

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
HELD JUNE 27, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

A Work Session/Regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on June 27, 2006, in the William Tennent High School Auditorium. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mueller at 7:40 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  
Dr. Michael Masko  
Timothy Vail

CEA/Teachers:

Kelley O’Leary  
Jennifer Higgins  
Rose McKeivitt  
Al Catarro

Public:

Diane O’Connor  
Larry Foy  
Catherine Foy  
James Pagano  
Janet Richard  
Sandra Welsh  
Janet Gottobrio  
Wilma Starr  
Kate Hartenstein  
Lynn Peterson  
Tom Reinboth  
John Connelly  
Ed Calhoun  
Sina Baranski

Eileen Phillips  
Thomas Ernst  
Paul Crager  
Bobbie Loftus  
Larry McKeogh  
Joe Loria  
Nick Rose  
Mary Frank  
Laurel Backert  
Felix McKeogh  
Laura Murray  
Patrick Murray  
Mike Daukas  
John Daukas

Public (continued):

Sandy LaCoste  
Barb Patrick  
John Bofinger  
Lisa Simon  
Vicki Francis  
Mary Jane Oziminski  
Monica Spina

Madison Spina  
Meryl Cooperman  
Toni Luongo  
Matt Adamson  
Steven Smuszkiewicz  
Stephen Svarczkopf

**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 personnel matters.

Mrs. Mueller stated that it had been a pleasure to hand out diplomas at graduation with Mr. Blatt. There were 440 graduating students.

Mrs. Huf thanked the Operations Committee – she appreciated picking up the newspaper and seeing that the closing of schools was no longer an issue.

Mrs. Jankowsky spoke about the salutatorian and the valedictorian of the Senior class and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Digital Storytelling

Dr. Masko introduced Jeff Markowski of Willow Dale, who explained digital storytelling and what the students and teachers at Willow Dale had done together. Mr. Markowski made a presentation, which included several examples of digital storytelling. (Susan Starr had also worked on this but was on vacation and was unable to attend the meeting.)

**GOOD NEWS**

No report.

**STUDENT REPORTS**

None.

## COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Larry McKeogh of 159 Villa Drive, Warminster, asked how HB39 would affect the budget.

Mrs. Mueller explained that the solicitor's opinion was that if this was signed (which it was), was that it would not affect the 2006-2007 budget. If we exceed the budget, we will have to go to referendum. Our budget calendar for 2007-2008 will have to be adopted in August. Mrs. Mueller outlined other dates in the budget calendar.

Mr. McKeogh indicated that in the development where he lived, Five Ponds, there were about 550 voters. The millage has brought about a lot of difficulties. He was sure there were plenty of things that could have been done. People were very upset. When it came time to vote, he was sure there would be an impact.

Tom Cunningham of 1230 Melody Lane indicated that he was very upset about the budget and the discussion about the elementary schools. Papers were handed out to students that cast senior citizens in a bad light. He also felt that there were things that could have been done regarding the budget. He felt that ESL should be the first thing to go. He also mentioned a new program involving overweight kids. He felt this was going in the wrong direction – that this was none of the district's business and none of the government's business. He did not need to be paying for programs that waste time.

Mr. Blatt stated that recently there had been a fair amount of requirements and mandates that were placed on school boards. The District must deliver an ESL program – it is mandated. The District has no choice. Recent mandates require school districts to form wellness councils and submit compliance information to the state. We have no discretion on this.

Tom Dougherty of Southampton stated that he would like to see Southampton secede from the Centennial School District after the vote on the budget. He would like to thank the three Board members who voted no. For the six who voted yes, he asked how it was not communism when you vote to force a tax hike on senior citizens and people with no children. He also questioned whether the Centennial School District is actually bankrupt when it spends more money that it has. He felt the District show throw it back in the government's face that there are too many mandates. He felt that by voting for this tax increase, the Board was voting to bring public schools to their demise even more quickly.

Mr. Dougherty questioned how many illegal alien children there were in the District. Although he knew this couldn't be answered, he felt he could be told how many children were in the District, and how many were legal. He could do the math from there.

## COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- *Finance Committee – May 15, 2006*

- *Finance Committee – June 7, 2006*
- *Operations Committee – April 17, 2006*
- *Operations Committee – June 12, 2006*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Amend Final Budget Approval Resolution

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board amends the resolution adopting the 2006-2007 General Fund Budget approved at the June 13, 2006 meeting to change the penalty period from “on or after October 31, 2006” to “on or after November 1, 2006”, see supplement.*

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

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

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

*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 7-13 to attend William Tennent High School for the 2006-2007 school year as a tuition student. The family will provide transportation.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

### 3. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 4-12

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that the family was asking the District to provide transportation; therefore, this was not supported by Administration.

*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, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Students 1-19 and 4-12 to attend Klinger Middle School for the 2006-2007 school year. The District will provide transportation.*

Mrs. Brzezinski asked why the family was asking for transportation. Mrs. Homel explained that they did not have the means to provide it. She had not asked for them to pay for it because it would be difficult for us to provide it at that time of the day.

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that the past practice of the Board had been to grant these as long as parents provided transportation. Although she moved the motion, she indicated that she would not be supporting it.

*The motion failed 0-9.*

4. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Students 2-13 and 10-13

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that this was supported by Administration.

*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 to allow Student 10-13 to attend Davis Elementary School and to allow Student 2-13 to attend Klinger Middle School for the 2006-2007 school year on a tuition basis. The family will provide transportation.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

5. District Goals for 2006-2007 School Year

Mr. Strouse pointed out that this indicated that the goals would be continuing study of the feasibility plans for the elementary schools. He suggested that the elementary schools be removed and the high school be left in.

Mrs. Brzezinski totally disagreed. She felt this should remain in the goals and that something must be done about the elementary schools.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that although the committee unanimously supported doing nothing with the elementary schools until the impact of HB39 was seen and because of the support of the community members for the schools, it seemed that the Board still needed to look at the elementary buildings with regard to infrastructure issues, electrical issues, mechanical systems, EPA, health, safety and security issues and emergency backup systems. She indicated that she would be inclined to keep this in the goals.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she did not want people to see this as saying that schools will be closed. She implored the press not to report that.

Mrs. Brzezinski asked for an explanation of Goal #4. She felt that she would not be able to vote for the goals because of that.

Mr. Blatt explained that several years ago they instituted the program at virtually no cost to the District to create the Centennial Academy to provide remedial programs for children (using grant money, etc.) There is also an enrichment component. He explained some of the other items covered under this.

Mrs. Huf felt that it was time to put the elementary schools to bed and not have it hanging out there.

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the District Goals for the 2006-2007 school year (see supplement.)*

Mrs. Mueller read the text of the goals.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that if the language presented a problem for Mrs. Huf, they could change the language of the goal (see below). She presented suggested language. Mrs. Huf agreed, as long as closing schools was not part of it. She also questioned whether costs should be included in #3 and 4. Mr. Strouse indicated that costs had never been included before.

Mrs. Mueller explained that as these things come forward, then the Board would vote on whether or not to approve them. Mr. Strouse pointed out that the Board still needs to work within the budget.

Mrs. Huf stated that she did not approve the budget so she would not be approving these goals.

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to amend the motion by changing Goal #1 to read as follows:*

*“Continuing study and examination of the elementary school buildings and their infrastructure to include but not be limited to energy efficiency, electrical capacity and mechanical systems, environmental and ADA considerations, health, safety and security issues, and emergency backup systems.”*

*The motion to amend passed 7-2. (Mrs. Huf and Mr. Faust opposed.)*

*The amended motion passed 7-2. (Mrs. Huf and Mr. Faust opposed.)*

6. Preliminary Approval for Trip by Longstreth Elementary School Students to Camp Canadensis

*A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary approval of a trip by the fifth grade students at Longstreth Elementary School to Camp Canadensis, September 13-15, 2006. The cost to the District is \$510.00.*

Mrs. Lynch indicated that this program had been going on for many years. The cost was \$85 per student but students who could not afford it would be provided with scholarships.

Mrs. Jankowsky spoke about the program and what a wonderful job the staff does. Mrs. Mueller agreed.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

7. Administrators' Compensation Program

Mr. Faust stated that this was a 3½ % increase and they are paying 10% of their medical premiums.

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts an Administrators' Compensation Salary and Fringe Benefit Program for the term of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2010 as previously distributed.*

Mrs. Jankowsky asked that the listing on page one be either in alphabetical order or aligned with the matrix.

Mrs. Mueller acknowledged Mr. Faust, Mr. Strouse and Mrs. Jankowsky for the many hours they had spent on this. She felt they had done an excellent job.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

8. Food Service Equipment Bid

9. Milk, Juice and Tea Bid

10. Suburban Schools Food Service Co-Op Bread and Rolls Bid

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

- (8) Approves the Food Service Equipment Bid No. 2006-29 for Klinger Middle School and awards same to Todd Devin Food at the bid amount of \$20,743.00. This will be a Cafeteria Fund expenditure.*
- (9) Approves the Milk, Juice and Tea Bid No. 2006-27 and awards same to Rosenberger's Dairies for the lowest responsible bid amounts.*
- (10) Approves the Centennial School District participation in the Suburban Schools Food Service Purchasing Co-Op Bread & Rolls Bid No. 2006-28 to be awarded to Amoroso Baking Company, Morabito Baking Company, and Stroehmann Bakeries. The approximate total value of this award as it pertains to Centennial School District is \$31,000.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

#### 11. Video Broadcasting of School Board Meetings

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that as a direct result of the Operations Committee meeting of June 21<sup>st</sup>, she was requesting the Board to consider video broadcasting its meetings.

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to resolve that the Centennial School Board directs Administration to investigate video broadcasting of School Board meetings via the cable TV network. Administration shall investigate equipment and personnel costs, as well as a timetable for implementation.*

Mr. Strouse stated that he was firmly opposed to this motion. The Board had been through a tremendous amount regarding expenditures. He was not in favor of spending one more penny for an administrative expense of this nature.

Mrs. Huf stated that she had become a School Board member to serve the community and the children. That did not include becoming a TV star. Anytime anyone had a problem, they could address the Board at any time, as was seen in the past few weeks. She indicated that she would not spend one cent on television coverage of the meetings.

Mrs. Lynch stated that in the past year the Board had seen a lot and the meetings had been well attended. Young parents were leaving their children to attend the meetings. Senior citizens were leaving their homes to attend these meetings. She believes people should be able to watch the meetings at home. She totally supported this but she did not expect to be a movie star. She felt it was important for people to come to the meetings but if they couldn't, they should be able to watch them.

Mrs. Brzezinski felt it was very enlightening for people to know that this was very complicated. She was 100% for this. For senior citizens to come to this auditorium was very difficult and parking was too far away. She felt there would be nothing better than having these meetings on television. It would be great to have people see what other things go on in the schools.

Mr. Monaghan stated that under the strategic plan there was a partnership plan. He felt this would blend beautifully with that. There was a video class at Tennent, which could possibly use this as a project or class assignment to improve their skills. Mr. Monaghan indicated that he would be supportive of this if it could be done as a partnership of this type.

Mrs. Jones indicated that she would support this. It would be better if people could see what was going on rather than just listening.

Mr. Strouse pointed out that this was about broadcasting the Board meetings. Other events are already broadcast.

Mr. Faust voiced his concern that this was how a budget grows. He asked how the Board could cut kids' programs, yet vote for this. He felt the Board needed to start looking at the big picture.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt we were fortunate to have Ed Calhoun, who has offered to be a resource if the Board approved this. As far as the implications of Act 39, she felt that was why they needed to have more outreach to the community so that they could convey to them the services and programs available to the children. She indicated that it did fall in compliance with the strategic plan. She felt that in the future the Board should consider broadcasting the committee meetings.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she was thrilled that this came back. Now that community members could be voting on matters with referendum, it was important that they be informed. She felt this was a wonderful thing. Parent organizations had asked what they could do – she felt that maybe this was something they could contribute to.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

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

*The motion passed 6-3.*

## 12. Commonwealth Injunction – SSHB 39

Mr. Faust stated that there was a letter from Mr. Levin in the Board's packet regarding this matter.

Mrs. Brzezinski indicated that she assumed that they were not going to be the only district to be in this position. She asked if we could wait until the other districts do this and go into a pool and save money. She indicated that she would vote against this.

Mrs. Jankowsky explained that this had come before the Finance Committee. She raised this as a matter that they should investigate because they had no understanding of the implications of HB39 and which budget it would apply to. It appeared that it would more than likely impact the 2007-2008 budget. She suggested that since there was insufficient information, this be withdrawn at this time until further information became available. If it would impact the 2007-2008 budget, then this need not be done.

Mrs. Brzezinski felt that was a wonderful suggestion.

Mrs. Lynch did not see the necessity of Centennial School District spending money for this. She felt that PSBA was working on this so we should let them do what was necessary.

There was consensus of the Board that this agenda item be pulled.

13. Shenandoah Woods Reuse Planning Agreement

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Shenandoah Woods Reuse Planning Agreement in conjunction with Bucks County, Warminster Township and Ivyland Borough per the attached supplement.*

Mrs. Lynch indicated that she had spoken with a representative from Bucks County to this committee, who indicated that Shenandoah Woods has not been declared surplus. Mrs. Lynch asked if this agreement was a formality that was after the fact because a meeting was already held.

Mr. Blatt explained that this agreement formalized an informal understanding. He believed this was a formal document that would allow this body to represent the community in this discussion with all parties.

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that the disposition of Shenandoah Woods was extremely important for Centennial School District since it involved about 300 students, about 140 of which attended the elementary schools.

Mrs. Brzezinski left the room at 9:25 p.m.

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that it was her understanding (from page 3 of the agreement) that if at least one of the Warminster members voted yes, then it was okay. Mrs. Lynch pointed out that all three members of Warminster Township had served the Township for many years. She felt they would vote for the good of the township and the School District.

Mr. Faust felt that while this was a formality, for the navy for accept the group, it must be signed off.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she was not trying to be an obstacle – she was just pointing out that this was an important tract of land.

*The motion passed 8-0. (Mrs. Brzezinski was out the room at the time of the vote.)*

14. Amend Employment Agreement – Assistant Superintendent

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves amending the Employment Agreement presently in effect through June 30, 2007 with Assistant Superintendent Thomas J. Sexton per the terms and conditions of the attached supplement.*

Mrs. Huf stated that she would be opposing this motion. She indicated that Dr. Sexton had served the District long and hard and she was upset that he was leaving.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she would also be opposing this motion, indicating that Dr. Sexton was a wonderful man and has been very good for the District. She felt all our employees should be treated fairly.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

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

*The motion passed 5-4.*

**PERSONNEL**

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves all personnel recommendations, as follows: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Support Staff Substitutes; Student/Summer Employees; Co-Curricular; and Tenure Awards.*

Mrs. Huf requested that Item #9 under Resignations be pulled.

Mrs. Jankowsky wished Gloria Wetzel well in her retirement. She also indicated that there was an appointment for Director of Special Education and that she hoped the appointee would be able to join us shortly.

Mrs. Lynch stated that there was something distributed through e-mail regarding retirements, etc. which indicated that this had something do to with legislation passed. This was not true and she asked that it be stopped. Mrs. Mueller indicated that this would be discussed under Board Discussion.

*The motion passed 9-0 (with the exception of Item #9 under Resignations).*

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Item #9 under Resignations.*

Mrs. Huf stated that she was opposed to this retirement and that Dr. Sexton had served the District well.

Mrs. Jankowsky thanked Dr. Sexton for his years of service to the District, indicating that he had become the policy guru. She was sure that Mr. Blatt and Dr. Masko would have a hard time filling his shoes in many areas. She wished Dr. Sexton well and wished him good health.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she had not known Dr. Sexton long but felt that he was a pure gentleman with a great sense of humor.

Mr. Faust recalled that when he first came on the Board 11 years ago, Dr. Sexton had taken him under his wing. He felt that he would be missed but that he deserved his retirement.

Mrs. Mueller felt that Dr. Sexton had served the District well for the past 18 years and she wished him well.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

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

*The motion passed 5-4.*

**POLICIES**

Discussion:

3.8 – Exclusion

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that this policy had been reviewed by the solicitor.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that Section I, “Philosophy” should be deleted since it was contained on the first page of the policy. There was consensus on this. (The remainder of the policy would need to be renumbered.)

In Section III. D. 1, Mrs. Jankowsky felt that meetings should be held in the school buildings so that proper security could be provided. In III. D. 1a., Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she felt clarification was needed regarding when and how a letter was sent. She questioned whether a letter could be ready when the parent arrived to pick up the student. If the letter must be mailed, she felt it should be sent by certified mail.

Mr. Blatt responded regarding the meeting, indicating that he shared Mrs. Jankowsky's concern. He felt that the intent was to meet at another school building but felt that this should be clarified in the policy.

Regarding the letter, Mr. Blatt stated that in some cases time and logistics allowed the parent to be provided with a letter when they arrived. If a letter was mailed, it was not routinely sent by certified mail but it could be done that way. Mrs. Jankowsky felt that there should be some type of documentation.

Mrs. Jankowsky addressed Section III. D. 2., indicating that reference should be made to a "certified" letter in that section also. She pointed out the language that indicated that the sample was not to be used as a form letter and questioned the reason for this since the form letter covered all the pertinent information.

Mr. Blatt explained that they did not want someone just plugging in the information on the blank lines but that the sample could be used as a template.

Mrs. Jankowsky questioned why the existing language was changed to "principal" in Section III. D. 5. Mr. Blatt indicated that he did not know but he would check into this.

In Section III. E. 1, it was noted that "Supervisor" of Special Education should be changed to "Director."

Mrs. Brzezinski noted that there were several references in Section III. E. to "mentally retarded" students and that this wording needed to be changed. Mr. Blatt suggested using "classified student" but indicated that he would check on the proper wording for this.

Mr. Blatt also pointed out that he felt the intent was that this be the Supervisor of Special Education, not the Director. It is an intermediate step.

Mrs. Huf left the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Strouse indicated that he did not know the meaning of "true threat" as noted in Section II. F. Mr. Blatt stated that he would check with the solicitor on that.

In Section III., Mr. Strouse felt that "suspension" should be changed to "exclusion."

In Section III., A., 1., Mr. Strouse stated that he did not know what an “act or omission ... under applicable law” meant. Did it mean in or out of school? With or without a conviction?

Mr. Blatt suggested that Board members e-mail any changes and questions to him so that he could contact the solicitor. Mrs. Mueller felt that the policies still needed to be discussed.

Mrs. Lynch left the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

In Section III., A., 3, 4, 5, 6, Mr. Strouse indicated that everything was indicated as plural (i.e, threats, attacks, etc.) while they should be stated as singular. In A. 8, he questioned why “willfully” was deleted. In B., he indicated that “suspended” should be changed to “excluded.” In B. 4., Mr. Strouse felt that the term “cutting” should be changed to something like “absence from class.”

Regarding Section III. C. 2 and also D, Mr. Strouse questioned who made that determination. In Section III. D. 2, he suggested that two copies of the letter be sent so that one copy could be sent back and one copy could be kept by the parents.

In Section III. D. b, Mr. Strouse questioned who made the decision of whether the offense warranted an extension and what was the basis for the decision.

Mr. Monaghan left the room at 10:15 p.m.

#### 4.15 – Employee Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest

Mrs. Jankowsky noted that this was a new policy which had been reviewed by the solicitor. She felt that the title should be either “Code of Conduct” or “Conflict of Interest”, not both. After discussion, there was consensus of the Board to name the policy “Employee Code of Ethics.”

With regard to Section III, Mr. Faust pointed out that there was nothing to say if the exception was being granted for the Superintendent himself. After discussion, there was consensus of the Board that this should require Board action.

Regarding Section I. A., Mr. Strouse asked if this needed to be cleared through the CEA. Also, regarding Section II. H., he did not think everything needed to be submitted for competitive bidding. He requested that language be developed to clarify this.

Mr. Monaghan returned to the meeting at 10:28 p.m.

#### 4.16 – Business Affiliations

Mrs. Jankowsky explained that this was a new policy that came out of the Strategic Plan and that it was reviewed by the solicitor. Mrs. Jankowsky felt that it had the potential to be fraught with issues.

Mrs. Jankowsky suggested renumbering the policy so that “Affiliates” on the second page would become Section III., “Contracts” would become Section IV., etc.

[Note: The comments following are based on the original numbering.]

Mr. Strouse questioned whether the language of IV. B. means that we could have no other relationship.

Mr. Monaghan stated that in the preparation of the policy, they reviewed policies from other school districts. The solicitor changed this from partnerships to affiliations. They felt this could be helpful to the school district to save taxpayers money. They talked about things that could be problematic but if there is a need to tweak this, it could be easily done. First, we have to decide if it is something we want to do.

Mrs. Jankowsky suggested that perhaps a policy was not needed. In the past, it has been up to the individual Boards to decide matters such as this. If there is no policy, then it comes before the Board and the Board decides. With a policy, it is more of an administrative issue.

Mrs. Brzezinski disagreed. She felt a policy was needed.

Mr. Monaghan stated that sometimes it takes quite a while for an affiliation to take place. That is why a policy was proposed. If there was a policy, it would make the process smoother.

Mr. Faust felt there was the need for a policy since it is a lot easier to solicit people for funds if there is a policy in place.

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out Section IV., which indicated that decisions must be made at the Board level. Mr. Faust and Mrs. Brzezinski felt that maybe that needed to be changed.

Mr. Monaghan stated that that came from the solicitor, not the committee. He pointed out that Pennsbury has had a policy such as this since 1995 and it has worked for them. Quite a few other school districts also have such a policy.

Further discussion ensued regarding having the track redone by allowing businesses to put their name on the starting line.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that the bottom line was that she did not want to exploit the children. She did not see the need for a policy.

Mr. Faust felt that anytime something needed this much discussion, it needed more work.

Mr. Blatt suggested just using IV. A. as the policy. Mrs. Jankowsky stated that that worked for her.

Mr. Monaghan indicated that if the Board would like the committee to revisit this, it could do so. He questioned where we get into soliciting this. Mrs. Jankowsky stated that this document did not address that issue. She felt that Mr. Blatt's suggestion covered this matter.

Mr. Faust indicated that he would like to see this go back to Mr. Monaghan's committee and have it come back before the Board. Mrs. Jones agreed.

#### 7.20 – Curriculum Review by Parents

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that this policy had been reviewed by the solicitor.

Mrs. Jankowsky questioned the language referring to “semesters” in Section II. A. since we no longer have semesters. She suggested changing the wording to “reporting period” or “twice per year” or something similar.

Mr. Blatt was not totally comfortable with limiting the amount of times a parent could request information. However, since Dr. Masko indicated that these requests were few and far between, it was decided to leave the language in place in the event there was ever the need to enforce it.

This policy will be moved to the August meeting.

### **OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### Amend WTHS Driver's Ed Lot Purchase Agreement

Mr. Strouse reminded the Board and the public that he had recused himself from this matter. He was not on the Board when this matter came up and he would not be participating in this discussion.

Mr. Strouse left the room at 11:05 p.m.

Mrs. Mueller stated that Granor Price had requested an extension of sixty days because of the zoning issue. The zoning meeting was not scheduled until July, which was outside the period of time of the agreement with Granor Price.

Mr. Blatt explained that, the previous week, Mr. Van Luvanee, counsel, sent him information and documents relative to the sale of the property. He indicated that because of some considerations with zoning that had taken place, he felt it was reasonable and the Board should consider extending the deadline for the completion of due diligence on the property for 60 days. Paragraph 2 of the Addendum references an additional \$75,000 which the School District would hold. Paragraph 3 sets forth that the settlement date would be no later than 23 months from the date of the Agreement of Sale. Mr. Van Luvanee felt that this was a reasonable decision and endorsed it.

Mr. Faust felt that the Board had approved the Agreement of Sale and stipulated when the period of due diligence was over. Since that was acted on in a public meeting with a public vote, he felt this should be done the same way.

Mrs. Brzezinski asked if this bound the Board to them because they said if it was R2 they might not be interested. She wondered if this bound them to pay for the land.

Mr. Blatt indicated that it was his understanding that at the end of the 60 days, they were buying the land or forfeiting their deposit.

Mrs. Mueller felt that the Board would be foolish not to agree to this.

Sina Baranski of 854 Pelham Avenue, Warminster, stated that the zoning committee should not be blamed. If this was done the right way the first time – if the Board had put it out to bid in the paper, they would have more bids. If the Board had waited for the zoning, they would not be in this position. Mrs. Baranski asked who Mr. Van Luvanee was.

Mrs. Mueller explained that he was the powerhouse as far as real estate and that he was involved when Mrs. Baranski was on the Board. She believed this was voted on unanimously to do this privately.

Mrs. Baranski stated that she had no recollection of Mr. Van Luvanee and did not recall agreeing to this.

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the amendment of the Agreement of Sale and Purchase of the WTHS Driver's Ed Lot dated March 28, 2006 between Centennial School District and GPH Development Corporation as per the attached supplement.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Monaghan and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to call the question.*

*The motion to call the question passed 6-0.*

*The motion passed 6-0.*

Mr. Strouse returned to the meeting at 11:22 p.m.

## **REPORTS**

I.U. – Mrs. Brzezinski reported that Dr. Coe would be leaving by early June.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Jankowsky wished everyone a great summer.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she was happy to see the book “*Willow Dale Tales*” – it was fantastic!

Mrs. Mueller thanked the Board members who stayed. She also indicated that she had a DVD for Board members from the Klinger 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. It was a wonderful keepsake.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Faust to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie A. Detwiler  
Board Secretary