

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 28, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A Work Session/Regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on November 28, 2006, in the Administration Building. 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
Victor Lasher
Dr. Michael Masko
Jean Rollo

CEA/Teachers:

Dorothy Gannon
Joanne Fabian
Anthony Mahony
Kevin Rosini
Lou Pacchioli

Public:

Rebecca Rubin
Nancy Fischer
Theresa Garwood
Janet Pacchioli
Sherri Meier
Lisa Kull

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 issues.

Mrs. Huf congratulated students on the play. She felt that it was very good.

PRESENTATIONS

William Tennent High School Girls' Volleyball Team

Lou Pacchioli addressed the Board and spoke about the fantastic season the team had and introduced the coach, Brian Bassler. He felt Mr. Bassler had done an outstanding job.

Mr. Bassler felt that the team had played in one of the toughest leagues and had finished with 12 wins and 5 losses. He spoke about how the girls on the team excel in many other things, including academics. Mr. Bassler introduced some of the team members who were in attendance at the meeting and spoke of their individual achievements.

GOOD NEWS

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

STUDENT REPORTS

None.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- *Operations Committee – October 24, 2006*
- *Education Committee – May 22, 2006*
- *Education Committee – October 9, 2006*

The motion passed 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Preliminary Approval for the WTHS Key Club Trip to Pittsburgh, PA

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

School Key Club trip to Pittsburgh, PA, March 23-25, 2007. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$650.00.

The motion passed 9-0.

2. Preliminary Approval for the WTHS Key Club Trip to Landau, Germany

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary approval for the William Tennent High School-Max-Slevogt-Gymnasium/German American Partnership Program (GAPP) trip to Germany, June 23 – July 15, 2007. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$350.00 for the use of a District school bus.

Joanne Fabian, the German teacher, explained that the German students had visited here for three weeks earlier this year and spent time in private homes and at Ann's Choice. The trip in June would involve 20 of our students traveling to Germany.

Mr. Faust pointed out that immediately after 9/11 we had provisions in place regarding the threat level. Dr. Masko indicated that provisions were still in place for canceling the trip if it was felt that it was warranted. Administration was requesting parents to purchase trip cancellation insurance.

The motion passed 9-0.

3. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 13-20

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 13-20 to attend Longstreth Elementary School for the 2006-2007 school year. Transportation will be provided by the District.

Mrs. Jankowsky noted that this request was not supported by Administration and that Board members had consistently not awarded requests where the District was to provide out-of-zone transportation.

The motion failed 0-9.

4. Facility Use Waiver Request

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Facility Use Waiver Application for the following group: Warminster Soccer Club – Sunday use of the William Tennent High School gym for a tournament on February 25, 2007. There is no cost to the District.

The motion passed 9-0.

5. Acceptance of Elementary School Facilities Planning Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the revised Elementary School Facilities Planning Report.

Mrs. Jankowsky thanked those who were involved in the development of this report.

Mrs. Mueller also thanked Mrs. Jankowsky for her part in this matter.

The motion passed 9-0.

6. Approval of Option 1 of the Elementary School Facilities Planning Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Option 1, Take No Action, at this time, of the Elementary School Facilities Planning Report. While the Operations Committee supports Option 1 at this time, the Committee strongly recommends that this issue be revisited when the disposition of the Shenandoah Woods property is finalized, the impact of Act 1 is known, or as enrollment dictates.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that although it was the unanimous recommendation of the Committee to take no action at this time, it was her strong personal advice to Administration that they not wait until one of the three events occurs to do something, such as begin to formulate a plan.

The motion passed 8-1. (Mrs. Brzezinski opposed.)

7. Sale of Centennial Track – Sealed Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves that the 1995 Ford Dump Truck with plow and cinder spreader be sold to the highest bidder, Earthborne Incorporated, for the sum of \$9,688.00. Funds from the sale shall be deposited to the Capital Reserve Account.

Mrs. Brzezinski asked why the truck was being sold. Mr. Lasher explained that the truck was being replaced, that it was basically worn out, and that a new truck had been ordered.

The motion passed 9-0.

8. Permission to Advertise for Student Vehicle Bids

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants permission to solicit bids for school buses as follows:

- (1) Up to four (4) 65-passenger School Bus vehicles;*
- (2) Up to two (2) 24-passenger School Bus vehicles.*

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that this motion was phrased to lend flexibility to the issue.

The motion passed 9-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves all personnel recommendations, including: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Change of Status; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Support Staff Substitutes; Mentors; and Co-Curricular.

Mrs. Brzezinski requested that Item #1 under Change of Status be pulled.

Mrs. Jankowsky welcomed Agnes Romano as Supervisor of Special Education and wished her well.

The motion passed 9-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Item No. 1 under Change of Status.

Mrs. Brzezinski questioned the title. She also felt that the salary should be stated.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that the salary was \$400 per day.

Mr. Blatt believed that Mrs. Brzezinski was not available when the Board had this discussion. He explained that Mr. Killen would take on various administrative responsibilities through the District. During the recent emergency situation, it would have been beneficial to have another administrator in place such as Mr. Gillen, with his amount of experience. He pointed out that the Assistant Superintendent was not replaced when he retired in the spring. Mr. Gillen could be a very valuable resource in mentoring our new principals.

Dr. Masko indicated that some of the items Mr. Gillen had worked on during the past week were: Report Card on the Schools that is published in the newspaper; initial draft on the 2007-2008 calendar; and finishing the Annual Report that is provided to the School Board each year.

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that this information was provided to the Board by e-mail during the past month.

Mrs. Brzezinski reminded the Board that she had requested the previous month that all e-mails be provided in the Board's Friday packet but that this was not being done. She stated that she had no problem with Mr. Gillen. The only problem she had was with him being temporary Assistant to the Superintendent. She felt there should be a name for the position and that she could not vote for this title although she had no problem with Mr. Gillen or the salary.

Mr. Faust stated that he supported Mr. Gillen. He had no problem with the title. He felt there was a difference between an Assistant Superintendent and an Assistant to the Superintendent. He felt this title fit and supported the title also.

Mrs. Jankowsky agreed with Mr. Faust. She had no problem with this either. Mrs. Mueller agreed.

The motion passed 7-1-1. (Mrs. Brzezinski opposed; Mrs. Lynch abstained.)

Mr. Blatt stated that it was his understanding that the Board was receiving copies of all correspondence and e-mails that were being sent. His secretary assured him that this was being done. If anyone was not, they should let him know.

POLICIES

Permission to Develop a Policy – Posting of Minutes

Mrs. Jankowsky explained that this request came as a recommendation from the Operations Committee. The request was to develop a policy for posting committee minutes on the school district web site and cable channel. Mrs. Jankowsky felt that the community would benefit from this. The Minutes would be posted after they are approved by committee and accepted by the Board. Mrs. Jankowsky believed that Board Minutes should also be included in this policy.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that the Committee had received a legal opinion on this matter. The solicitor said that this was fine as long as the Minutes were approved by committee and accepted by the Board.

There was a consensus of the Board that a policy should be developed on this matter. Mrs. Jankowsky stated that this would go to the administrative committee to develop a policy.

Discussion:

2.6 – Personal Appearance – Staff

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

Since there was no discussion, Mrs. Jankowsky stated that this would be moved forward to the next meeting for approval by the Board.

7.23 – Excusing Students from State Assessments

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that this policy had not been reviewed by the solicitor.

Since there was no discussion, Mrs. Jankowsky stated that this would be moved forward to the next meeting for approval by the Board.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mrs. Brzezinski questioned the admission fees to the Breakfast with Santa, pointing out that the children's admission was more than the adults'. Mrs. Mueller indicated that that was correct.

Mrs. Brzezinski asked for an update on the vandalism situation at Leary. Mr. Blatt explained that the police had identified the vehicle involved in the incident. It appeared, at this point, that the vehicle was taken from a residence near the school and the perpetrators used the vehicle to perpetrate their vandalism, and then returned the vehicle to the residence. The police are continuing to investigate.

REPORTS

Tax Study Commission

Mr. Strouse reported that the Tax Study Commission had met on several occasions, including the public hearing the previous week. The tentative schedule was to meet the following evening to reach a final conclusion, which would be presented to the Board in December.

Mr. Strouse commended the Tax Commission members and Mr. Vail for their wonderful work in the absence of their Chairman over the past few weeks.

Citizens' Policy Committee

Mr. Monaghan reported that the Citizens' Policy Committee had met on November 20th and discussed policies on Drugs and Alcohol, Family Trips During the School Year, and Student Attendance. They were prepared to pass these on to the entire Board.

Operations Committee

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that the Operations Committee had met earlier in the evening and discussed the high school feasibility study and drivers' education lot.

Intermediate Unit

Mrs. Brzezinski reported that she had a rough copy of the announcement for the position of Executive Director of the I.U. This should be posted by the middle of December. The interview process should begin by the second or third week of March.

Education Committee

Mrs. Lynch reported that the next meeting of the Education Committee would be on December 4th at Tennent.

Operations Committee

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that the next meeting of the Operations Committee would be on December 12th.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary