

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 10, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on October 10, 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
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
Timothy Vail

Public:

Seung Suh
Donna Carter
Pam Beardsell
Eileen Lynn
Jane Strawley
Suh Family
Meryl Cooperman

[Note: Mrs. Huf was absent due to health reasons.]

CEA/Principals/Teachers:

Bucky Clark

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Mueller stated that Mrs. Huf was excused from this meeting for health reasons.

Mrs. Jones stated that she had attended the 2007 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year ceremony, at which one of the finalists was Molly Leahy. All of the finalists were introduced by students, who did a wonderful job.

Mrs. Jankowsky felt that it was wonderful to hear the students talk about how the teachers had impacted their lives in such a positive way. She spoke about each of the 12 candidates.

Mrs. Mueller addressed the issue of the upcoming bus trip to Harrisburg on October 17th to meet with legislators. She indicated that residents were invited to attend and that there would be no cost to them for the trip.

Mrs. Brzezinski was concerned that the bus would not return in time for the meeting to be held at the I.U. that evening. Mrs. Mueller felt that the bus should return by late afternoon.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she would also like to meet with the Governor while in Harrisburg. Mr. Blatt indicated that he would check into doing so.

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of WTHS Parents for Renovation of Trophy Case

[This was held later in the meeting.]

Recognition of Carol Suh, Winner of Newspaper in Education/Waste Management Calendar Poster Contest

Mrs. Homel stated that the District would like to honor Carol Suh, an 8th grade student at Log College, who was one of the winners of the Waste Management calendar contest. Her drawing was part of the 2006/07 calendar.

Dr. Clark introduced Carol Suh and displayed an enlarged version of her drawing. Mrs. Mueller presented Ms. Suh with a certificate.

GOOD NEWS

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

STUDENT REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Ms. Thompson, the Senior Class President, reported on the following items:

- Voting had taken place for Homecoming King and Queen. The game would be on the upcoming Friday, with the dance on Saturday.
- The Club Fair had been held recently.

- College visits would be ongoing during the school year.
- The Celebration of Bands would be coming up on October 21st.
- PSAT's would be administered to Juniors and interested Sophomores on October 18th.
- PSSA's for Juniors would take place during the week of October 23rd.
- A report was given on the sports teams.

Ms. Thompson stated that she was looking forward to a great school year.

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

The following items were reported on at MBIT:

- The renovations at MBIT were progressing nicely.
- The Annual Open House was scheduled for November 15th.
- In-service activities were scheduled for December 6th and 7th.
- The student-run salon would be open on Friday afternoons by appointment.
- Aspirations Restaurant would be opening in November.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 4-4

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 Student 4-4 to attend Log College Middle School for the 2006-2007 school year. The parent will provide transportation.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that this had administrative support and that it was for one year.

The motion passed 8-0.

2. Final Approval of the WTHS Chorale and Madrigal Singers Trip to Washington, DC

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for the William Tennent High School

Chorale and Madrigals trip to the 2006 National Festival of the States in Washington, D.C., December 16-18, 2006. The cost to the District is \$100.00 for a substitute teacher.

The motion passed 8-0.

3. Final Approval of the WTHS Swim Team Trip to Orlando, Florida

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for the William Tennent High School Swim Team trip to Orlando, Florida – December 26, 2006 – January 1, 2007. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$550.00 for the expense of transportation to and from the airport by a District school bus.

The motion passed 8-0.

4. Final Approval of the WTHS Boys' Basketball Team Trip to Hazleton, PA

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for the William Tennent High School Boys' Basketball Team trip to the Hazleton Holiday Basketball Tournament in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, on December 27-29, 2006. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$1,100.00 for the use of a District school bus.

The motion passed 8-0.

5. Permission to Apply for a Competitive Grant

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

<i>Best Buy Te@ch Program Grant</i>	<i>Level 1 Local - \$2500</i>
	<i>Level 2 Regional - \$15000</i>

The motion passed 8-0.

PERSONNEL

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; Change of Status; Support Staff Substitutes; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Title I Tutors; and Co-Curricular.

The motion passed 8-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Initial Distribution:

Mrs. Jankowsky noted the following policies for initial distribution:

- 6.6 – Title I – Parent Involvement
- 7.27 – Payment of Bills

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that these policies would be discussed at the October 24th Board Meeting.

FINANCIAL

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

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

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – September 2006*
- *Budgetary Transfers – June 2006
October 2006*

The motion passed 8-0.

MINUTES

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

- *Regular School Board Meeting – August 22, 2006*
- *Regular School Board Meeting – September 12, 2006*
- *Work/Regular School Board Meeting – September 26, 2006*

Mr. Strouse indicated that he would be abstaining since he was absent from the August 22nd meeting.

The motion passed 7-0-1. (Mr. Strouse abstained.)

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Blatt reported that everything was going well. He was pleased with the staff and the students and believed that the new access to the high school provided greater safety for everyone.

Mr. Blatt indicated that he had traveled to Harrisburg for the Teacher of the Year award. He spoke about this and about the fact that the District has had two finalists in the last several years.

Dr. Masko reported that there were currently 22 visitors from the City of Landau, Germany. They were taking part in school activities. This was the 25th year of exchanging with the high school in Germany.

Regarding the new driveway at the high school, Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she had heard many comments about how well this was working.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lynch reported that the Education Committee had met the previous evening. Dr. Masko discussed the student achievement update, including the status of No Child Left Behind, Adequate Yearly Progress, PSSA data and the Strategic Plan update.

The committee will meet again on November 6th.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mr. Faust reported on the following matters from the meeting held the previous evening. There was a presentation of the preliminary budget, which was up 3.94% from a budget-to-budget standpoint. The health occupations curriculum is adding dental assistants so they are adding money into the budget for this. The government is offering grants for this.

Mr. Faust indicated that Centennial's contribution for the operation of MBIT would be slightly over \$2 million and that we have 28.3% of the students. Centennial's contribution for the debt service for next year is \$153,325, which is based on market value.

There was a motion regarding Dell computers, which was tabled.

The motion regarding the student-built house was brought back from last month. They received a memo justifying the minimum bid. Counsel approved a bid of \$69,875.

There was a memorial service for Andrew Wirth two weeks ago, with over 500 people in attendance. There will be a section of a memorial garden at MBIT dedicated to Mr. Wirth.

Mrs. Jankowsky spoke about Mr. Wirth and his involvement with the student-built house at MBIT. She felt that he was very well respected.

Regarding the dental assistant component, Mrs. Jankowsky explained that some of this would be paid through the bond issue.

Mrs. Jankowsky also discussed the hiring of additional security due to the ongoing construction at MBIT.

Mr. Faust reported that Mr. Greb, the Assistant Principal at MBIT, had submitted his resignation.

Intermediate Unit

Mrs. Brzezinski indicated that the I.U. meeting would be held on October 17th. They would be looking into hiring a new Director for the I.U. There will be another meeting on October 30th.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Faust indicated that the next meeting would be on October 16th.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that the next meeting would be on October 24th.

Citizens Policy

Mr. Monaghan stated that a meeting of the committee would be held on November 15th.

Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Brzezinski requested that Board members read page 10 of the September 29th edition of the *School Leader News* relative to Act 1.

Mrs. Brzezinski reported that she had received a postcard from the National School Board Association regarding a conference to be held in San Francisco.

Tax Study Commission

Mr. Strouse stated that a meeting would be held on October 12th. The Commission would be reviewing information from Parker Hunter to see if they could come up with a preliminary proposal prior to the public hearing.

PRESENTATIONS (Continued from earlier in the meeting)

Recognition of WTHS Parents for Renovation of Trophy Case

Mr. Blatt introduced Lou Pacchioli, who spoke about Pam Beardsell and Rennie Dudley, two WTHS parents who had offered to clean the trophy case at Tennent. He introduced the two women and spoke about the extent of their undertaking.

Mrs. Mueller presented Mrs. Beardsell and Mrs. Dudley with flowers and thanked them for undertaking such a large project.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that Davis Elementary was celebrating its 50th birthday and that there would be cake and lots of events on Thursday, October 12th.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Faust to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary