

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD JANUARY 9, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on January 9, 2007, 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
Betty Huf
Joan Jankowsky
Jane Schrader Lynch
Michael Monaghan
Cynthia Mueller
Harve Strouse

Administration:

David Blatt
Victor Lasher
Dr. Michael Masko
Jean Rollo
Timothy Vail

[Mr. Faust and Mrs. Jones were absent.]

CEA/Teachers:

Dot Gannon
Carol Monaghan
Lisa Stecklein
Michelle Mull
Sue Brown
Rebecca Rubin

Public:

Andy Pollock
Jacob Gallagher
Amie McCoy
Tom Reinboth
Ed Mackonk
Albert Lei
Anthony Dennis
Lisa Dennis
Kris Troxler
Jane Strawley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Mueller announced that Mrs. Jones and Mr. Faust would be absent from the meeting.

Mr. Blatt thanked Mr. Dinkins and the Madrigals for taking the time to be at this meeting to perform.

Mr. Blatt explained that January was School Director Recognition Month. He spoke about the duties and responsibilities of the School Board members and thanked Board members for their service. Each Board member received several small tokens of appreciation for their service.

PRESENTATIONS

WTHS Madrigal Singers

The Madrigal Singers performed two selections for the Board. They had been scheduled to perform at the December meeting; however, due to illness of several of the members, the performance had to be rescheduled.

GOOD NEWS

Dr. Masko presented the Good News Report (see attached.)

REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Ms. Thompson reported as follows:

- The Seniors were preparing for the Senior Sweetheart Dance, to be held on February 10th.
- A welcome banner was being created for William Tennent, with the word “welcome” being written in many languages.
- Eagles Spirit Day would be held on January 12th.
- Mid-term exams would be held January 19-26.
- The Juniors would be taking the PSSA writing test during the week of February 12th.
- The thespian’s production of “Murder at the Banquet” would be coming up soon.

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Gallagher reported as follows:

- Renovations were coming along nicely. Phase 2 was being wrapped up.
- Martin Luther King Day activities would be held on January 15th.
- Skills USA District competition would be held on January 30th.
- The student-built house was sold.
- The student-run salon was open by appointment on Friday afternoons.
- The student-run restaurant was open on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Final Approval of WTHS Key Club Trip to Pittsburgh, PA, March 23-25, 2007

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for the William Tennent High School Key Club trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on March 23-25, 2007. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$650.00.

The motion passed 7-0.

2. Permission to Apply for Entitlement Grant

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves permission to apply for an entitlement grant for the 2006-2007 school year in the amount indicated:

School Improvement Fund Grant \$9,500

The motion passed 7-0.

3. Projects for PDE Approval

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board hereby applies to the PDE (Pennsylvania Department of Education) for approval of the plans and specifications for the work described as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Building(s)</u>
<i>Door Replacement</i>	<i>Willow Dale Elementary School, Klinger Middle School, Log College Middle School, William Tennent High School</i>
<i>Replace Roof</i>	<i>Leary Elementary School</i>
<i>Replace Carpet</i>	<i>William Tennent High School</i>
<i>Replace Paving</i>	<i>McDonald and Stackpole Elementary Schools</i>

The Board hereby applies to the Department of Education for approval of the plans and specifications for the work described above. The Board certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, construction bid documents comply, or will comply, with applicable laws, regulations and policies, and the project will not pose a hazard to the health and safety of users. Specifications include all applicable statements set forth in the current PDE document entitled “Required Clauses for Specifications.” Construction contracts will not be entered into prior to PDE approval. If the Board proceeds with this project, the lowest responsible bidder(s) will be selected. The Board also certifies that the above-described work will proceed whether or not additional on-site work that is subject to Act 34 of 1973 goes forward.

The motion passed 6-0-1. (Mrs. Brzezinski abstained.)

4. Facility Use Waiver Application

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board hereby approves the Facility Use Waiver Application for the following:

<i>Warminster Baseball Association</i>	<i>Requesting Sunday usage of William Tennent High School auxiliary gym from January 14 through March 25, 2007. Warminster Basketball will pay the full facility use fee and be reimbursed by Warminster Baseball for their share of the fee. There is no cost to the District.</i>
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The motion passed 7-0.

5. Impact Aid Application Submission

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board directs Timothy E. Vail, Business Administrator, to prepare and submit the District’s Title VIII (Impact Aid) application for 2007/08.

The motion passed 7-0.

6. Impact Aid Representative

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board appoints Joseph Faust, Member, to serve as Impact Aid representative. This appointment is in accordance with federal regulations requiring the appointment of a representative prior to the filing of Centennial’s funding application in January 2007. Said individual is authorized to sign the completed application as it is submitted to the US Department of Education.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked when this process would end for the School District, if ever. Mr. Vail responded that if and when the Shenandoah Woods Housing was abolished, we would no longer be required to do this.

The motion passed 7-0.

7. Lawn Maintenance Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board hereby approves the following bids to the lowest responsible bidder to be funded as a 2007-08 operations expenditure as follows:

Lawn Maintenance Services Bid No. 2007-03 for the Administration Building, Davis Elementary School, Leary Elementary School, Longstreth Elementary School, McDonald Elementary School, Stackpole Elementary School, Willow Dale Elementary School, Klinger Middle School, Log College Middle School, and William Tennent High School be awarded to Tri-County Landscaping for a four (4) year period in the amounts as follows:

<i>2007:</i>	<i>\$65,844.00; \$5,487.00 per month for 12 months</i>
<i>2008:</i>	<i>\$67,819.00; \$5,651.58 per month for 12 months</i>
<i>2009:</i>	<i>\$69,840.00; \$5,820.00 per month for 12 months</i>
<i>2010:</i>	<i>\$71,928.00; \$5,994.00 per month for 12 months</i>

Mrs. Lynch asked if it was normal to have a four-year bid on landscaping. Mr. Lasher responded that it was. Mrs. Lynch asked what would happen if we were not happy with their services after the first year. Mr. Lasher indicated that we would fire them. That provision was included in the bid.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she would not vote in favor of this. She thought it was ridiculous to have a four-year contract for the lawn.

Mr. Lasher explained that to have a contract of this magnitude, they had to invest a lot of money in equipment so it was worthwhile to have a contract.

Mr. Monaghan pointed out that this was a 12-month contract. He asked what they would be doing when there was no lawn work required. Mr. Lasher explained that the contract was for them to do lawn work from mid-April through mid-October but that it is a 12-month payment schedule.

Mrs. Brzezinski asked if this was a competitive price. Mr. Lasher stated that it was a very low price.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked how long they have cut the grass for us and how has the service been. Mr. Lasher indicated that they have done it for 12-15 years and the service has been fine.

Mrs. Mueller felt that this really protects the District and has modest increases.

The motion passed 6-1. (Mrs. Lynch opposed.)

8. Food Service Equipment Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Food Service Equipment Bid No. 2007-02 for Willow Dale Elementary School and awards same to Essbar Equipment at the lowest responsible bid amount of \$25,919.00. This will be a Cafeteria Fund expenditure.

The motion passed 7-0.

9. Bus Bids

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the 2007-2008 transportation vehicle bids to be awarded as follows:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>BID DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BID NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL BID AMOUNT</u>
Rohrer Bus Sales	24-Passenger Buses (2)	2007-04	\$97,536.00*
Rohrer Bus Sales	65-Passenger Buses (4)	2007-05	\$287,856.00*
<i>Total Net Expense</i>			<i>\$385,392.00</i>

**Price includes trade-in of equal number of vehicles.*

Funds to be appropriated from the 2007-2008 General Fund Budget.

The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Monaghan requested that the Board look at removing the trade-ins on these buses because of something that took place at the Finance Meeting. Warminster Township had requested the use of three buses for Warminster Days. Mr. Monaghan felt that due to the amount the District was getting in return for the buses in trade, it might be to our advantage to see if Warminster Township would like to have these buses at a nominal price. Also, Mr. Monaghan had previously asked if we could see if we could auction these buses or sell them ourselves.

Mrs. Mueller asked if this would nullify the bid. Mr. Vail indicated that it would not.

Mrs. Mueller asked if there would be any other liability issues. Mr. Vail indicated that we would sell the buses “as is.”

Mr. Strouse asked if we had an idea as to the condition of the buses. Mr. Vail indicated that they were fair to poor at this point.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that had this concept been raised before to see if Warminster had an interest, she would be inclined to go along with it but at this point she felt the Finance Committee was handling this. She did not think the Board needed to get involved at this time. She felt they should move ahead with this bid as is and wait for the recommendation of the Finance Committee as to Warminster Days.

Mrs. Huf stated that she thought the reason we didn't do this before was due to liability. She indicated that she would need more information.

Mr. Monaghan stated that if the Board was not inclined to do this at this time, he was still interested in seeing what we could get selling them ourselves the next time.

Mrs. Mueller asked what the time frame was on this. Mr. Strouse felt that the Board should deal with this the next time but that they should let this go through.

Mrs. Lynch felt that the Board should consider this, that community service is vital.

The motion passed 7-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Terminations/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ (with the exception of Item 2); Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Curriculum Resource Team Members; Title I Tutors; Mentors; Support Staff Substitutes; Substitute Bus Drivers; Homebound Tutors; and Co-Curricular.

The motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Authorization to Employ, Item No. 2, Lisa Follman, as Assistant Principal of William Tennent High School.

Dr. Masko introduced Lisa Follman and gave a brief history of her background. Ms. Follman thanked Centennial for giving her this opportunity.

The motion passed 7-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Initial Distribution

Mrs. Jankowsky enumerated the following policies for initial distribution:

- 2.23 – Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace
- 3.1 – Drug/Alcohol
- 3.24 – Family Trips Scheduling During School Year
- 3.26 – Student Attendance

FINANCIAL

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

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

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – December 2006*
- *Budgetary Transfers – January 2007*

The motion passed 7-0.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of December 4, 2006.

The motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of December 12, 2006.

The motion passed 6-0-1. (Mr. Strouse abstained.)

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Blatt reported that he and Dr. Masko continued to work well together. He commented on Dr. Masko's professional approach, work ethic and cooperative manner. He felt that the selection of Dr. Masko was outstanding.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lynch reported that the Education Committee had met the previous Monday and had discussed No Child Left Behind and Tennent's Improvement Plan. There was also a school reading update from Dr. Foight-Cressman.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Jankowsky reported on the previous evening's meeting as follows:

- There was a reorganization of the Executive Council.
- The student-built house sold for \$90,000.
- Approval for the Technology Plan for 2007-2010.
- Approval of authorization to participate in I.U. county-wide network service.
- The Professional Advisory Committee suggested finding new legal counsel since the previous legal counsel has left the firm.

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that Professional Advisory Committee members were looking at dual enrollment programs with the Bucks County Community College. Mrs. Jankowsky felt this needed to be looked at to determine how it would impact what our District is doing. Dr. Irwin indicated that he would be meeting with the sending districts to obtain their input.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that another issue that was raised was the weighting of MBIT courses.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she would appreciate being kept informed on both of these issues.

Mrs. Jankowsky passed around the MBIT program of studies for Board members to review, which included a picture of the student-built motorcycle that had been presented at a Centennial Board meeting.

Mrs. Huf suggested inviting Dr. Irwin to an Education Committee meeting to speak about this.

Intermediate Unit

Mrs. Brzezinski reported that she received notice that the I.U. had received an e-fund grant for internet connectivity for over \$1 million.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strouse reported that the Committee had reviewed the special education budget, which included a request for a Transition Coordinator, a part-time position which is

demanded by Federal IDEA. This will come forward as part of the budget. All other items discussed at the Finance meeting were already discussed earlier in this meeting.

Mr. Strouse indicated that the Finance Committee would meet again on January 16th.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that the Operations Committee had met prior to this meeting and would continue their meeting after this meeting. They addressed the issue of the feasibility study and must conclude their recommendations. They approved the use of a brokerage firm to advertise the sale of the driver's ed lot. There are one or two additional items to be discussed.

Citizens Policy

Mr. Monaghan reported that the Committee had discussed Policies 3.1 – Drugs and Alcohol and 3.24 – Family Trips Scheduled During the School Year. The Committee's next meeting would be on January 17th.

Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Brzezinski reported that PSBA's Legislative Leadership Conference would be held in Harrisburg on February 25-26. She suggested getting a team of Board members to attend since there is normally a lot of information to be gathered at this conference.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that she hoped that Mrs. Brzezinski could attend as the Board representative. Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she could but that she was hoping that someone else could go also because there would be a lot of things going on at the same time. Mrs. Jankowsky concurred, pointing out that there were some significant pieces of information being presented.

Mr. Strouse requested Administration to review Pennsbury School District's resolution urging the repeal of Act one and possibly passing a similar resolution. There was consensus of the Board for such review.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Brzezinski reminded the Board about a letter dated December 15, 2006 from a parent regarding a matter at Longstreth. Dr. Masko indicated that this matter was being addressed and that a committee was working on this.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Andy Pollock, a resident of Ann's Choice, addressed the Board, indicating that he agreed with Mr. Strouse about Ann's Choice. He felt that Act One should be repealed. He asked whether a date had been set for the Board to hear community comments about Act One.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that a date had not yet been set. The Board had just received a publication raising a question regarding whether this would require one meeting or two. A solicitor's opinion will be needed. The District will have to advertise a meeting three weeks in advance.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary