mrs. Jankowsky noted that Administration was supporting this request.

The motion passed 9-0.

4. Athletic Equipment and Supplies Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Athletic Equipment and Supplies Bid No. 2006-15 and awards same to the following vendors for a total cost of \$59,805.34.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Athletic</u>	<u>Physical Education</u>
Aluminum Athletic Equipment	\$3.95	\$13.50
Flaghouse	895.44	732.13
Georgi Sports	815.60	68.00
Gopher Sport	0.00	3,996.02
Kelly’s Sports	23,216.15	492.00
Locker Room Sporting Goods	6,850.94	0.00
Longstreth Sporting Goods	530.75	0.00
M-F Athletic	181.00	0.00
Metuchen Center	2,631.58	0.00
Monsterlane	180.00	0.00
Passons Sports	590.20	3,056.50
Riddell/All American	100.00	0.00
Sportime	164.40	2,035.44
Sportmaster	1,216.90	0.00
Sportsman’s	7,323.67	1,730.72
Triple Crown	<u>2,980.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	\$47,681.03	\$12,124.31

Mrs. Brzezinski asked about several of the higher items. Mr. Vail explained that these were the totals for the low bids for all of the items for athletics and sports. He indicated that he could provide more detail on these.

Mrs. Huf stated that she would oppose these because she opposed the preliminary budget.

Mrs. Jankowsky suggested that Mr. Vail could clarify that those items listed under Athletic were for co-curricular and those listed under Physical Education were for items used within the education curriculum. Mr. Vail indicated that that was correct.

The motion passed 7-2. (Mrs. Huf and Mrs. Lynch opposed.)

5. Medical Supplies Bid – Athletic and School Health

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Medical Supplies Bid No. 2006-16 and awards same to the following vendors for a total cost of \$9,549.38.

	<u>Health Room</u>	<u>Athletic</u>
Collins Sports Medicine	\$418.74	\$260.25
Delcrest	615.39	0.00
Health Edco	185.00	0.00
Henry Schein, Inc.	1,398.80	644.20
Interboro Packaging	205.92	0.00
Locker Room Sporting Goods	0.00	751.00
Medco	1,554.02	1,403.00

National Health Supply	918.80	123.35
School Health	348.84	159.30
Sportsman's	<u>189.08</u>	<u>373.33</u>
	\$5,834.59	\$3,714.79

The motion passed 7-2. (Mrs. Huf and Mrs. Lynch opposed.)

6. Furniture Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Furniture Bid No. 2006-21 and awards same to the following vendors for a total cost of \$26,525.45.

<i>ATD American</i>	<i>\$1,646.31</i>
<i>Hertz Furniture Systems</i>	<i>5,985.05</i>
<i>O'Connell Associates</i>	<i>1,148.00</i>
<i>Office Service Company</i>	<i>5,572.79</i>
<i>School Specialty</i>	<i>7,289.15</i>
<i>Tri-R, Inc.</i>	<i>3,275.20</i>
<i>Virco Manufacturing</i>	<i><u>1,608.95</u></i>
	<i>\$26,525.45</i>

The motion passed 7-2. (Mrs. Huf and Mrs. Lynch opposed.)

7. Permission to Apply for Competitive Grants

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves permission to apply for the following competitive grants for 2006-2007 which is the fourth year of the 2003-2008 program:

	<u>2006-2007</u>
<i>Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth – Buxmont Academy</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth – Delaware Valley High School – Bustleton</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth – Lakeside Educational Network</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth – LifeWorks Alternative School @ Foundations Behavioral Health</i>	<i>TBD</i>

*Alternative Education for Disruptive
Youth – Middle Earth, Inc.*

TBD

The motion passed 9-0.

8. WTHS Environmental Club Trip to Pennsylvania State University Mont Alto Campus

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Faust to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary and final approval for the William Tennent High School Environmental Club trip chaperoned by retired William Tennent High School teacher Mr. Steven Rubenstein to the State Envirothon Competition at the Pennsylvania State University Mont Alto Campus on May 22-23, 2006. There is no cost to the District.

Cheri Tenaglia thanked the Board for doing this on such short notice. She explained that the club had competed on May 3rd and won first place so they had been invited to go to the state competition. The entire trip would be funded. She also indicated that Steve Rubenstein was no longer able to go on the trip and that she would be going instead.

Mrs. Jankowsky suggested that if the seconder of the motion was agreeable, they could substitute Ms. Cheri Tenaglia as chaperone. Mr. Faust agreed.

Mr. Faust asked if any parents were going since they had a problem in the past with all male students and a female chaperone. Ms. Tenaglia indicated that there were not at this time but that her husband was planning to go. Also, if anyone was interested, they should let her know.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that the motion needed to be amended to provide that the cost would be provided for a substitute in the classroom for May 22 and 23. Mr. Faust agreed.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that the Board normally frowned on doing preliminary and final approvals at the same time but due to the circumstances, she hoped that the Board would approve this. Mrs. Mueller agreed.

The motion passed 9-0.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Faust noted that in the Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence section, on Item 1, under Effective Date, it was changed to read “(not to exceed 30 days)” rather than 60 days.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of

Absence; Authorization to Employ; Summer Elementary Remedial Program; Support Staff Substitutes; and Title I Tutor.

Mrs. Huf requested that item #7 under Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence be pulled.

Mrs. Jankowsky noted that David Dampman was retiring and that he had been a terrific electrician. He had handled things wonderfully in moving to a very technological school district.

The motion passed 9-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Strouse to approve Item #7 under Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence, which was a request for extension of paid sick leave under Policy 2.15.

The motion passed 7-2. (Mrs. Huf and Mrs. Lynch opposed.)

Mr. Blatt commented that he had seldom seen a young person as well accepted by staff, parents and young people as Khalid Mumin. He felt he was bright, articulate and dedicated. He explained that several years ago Mr. Mumin had a good opportunity to move to another school district in New Hope/Solebury in the capacity of Principal. Recently, the current Principal of Klinger resigned, so we took the opportunity to contact Mr. Mumin and he will be returning as Principal of Klinger Middle School. Mr. Blatt stated that it was his pleasure to welcome him back.

Mr. Mumin thanked everyone for their support and for giving him the opportunity to return. He spoke about the phenomenal staff at Klinger and how fortunate he felt to be asked to come back.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she was very proud that he was coming back and felt that we should be very grateful. She was very thankful that he agreed to return.

Mr. Blatt indicated that there were two retirements listed on the agenda that he wanted to note, that of Pat Gillan, Principal at McDonald Elementary, and that of Dr. Lawrence Belli, Principal at Davis Elementary. He felt that they were two absolutely outstanding educators with decades of experience in the District. Mr. Blatt felt that a school district could not replace jewels like these two men. He felt blessed that they crossed his professional path. His only regret was that their paths did not cross decades ago.

Dr. Sexton stated that with respect to Dr. Belli and Mr. Gillan, this was a double whammy for him. It was hard to accept their retirements. Dr. Belli had done a wonderful job. When he had that terrible accident two years ago, it was amazing to see the teachers carry on. Mr. Gillan had a big impact on students who went through his school.

Mrs. Jankowsky concurred with the comments made by Mr. Blatt and Dr. Sexton. She indicated that, having been on the Board that hired Mr. Gillan, he certainly had not disappointed them. She felt that Dr. Belli had even preceded Gene Grossi, which was hard to do. She wished both men well.

Mr. Strouse clarified that we would be employing both of these men on a per diem basis for the next school year until new principals were found for the schools.

Mrs. Huf stated that neither of these two gentlemen ever failed her; they knew their schools. They are both extraordinary people. It will be Centennial's loss when they do go.

Mr. Faust stated that the bulk of his experience was with Mr. Gillan. He was the principal when Mr. Faust was first elected to the Board eleven years ago. Mr. Gillan had taken extra time to explain things to Mr. Faust.

Mr. Faust indicated that he had dealt with Dr. Belli many times also and that he was involved with the CAA. Mr. Faust stated that both of these men would truly be missed.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that when Mr. Gillan first started, he probably started moving the District into technology before we had a technology director.

Mrs. Lynch indicated that she met Dr. Belli when her children were in Harte School. She felt that he would be a difficult man to replace and also that no one could replace Mr. Gillan.

Debbie Burns of 1144 Rozel Avenue stated, on behalf of the Klinger parents that were in attendance and most others, a resounding YES! They were thrilled to have Mr. Mumin back. There had been a lot of transition since he had been gone. She spoke about the influence Dennis Warg had had on the school in establishing stability. If there was any possibility of retaining him, she felt that would be a wonderful thing to do.

Mrs. Mueller asked for a recess at 8:50 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:02 p.m.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Initial Distribution:

Mrs. Jankowsky noted the following policies for initial distribution:

- 3.8 – Exclusion
- 4.15 – Employee Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest
- 4.16 – Business Affiliations
- 6.4 – School Wellness
- 7.20 – Curriculum Review by Parents

Final Approval:

Mrs. Huf asked if all of these policies could be moved together. Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that she thought they could because they had already been discussed and the Board had had the opportunity to review the changes.

Mrs. Lynch indicated that she would like the first one separated.

1.5 – Board Governance Standards (Code of Conduct)

3.2 – School Sponsored Student Publications

3.24 – Family Trips Scheduled During School Year

5.7 – Reporting Student Progress

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policies 1.5 – Board Governance Standards (Code of Conduct); 3.2 – School Sponsored Student Publications; 3.24 – Family Trips Scheduled During School Year; and 5.7 – Reporting Student Progress.

Mr. Faust stated that he still had a problem with Policy 1.5 since he was absent at the meeting where it was discussed. He felt it was more a PSBA propaganda piece than School District policy. Mr. Strouse agreed.

The motion passed 9-0.

1.3 – Centennial School Board Organization and Board Director Responsibilities

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 1.3 – Centennial School Board Organization and Board Director Responsibilities.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she would be voting no on this since she felt it was absurd.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she had a problem with the Board approving that she could go to a conference. She did not think she had to ask the Board members.

Mr. Faust stated that he did not totally disagree but the key was whether it was at District expense or not. If it is to be approved, it has to go through the budget process.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that perhaps it should be clarified that it means “at District expense.” Dr. Sexton pointed out that the policy did state that.

The motion passed 7-2. (Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Brzezinski opposed.)

FINANCIAL

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

- *Schedule of Bills – April 2006*
- *Investments – April 2006*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – April 2006*
- *Student Activity/Clearing Funds – January 1 through March 31, 2006*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – April 2006*
- *Budgetary Transfers – May 2006*

The motion passed 9-0.

MINUTES

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

Work Session/Regular Meeting – March 28, 2006
Regular Meeting – April 11, 2006

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she would not be voting on these since she was absent from both meetings.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that on page 158 of the Minutes of March 28th, the privilege of having verbatim statements put into the Minutes was extended to Board members only, not to community members. She felt that this should be changed to a summary only of Mrs. Baranski's statement, as follows: "Mrs. Huf reported that Mrs. Baranski opposed the sale of the property." Mrs. Huf agreed.

Several other minor revisions/corrections were requested.

It was requested that the motion be separated.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Minutes of the Work Session/Regular Meeting of March 28, 2006, as revised.

The motion passed 7-0-2. (Mrs. Brzezinski and Mrs. Lynch abstained.)

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2006, as revised.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mrs. Lynch stated that she knew the reason the bond issue was rushed was because the House Bill was to be passed that week. She pointed out that only one company was considered, RBC, the Royal Bank of Canada. She questioned whether there was a local bank that could be used. Although they do have local offices, the money goes to Canada.

Mrs. Lynch pointed out that HB 39 was not voted by the House in Harrisburg. She asked the Board to rescind the action of the Special Meeting of May 1st and to go out for additional bids

since we have more time. We might have been able to get a better arrangement. We now have a least about eight weeks before the House brings about another Bill for property tax relief. She felt it was a shame if the Board did not agree to this. She would rather have her money in America than going to a foreign bank.

Mrs. Huf stated that she also had questions about this.

Mr. Strouse explained that the Board had not committed to go forward with this bond. At the time we want to go forward with a bond, we can certainly look at other companies. He did not think anything needed to be done at this time.

Mrs. Lynch felt that from what the gentleman said, it is not that easy to get out of this.

Mrs. Mueller noted that she saw no one else willing to go forward with this so she indicated that she would move on.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Regarding the appointment of Mr. Mumin, Mr. Blatt felt that kudos were in place for the members of the Board. He did not think anyone realized how much time the Board puts in, for no pay. He felt it was a credit to the Board that they moved so quickly with Mr. Mumin. The children of Centennial School District will benefit from this.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lynch reported that the Education Committee would be on May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. They would review the educational technology plan and the Middle School Reading Program.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mr. Faust indicated that the meeting had been cancelled and rescheduled for May 13th, at which time the committee would discuss the renovation process at Middle Bucks.

Intermediate Unit

Mrs. Brzezinski referenced the April 21st issue of *School Leader News* in which there was a form to send in regarding suggestions for the 2007 legislative platform. She encouraged Board members to do so.

Mrs. Brzezinski gave Board members information about the compensation and benefits package for personnel at the I.U. She indicated that if anyone wanted her to refer anything to them, to let her know.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Faust reported that a meeting had been held the previous evening. There was a final review of the preliminary budget. The next meeting was scheduled for May 15th, at which there would be a review of the budget in order to prepare for the final budget.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that the next meeting was not yet scheduled. They were awaiting the appraisals of the individual elementary school buildings. She understood from Mr. Lasher that he had urged the appraisers to have these done by the beginning of June.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that they had placed an additional item on the agenda for the meeting to explore the use of the Pennsylvania Economy League for enrollment projections.

Citizens Policy

Mr. Monaghan stated that a meeting of the Citizens Policy Committee had been held on April 18th, at which they had reviewed Policies 3.8 – Exclusion and 6.4 – School Wellness, which were brought forward for initial distribution; and 3.25 – Distribution of Literature, which was tabled until a future Citizens Policy meeting. The next meeting had not yet been scheduled.

Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Mueller indicated that this had been covered under the I.U. report. Mrs. Brzezinski stated that there was no additional report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Mueller indicated that everyone had received an e-mail from Mrs. Farland this evening indicating that she would like to address the Board; however, she had not seen it yet.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Lynn Sparling of 254 Sweetbriar Drive, Warminster, indicated that her property butted against the drivers ed property. She asked if the Board unanimously voted on this.

Mrs. Mueller responded that she believed that the Board unanimously voted to put this out for sale.

Ms. Sparling asked if the Board had approached the I.U. since they were always looking for space. She also suggested that the property be leased rather than sold.

Mr. Blatt indicated that he was not aware of any contact with the I.U. A while back, Central Bucks had approached us regarding parking part of their bus fleet. Mr. Blatt met with them; in the meantime, they found other space.

Ms. Sparling asked if there was a code of ethics that the Board used that the public could be provided with. She indicated that she meant no disrespect to anyone by asking this. As far as appearances, she said it did not feel good that a Board member was a prominent member of the organization that would be buying the land.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that the Board had ethics. She pointed out that one must understand that Mr. Strouse was not on the Board at the time of this development. She read an e-mail from Mr. Blatt that Mr. Strouse was not involved in any of this. He was not here when the Board decided to do this and was not in on any of the discussions. She indicated that this was truly “squeaky clean.”

Ms. Sparling asked if she could share the e-mail with her neighbors. Mr. Blatt indicated that she could.

Mrs. Lynch explained that the feasibility study said that the lot was not being used so they recommended that it be sold. She pointed out that the land was currently zoned institutional and asked if she was aware what could be there. Mrs. Lynch pointed out that the township was rezoning the land this week, which would preserve the land. The company that was purchasing it was paying a lot of money for the lots and there would probably be \$400,000 - \$500,000 homes there.

Mr. Blatt stated that it was better to address these issues rather than having them fester. He would prefer to be a good partner in the community and provide information. He had not contacted the I.U. but he had a feeling that they would not be interested in the land.

Mrs. Huf indicated that when she was asked earlier, she had misunderstood. She had voted for the sale of the land. Her objection was to Granor-Price because Mr. Strouse was an official of that company.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she wanted to clarify that when a company was going to buy land, we have the obligation to the taxpayer to get the land sold to the highest bidder. She pointed out that Centennial is a shrinking district.

Ms. Sparling asked why. Mrs. Mueller responded that this was not a question for an individual Board member. This was being looked into and she was welcome to come to the appropriate meeting where this would be discussed.

Glenn Starkey of 189 Nemoral Street, Warminster, discussed the issue of retirement homes and private schools and asked where the money was going.

Mrs. Mueller suggested that he come out to the public hearing on May 23rd regarding where this money is and why we are where we are. That is when the Board would be discussing the budget for public review.

Mr. Starkey indicated that he had two properties and no children. He was concerned with the tax increase. He questioned the shrinking enrollment. Mr. Blatt explained that the enrollment was not shrinking – it was pretty stable.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that this discussion could be continued at the budget hearing.

Mr. Starkey asked for a copy of the preliminary budget, which he was provided with.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary