

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD JUNE 13, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on June 13, 2006, in the William Tennent High School Auditorium. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mueller at 7:50 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:

See attached sheets

Public:

See attached sheets

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 relative to Human Relations and Labor issues. She also indicated that she would be invoking the two-minute rule for Community Comments at this meeting since there were so many individuals who wished to speak.

Mrs. Jankowsky thanked the Davis School HSA for presenting budget hearing remarks and reviewing the budget. She also commented on the MBIT Recognition Ceremony that had been held recently, which she thought was fabulous.

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that a retirement dinner was held the previous week and commented and Mrs. Rollo and her assistants had done a fine job.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that the 4th and 5th grader special education students at Willow Dale had made a digital storytelling presentation the previous week. She requested that this be presented at a future Board meeting.

Finally, Mrs. Jankowsky reported on an evening at Davis School at which the 5th grade students did “A Trip Down the Yellow Brick Road.”

PRESENTATIONS

Fine Arts Festival Purchase Prize

Dr. Masko spoke about this prize and announced that this year’s winner was Palav Desai, with a computer-generated self-portrait.

Palav described how she prepared the portrait, after which Dr. Masko presented her with a check for the artwork.

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Dr. Masko explained the process of selecting the recipients of the Outstanding Achievement Awards and read the submissions made on behalf of the winners. This year’s winners of the award were as follows: Jack McAvoy – Longstreth, Marilyn Bernheiser – Tennent, and Molly Leahy – Tennent.

PIAA Medal Winners – PA State Track & Field Championship Meet

Mr. Blatt recognized the two coaches, Ted Abel and Kelly Jensen, who he felt were absolutely outstanding gentlemen. He felt that Mr. Abel was arguably the best high school track coach in the state of Pennsylvania. He pointed out that Kelly Jensen was a former Olympic athlete.

Mr. Abel introduced Kayla Hennessy, a Junior at Tennent, and spoke of her accomplishments. Mr. Jensen then introduced Jason Rebeck and Jay Pittenger and spoke about their example and their records.

PA Teacher of the Year Finalist

Mrs. Homel announced that Molly Leahy was one of the twelve finalists in the state of Pennsylvania for Teacher of the Year. This was the third time Centennial had moved that far. She spoke about Ms. Leahy’s education and experience and read some of Mr. Gearty’s comments about her that had been submitted. Also, Ben Greenberg, the student editor of the paper, read an article he had written.

GOOD NEWS

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

STUDENT REPORTS

Mr. Merin reported on the following events at Tennent:

- May 25 – Prom
- June 2 – Annual Mr. Tennent Competition
- June 7 – Senior Awards Night
- June 14 – Final Exams would begin

He thanked everyone for their support, indicating that it had been an honor to report to the Board over the course of the past year. He wished Mr. Blatt good luck in his future.

Mrs. Mueller thanked him for attending so many of the Board meetings.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Sina Baranski of 854 Pelham Road, Warminster, stated that she felt not enough time was spent on the ways expenditures could be decreased. More people should attend the Finance Committee meetings, constructive criticism was welcomed. She felt the bond was a mistake and that the Board would find a way to spend the money. She felt if young parents and senior citizens worked together, a lot could be accomplished. She felt we need to find someone who knows finance.

Madeline Richard of 266 Hickory Road, Warminster, (3rd grade student) stated that Leary was not just a school, it was a mini-community. She asked the Board to think of the future and the teachers and to think about not closing the school. This was the school her mom went to, and she wanted her children to go there.

Jordan LaCoste of 675 Claire Road (4th grade student) stated that he wanted the same great experience of going to Leary. He asked the Board not to close it. He stated that he loved his teachers and they loved the students. They were a team.

Mrs. Mueller noted that there was nothing on the agenda regarding the closing of any school. The next Operations Committee meeting would be held on June 21st.

Rose Gold of 66 Villa Drive, Warminster, indicated that she had an e-mail being distributed to Davis parents. She would like to say that senior citizens are not zealots and are not anti-education. They are not anti-frivolous spending. This Board has a fiduciary responsibility for their spending. She hoped that they had made cuts since the last meeting. She asked them to stop putting their political agendas first. She felt there were some schools that should be closed and that money could be used to better educate the children in Warminster.

Matt Calario of 558 Maple Street, Warminster, felt that instead of focusing on closing schools, how about double dipping, such as principals retiring but staying on on a per-diem basis.

Rena Stecklein of 271 Essex Road spoke about the effects of taking smaller schools and making them into larger schools. She indicated that she had done some research, which showed the benefits of small schools being a wise investment, as well as being cost-effective. Another report showed that it was important to preserve neighborhood schools whenever possible since they bolstered property values and provided a benefit by providing exercise for the children by having them walk to school.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that she would include this information in the Board's Friday update and that it could be discussed at the Operations meeting.

Penny Bristow of 78 Newtown Road, Warminster, stated that she was hearing a lot of controversy among seniors, young families, the Board, people with higher incomes, etc., which distressed her. She felt everyone should work together rather than pointing fingers at each other and finding excuses such as gas prices, etc. She stated that she would like to volunteer.

Tom Reinboth of 784 Boxwood Drive, Warminster, urged the Board to pass the budget in its current form because it would fund programs needed and give children the education they deserve. He felt it would balance fiscal prudence with the responsibility to educate. He indicated that he had reviewed the tax levels for the last 31 years and that there had been many years with no tax increase. Even with this increase, Centennial would still have the second lowest tax rate in Bucks County. Centennial spent less than any other school district in the county to educate its students. He urged all Board members and the audience to ask the legislators to insist that the state fund the mandated programs. If it did that, we would not have the issues we now have.

Eric Goldsman of 188 Hogeland Road, Southampton, thanked the Board for the tax increase. He stated that Centennial was still 12th out of 13th in the county. He indicated that he was all for it. He pointed out that everyone was on a fixed income. He stated that he had young kids and had to think of paying for college and two daycares. He felt he was on a fixed income, too.

Mr. Goldsman stated that Davis was the school his children attended and that it was an excellent school. He did not feel it was a school that should be closed. He asked the Board not to close any of the elementary schools.

Janet Richard of 266 Hickory Road, Warminster, stated that she had attended the Finance Committee meeting on June 7th and was disturbed with some of the cuts to the preliminary budget. She felt there were many inconsistencies in the feasibility study that supported keeping the schools open. She indicated that she appreciated the willingness of everyone to listen. She was concerned that if any of the schools were closed, taxpayers would be burdened with the costs of upgrading the remaining schools and busing the students. She felt there must be other cuts that could be made in the budget without closing schools.

Michelle Miller of 733 Boxwood Drive, Warminster, asked the Board to pass the proposed budget. She felt that access to an education that would enable our students to be competitive in college and in the job market was important. She urged everyone to contact the legislators regarding the funding of mandates. She stated that she was a proud resident in a community committed to excellence in education.

Richard Ludwig of 62 Villa Drive, Warminster, stated that he was angry, indicating that several days ago someone had put in his door a letter written by Tom Reinboth regarding the budget. It said there was a 50/50 split for pro-education people versus anti-education people. Mr. Ludwig indicated that he had spoken against the budget and he resented being called anti-education. What he was against was unnecessary spending. Much of his experience included making and preparing budgets for a large company. He felt this budget was a padded budget, rife with unnecessary expenditures.

Brad Kirsh of 541 Fisher, Warminster, stated that there had been a lot of mistakes for which he had criticized the Board. But the state legislature has not done their job for the last 40 years. He felt that there must be gradual tax increases, not big increases all at once. He asked people to extend their hands out to everyone they knew in Pennsylvania to contact their legislators.

Marcy Silverman of 90 Villa Drive, Warminster, thanked the Board for their hard work. She stated that people seemed to feel that seniors did not believe in education, but that was not true. They don't think that any of the programs that will benefit children should be cut. She indicated that she took extreme offense at the e-mail that went around that made a joke of Mrs. Gold. Also, she was curious about job security for teachers. If there was not a need for older teachers, how could their jobs be secure? She also questioned why teachers are not expected to pay a portion of their health insurance.

Mrs. Mueller clarified that the teachers do share in the cost of their health insurance.

Phillip Bootel of 1347 Orcap Way, Southampton, stated that he was the parent of two girls who were now in college. He felt awful about the divisiveness with the senior citizens. He indicated that he would pay to take care of the citizens who took care of him when he was younger and also for the children who would take care of him when he is older. He would hate to see any school closings. He indicated that he was the spouse of a teacher at Davis and clarified that they pay toward the benefits – there are no free benefits.

Wilma Starr of 1297 Cloverly Drive, Warminster, stated that since Centennial has the second lowest taxes in the county, no schools should be closed. She urged the Board to be remembered as one who put children first, not as one who closed a beloved school.

Ron Dorfman of 97 Villa Drive, Warminster, indicated that the previous week it was mentioned that they wanted to replace PC's with laptops. He felt that he would not do that for college, much less for lower level schools since desktop PC's are cheaper and easier to repair and do not "walk away."

Susan McGorrey of 1137 Rozel Avenue, Southampton, stated that she would like her children to have nothing less than what her husband had in this district 21 years ago. So far, their education had been excellent. She urged the Board to fund the budget intact. Any less would endanger the educational program. Schools exist for the students.

Jack Leitmeyer of 490 Steamboat Drive, Southampton, stated that he was a partially blind, 73-year old senior citizen, who retired 19 years ago and had not gotten an increase in all that time. Also, they have taken away his benefits and he now has to pay for all of them. He was shocked to see the salary and benefits that the teachers are making. He wanted to know what the Board was going to do to help the senior citizens. He stated that the increases were unbearable for people like him.

Jack Dugan of 838 West Maple, Southampton, stated that senior citizens are losing their homes. He felt they needed a break. If it wasn't for the veterans, everyone would be speaking Japanese or German. He implored the Board to "give us a break!"

Cheryl Brown of 1485 Nancy Drive, Southampton, stated that she did not like paying taxes or high insurance or high gas prices but she has to do it. She also doesn't like paying for the war in the Gulf but her taxes pay for that. She asked whether we wanted to continue to have art in the schools, music in the schools, and after school activities. She felt that answer was yes. She pointed out that her parents and grandparents had those things, and that she wanted her grandchildren to have those things so we were going to have to pay for them. She urged people to write letters to their legislators.

Mary Jane Oziminski of 602 Paddock Drive, Southampton, stated that it had been said that our children are resilient but she questioned why they should have to be, why they should have to lose so much. She did not feel that they should have to lose their neighborhood schools. She indicated that she had asked what could be done and was told to write to the legislators. She has done that, and wanted to know what else she could do.

Mrs. Mueller responded that she had been contacted by the legislators recently and they indicated that they care and they are working on this.

Ms. Oziminski asked if the HSA's could help raise money for renovations. She felt that small class sizes were important.

Mr. Blatt stated that he has been hearing that if schools are put together that class sizes would increase. He pointed out that the District has a class size policy and that those class sizes would be maintained. There have been no discussions about increasing class sizes.

Regarding fundraising, Mr. Blatt stated that right now the elementary schools contribute unbelievable amounts of resources. As far as individual contributions for an HSA, a school district would welcome that. However, it becomes a slippery slope for a school board to consider.

Monica Spina of Hi-View Drive, Southampton, spoke about school closings. She pointed out that if more houses were put in, there would be more children and more schools would be needed. She suggested taking a current census and suggested shutting down the Johnsville building.

Mrs. Mueller stated that the venue for this discussion was an Operations Committee meeting.

Sue Dierkes of 1000 Jacksonville Road, #38, Ivyland, felt that if the children were not getting opportunities to participate in after school programs, they would be running around the neighborhood and there would be more vandalism, etc.

Paul Crager of 1221 Lynda Lane, Warminster, stated that he was not disagreeing with the tax increase but was in disagreement with the amount. He felt a reasonable tax increase was acceptable but there were too many items that had been blown out of proportion and that were in the budget for fluff. He asked that there not be so much money buried in this budget that we are killing the taxpayer.

Frank Feinberg of 525 Fisher Lane, Warminster, stated that he did not understand why we accept the unacceptable. They have not changed the laws, they have cut funding – they don't fund the mandates. When do we say that is enough? Why don't our legislators know our programs are so underfunded?

Joseph Donnely of 434 New Road, Southampton, felt that a lot could be cut out of the budget. Although there was a lot that was not funded, he felt schools have a lot of clout. He felt if the schools got together and complained, something would happen. He stated that he felt teachers were great and that in the past they had been underpaid. Now the pendulum has swung too far and they are getting more and more. He felt it could not continue to go like this, it had to be relative to the rest of the population.

Anthony Simon of 111 Charlotte Avenue, Southampton, spoke about closing schools. He stated that if Board members felt they had been attacked because of this, they should get used to it. He indicated that people kept asking what they could do and they kept hearing that they should contact their legislators. Mr. Simon did not understand why there was such a large deficit and questioned why the administration building could not be sold.

Aileen Salus of 104 Villa Drive, Warminster, pointed out how much money would be received from Ann's Choice, Five Points and Centennial Station. She pointed out that they realized how important it is to educate the children but did not feel they needed laptop computers. The Board needed to learn how to balance and to produce a realistic budget.

Tom Dougherty of 75 Chestnut Road, Southampton, stated that we have to realize we can't afford the Cadillac anymore. We have to get the economy car. He felt it was unfortunate if some schools would have to be closed but everyone had to realize this might need to be done. He could understand that this might disrupt the community but in a few years when people realized their taxes were not affordable, they would be right back here complaining. A school

must be run like a business. If a business is going bankrupt, costs have to be cut before it is too late.

Tom Zuzelo of 68 Hamilton Drive, Warminster, stated that he was amazed at the comments that the Board cut more spending. Last year the Board cut classes from eight to six to save money. He questioned what would come next – would there be only four classes? He felt that you could only close schools and cut programs for so long before there was nothing left and that maybe cutting was not the answer. Maybe the District needed to invest more in the students.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Final Budget Approval

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the budget for fiscal year 2006-2007 in the amount of \$80,335,804 as presented, and hereby authorizes the expenditures as set forth therein during the year 2006-2007, and levying a tax of 88.45 mills per \$1,000 of assessed real estate valuation.

Further directs that Real Estate Tax Bills be dated and mailed July 1, 2006, and approves that the real estate tax for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year be payable with a discount of 2% on or before August 31, 2006, and shall bear a penalty of 10% if paid on or after October 31, 2006.

Be it further resolved that the Centennial School Board reenacts the following taxes and rates as set forth in Act 511 of 1965:

The Mercantile Tax for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 of (a) One mill on wholesale sales, and (b) 1 ½ mills on retail sales, and a license fee of \$5. This tax is shared with Warminster Township, the Borough of Ivyland, and Upper Southampton Township.

The 1% Realty Transfer Tax for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. This tax is shared with Warminster Township, the Borough of Ivyland, and Upper Southampton Township.

The Occupation Privilege Tax for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 at the rate of \$5 per person employed within the boundaries of the Centennial School District. This tax represents a portion of the EMS Tax enacted by Warminster Township, the Borough of Ivyland, and Upper Southampton Township.

The Business Privilege Tax for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 of 1 ½ mills on gross receipts and a license fee of \$5. This tax is shared with Warminster Township and the Borough of Ivyland.

The Earned Income Tax and Net Profits Tax for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 at the rate of 1%. This tax is shared with Warminster Township, the Borough of Ivyland, and Upper Southampton Township.

Finally, be it resolved that the Administration is authorized and directed to advertise the adopted 2006-2007 Budget in accordance with the provisions of the School Code and to file a copy of the 2006-2007 Budget with the PA Department of Education.

Mrs. Huf requested that the following statement be entered into the minutes verbatim:

“Good evening folks. Thanks for coming out again. Your attendance at all these meetings has shown me that you care about our neighborhood schools, our children and their education. You care about tax increases and how they will affect our community, our seniors, our young families, and the burden being put on families on fixed incomes. I, too, am a senior and living on a budget. If I spend money on something and it is more than I can afford, then I have to find something in my budget that I have to cut or just not do it. Schools cannot inflate their budgets and then go to the public for the difference. \$8 million shortage is too much to ask this school community to give to this Board. This is overspending at its worst. I am concerned that this budget sets a bad example for school spending. This is all about HB39, which, when passed, will force School Boards to go to voter referendum when they attempt to overtax the communities which they serve. I feel that this \$8 million short budget was driven by that fact and that everyone in the Centennial schools were told to put in a budget for everything they desired, kind of like a wish list to make this budget this year outlandish. Mission accomplished!!”

“Centennial is a great School District. The message is out. Parents with young children are moving back to our school community because this is where they want to raise their families, this is where they want to have their children educated. Please, let’s not lose sight of this by overtaxing and sending them away.

“Also, Leary is a Blue Ribbon School. I was part of that experience when it became a Blue Ribbon school.

“Finally, we have a \$110 million bond floating out there. True, we haven’t spent a cent of it yet – but, the time will come for closing schools and refurbishing the rest of our schools. And, we won’t have to ask for your approval. That’s why it was done. So that we wouldn’t have to go to voter referendum to ask you for more money, we have our pot of gold. We are ready!!!”

“Folks, I cannot support this budget because I don’t agree with the notion to get everything done in one budget. At this point, because of the caring parents, I am not in support of closing any elementary schools. We have a full plate. This is all too much, too quick. Let this Board take its time. These decisions will last a lifetime.”

Mrs. Lynch stated that she had asked for cuts and reductions in the budget and that she had proposed cuts and reductions at the May 23rd meeting in the amount of \$2 million. These did not contain any educational cuts. They would have been a sacrifice for the

Administration and School Board. This budget process has divided children in the schools, as well as the parents and the citizens. She indicated that she could understand why parents would be upset but the seniors never said children's education should be cut. They could understand a reasonable tax increase, but not this.

Mrs. Lynch indicated that she had lived here for 40 years and had never complained about her taxes until now. It was her strong feeling that this budget was overinflated and was meant to be because property tax relief was coming. This might be the last overinflated budget this School District would ever have the opportunity to pass. She stated that she could not and would not support a budget that contained budgetary increases that could not and would not be justified and where spending was excessive. Her vote was absolutely no.

Mr. Monaghan felt that the Finance Committee, the Board and Administration had worked diligently for the residents. He hoped that when this process was over they could demand action in Harrisburg. He indicated that he would be voting yes on the budget.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that to her it was a matter of morality. She indicated that she had told everyone when she was elected that there are too many schools and she would not support any budget. She was not voting for the budget. She voted for it when they were working on it but she was not voting on it now. She stated that she only had one year left and she was not running again – ever. She stated that she was not political and was not running for votes.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she felt \$80 million was a lot of money and there was a lot of fluff. There were a lot of places they could find money. She agreed that more money was needed in education.

Mrs. Jankowsky commended members of the Finance Committee, as well as the administrative team, for the many hours they devoted to this budget. She did not recall any specific suggestions for cutting the budget being submitted to the Finance Committee. This budget was not an inflated budget, in her opinion. There were many fixed costs that could not be avoided. Until the state government and the federal government cease and desist from implementing mandates that they do not fund, that cost is passed on in the way of taxes.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she would be supporting this budget as presented. She felt that it served no purpose to have the community divided, to have the young parents divided against the senior citizens. She asked them not to put the children in the middle the next time.

Mrs. Jones stated that she believed this district was one of the best and that it was necessary to fund all projects and initiatives. As a member of the Finance Committee, she knew that they had worked long and hard. Fuel costs had a big impact on this budget. She pointed out that she was a senior citizen with a fixed income and would have to pay

the increase also. She had lived in two other school districts and paid higher taxes. She indicated that she would be voting yes.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mrs. Brzezinski</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Faust</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Jankowsky</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Jones</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Monaghan</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Strouse</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 6-3.

A recess was taken at 10:15 p.m. The meeting resumed at 10:35 p.m.

Mr. Faust indicated that there was a question by Mrs. Loftus regarding the motion. She questioned the wording “on or after” October 31, 2006, with regard to the penalty of 10%. It was clarified by law this was correct as written.

2. Close 2005-2006 Books/Authorize Audit

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes Administration to close the 2005-2006 Centennial School District books as of June 30, 2006, incorporating all accruals therein; that all bills that arrive and are due by June 30, 2006 are approved for payment provided the Administration reviews the bills and is satisfied the same are just and proper obligations of the school district, and provided said expenditures are within the budget; that the transfer of budget amounts necessary for the processing of budgeted expenditures are approved subject to review and ratification by the Board in September, 2006; and that the School District auditors be directed to proceed with conducting the necessary audit for the close of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

The motion passed 9-0.

3. 2006-2007 Insurance Rates

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the 2006-2007 District Insurance Premiums as per the attached supplement.

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that these were \$22,000 under the estimated increase so there was a cut in the budget for this.

The motion passed 9-0.

4. Agreement with Vita Education Services

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the renewal of the Agreement with Vita Education Services, Inc. to offer adult literacy classes to residents of Centennial School District for the 2006-2007 school year as per the attached supplement. There is no cost to the District.

Dr. Sexton indicated that this had been reviewed by counsel.

The motion passed 9-0.

5. Agreement with Tot Time

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Agreement with Tot Time Child Development Centers, Inc. for a summer camp program to be held at Willow Dale Elementary School as per the attached supplement.

The motion passed 9-0.

6. Permission to Apply for Competitive Grant

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 competitive grant for the 2006-2007 school year in the amount indicated:

<i>College and Career Counseling Grant</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
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The motion passed 9-0.

7. Exception to Policy 7.18 – Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 19-8

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 to allow student 19-8 to attend Stackpole Elementary School for the 2006-2007 school year on a tuition basis. The family will provide transportation.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that this had the support of Administration.

The motion passed 9-0.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status, for Student 1-1 to attend William Tennent High School for the 2006-2007 school year as a tuition student. The parent will provide transportation.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that this had the support of Administration.

The motion passed 9-0.

9. Educational Technology Plan 2006-2009

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Educational Technology Plan 2006-2009. Approval of the Educational Technology Plan imposes no financial commitment on this Board or future School Boards.

Mr. Strouse stated that the plan included a number of items that implied specific expenditures. They did not want to obligate Boards to these expenditures. These will be coming before the Boards at a future time.

Mrs. Brzezinski indicated that she would be abstaining.

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

Mr. Blatt stated that there was some discussion on laptop computers and breakage and theft, which was some of their concern. They were pleased and proud that there was not a single incident of theft, vandalism or breakage in any of the schools.

10. Proposal to Adjust Middle School Reading Program

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Proposal to Adjust Middle School Reading Program.

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that this came through the committee unanimously, as did the previous item.

The motion passed 9-0.

11. Fulbright Administrator Exchange Program

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Mrs. Sheila Buckley's participation in a Fulbright Administrator Exchange program with Thailand. During June/July 2007, Mrs. Buckley

will spend six weeks as a visiting administrator in Thailand, and Centennial School District will host her exchange partner as a visiting administrator for six weeks during the 2006-2007 school year, dates to be determined.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if this was the same country that Dr. Masko had visited. Dr. Masko confirmed that it was but that it was a different school district. He explained that Mrs. Buckley would be visiting and focusing on gifted education.

The motion passed 9-0.

12. Art Supply Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Art Supply Bid No. 2006-22 and awards same to the following vendors for a total cost of \$53,940.44.

<i>Cascade School Supplies</i>	<i>\$20,661.62</i>
<i>Kurtz Brothers</i>	<i>14,094.31</i>
<i>Nasco</i>	<i>7,211.72</i>
<i>Triarco Arts and Crafts</i>	<i>4,352.00</i>
<i>Standard Stationery</i>	<i>3,841.33</i>
<i>Sheffield Pottery</i>	<i>3,779.46</i>

The motion passed 9-0.

13. Stock Supply Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Stock Supply Bid No. 2006-23 (for office and classroom supplies) and awards same to the following vendors for a total cost of \$45,971.16.

<i>Cascade School Supplies</i>	<i>\$18,724.67</i>
<i>Kurtz Brothers</i>	<i>13,499.55</i>
<i>Standard Stationery</i>	<i>6,703.91</i>
<i>Phillips Supply</i>	<i>2,377.67</i>
<i>School Specialty</i>	<i>2,335.06</i>
<i>Office Service</i>	<i>2,330.30</i>

The motion passed 9-0.

14. Agreement with RHS Consultants

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Agreement with RHS Consultants per the attached supplement.

Mrs. Lynch noted that the person referred to was named Schrader but that there was no relation to her in any way, shape or form.

The motion passed 9-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Terminations/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Summer Elementary Remedial Program; Substitute Bus Driver Trainees; Student/Summer Employees; and Substitute Bus Aide.

The motion passed 9-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Request Permission to Develop a Policy on Parent Involvement

Mrs. Jankowsky explained that this request had its genesis in Section 1118 of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Dr. Sexton indicated that, specifically, this pertained to the Title I program. In order to continue the funding stream under Section 1118, we are required to develop a policy to show how we will involve parents.

There was a consensus of the Board to develop this policy.

Discussion:

3.8 – Exclusion

4.15 – Employee Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest

4.16 – Business Affiliations

7.20 – Curriculum Review by Parents

Mrs. Jankowsky asked that these be deferred to the second meeting in the month. There was consensus of the Board to do so.

Final Approval:

6.4 – School Wellness

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Faust to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 6.4, School Wellness.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that Administration had made the changes requested by the Board.

The motion passed 9-0.

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 – May 2006*
- *Investments – May 2006*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – May 2006*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – May 2006*
- *Budgetary Transfers – June 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 – April 25, 2006*
- *Special Board Meeting – May 1, 2006*
- *Regular Board Meeting – May 9, 2006*

The motion passed 9-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mrs. Lynch stated that tonight was democracy at its finest and that, collectively, they had done a good job in their own way. She felt that it showed people out there that people have the right to have disagreements. That is the American way.

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that in the Friday packets Mr. Blatt had distributed suggested goals. She asked if they were going to be put on a Work Session agenda for approval. She read the goals and stated that she felt they were appropriate and that she supported them and would like to advance them for discussion and approval by the Board.

There was consensus of the Board for the goals to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mrs. Jankowsky noted that the Warminster Board would be addressing the issue of zoning for the driver's ed lot and that our solicitors would be attending. She asked if anyone else would be attending.

Mrs. Lynch felt that it would be a good idea for as many people as possible to go.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that Mr. Faust had agreed to go, and that they would see if anyone else could also attend.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None.

Mrs. Huf and Mrs. Lynch left the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

None.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mr. Faust reported on the meeting that had been held the previous evening, as follows:

- The projected enrollment was 932, with 11 programs being full. One of the major issues was that the Math program had been curtailed at MBIT.
- A pilot program in physical education would be offered for Central Bucks students.
- A resolution was approved giving Administration a 3.15% base increase.
- The non-bargaining unit received a 3.25% base increase.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that there was a popular class involving computer breakdown and buildup, which she suggested be checked into.

Intermediate Unit

Mrs. Brzezinski reported that a meeting was held on June 20th, the same day as graduation. She provided Mr. Blatt the packet that had been sent to her.

Mrs. Brzezinski indicated that Bristol Borough was having a new school built and that Council Rock was bringing back the Education Foundation and was considering hiring a consultant.

The scholarship foundation at Pennsbury was raising over \$75,000 per year and was giving graduates \$2,000 for college.

Bristol Township was interviewing for a new Superintendent.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Faust reported that the Finance Committee had basically completed its work for this school year. He thanked Mr. Strouse, Mrs. Jones and Mr. Vail. He also thanked Mr. Blatt and Dr. Masko for their work with the budget.

Mr. Faust indicated that the Finance Committee would start meeting again in September and would review possible rebates for seniors.

Mrs. Mueller thanked all Board members who worked with the budget, in addition to the Finance Committee.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that the Operations Committee had met the previous evening and had a tremendous turnout. They reviewed real estate appraisals for the six elementary school properties.

The next meeting would be held on June 21st.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that it was very impressive to see all the parents coming to the Operations Committee meeting and indicated that no one was confrontational, everyone was respectful.

Mr. Monaghan thanked Dr. Sexton for putting the Power Points together, and also thanked Mr. Lasher and Mr. Vail. He was also impressed with the way the parents handled themselves. He felt this was the beginning of everyone getting back together as a community.

Citizens Policy

None.

Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Mueller reported that she had received an e-mail from PSBA. They will be holding a press conference and will be addressing the revenue and cost sides of alternative revenues for public schools.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Mueller reported that she had received many e-mails and responded to most of them.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Betty Ianieri of 355 Beech Street, Warminster, questioned why the room was so cold since tax dollars were paying to cool the room off. She indicated that many people had left because it was so cold.

Mrs. Mueller responded that they had expected standing room only and that it takes time to cool the room off.

Ms. Ianieri stated that she was extremely disappointed in all the Board members who supported the budget. She felt it was very political. She indicated that she was not political. People work hard but that doesn't mean you should take from those who don't have. Teachers are allowed to strike. She felt that they hold taxpayers hostage because of that. She asked if it was sensible to fulfill the emotional wishes of parents to keep a school open and make the seniors pay for it. She felt the schools were being under-utilized and that there were empty rooms.

Mr. Monaghan responded that the schools were not being under-utilized. He did not know where that information was coming from. The rooms were filled.

Mrs. Brzezinski disagreed with Mr. Monaghan but indicated that she was not going to argue at this point. She completely disagreed that there were not empty rooms.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mrs. Mueller reviewed the schedule attached hereto.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Brzezinski and seconded by Mr. Faust to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary