

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD MARCH 13, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on March 13, 2007, 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
Betty Huf
Joan Jankowsky
Patricia Jones
Michael Monaghan
Cynthia Mueller
Harve Strouse

Administration:

David Blatt
Sandy Homel
Victor Lasher
Dr. Michael Masko
Jean Rollo

[Note: Mrs. Lynch was absent from the meeting.]

CEA/Teachers:

Bernard Miller
Kara Peake
Mary Ellen Oniskey
Eileen Poroszok
Al Catarro
Marie Belcher

Public:

Barb Patrick
Tom Reinboth
Leigh Lieberman
Haidy Kerber
Jacob Gallagher
Andrea Thompson
Judy Hengst

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Jankowsky congratulated the Warminster Symphony Orchestra on their 40th birthday. She attended their concert, which she found to be exceptional.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

GOOD NEWS

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

Mrs. Homel also announced that she had just found out that Centennial's three candidates for Teacher of the Year had moved on to the next level.

STUDENT REPORTS

Andrea Thompson reported on events at Tennent as follows:

- Black & White Night had been held the previous week and White was the victor.
- Student government was sponsoring a canned food drive.
- Thirty students would be traveling to the National Theater for Arts & Education on March 30th.
- The Yearbook Club is sponsoring a Basketball tournament on March 23rd.
- The PSSA's took place the week of February 12th. Juniors will be taking the Math and Reading section the week of March 19th.
- The Key Club Annual Penny Wars for Black & White Night raised \$425 for Pennies for Patients.
- Students in 9th, 10th and 11th grades were invited to take part in a nationally published program called Amazing Stories to be Told, which matches high school students with local seniors for the purpose of recording their life story.
- The 9th and 10th grade semi-formal dance would be held on March 17th.
- Ms. Thompson congratulated the language students who represented Tennent in the Bucks County oral proficiency contest on February 27th.
- Ms. Thompson also congratulated Jeff Centafont for moving on in the PMEA Region 6 music competition, and the debate team for competing in the Pennsylvania Speech League state competition.

Jacob Gallagher reported on events at MBIT as follows:

- The renovation project was going nicely and should be completed by late next summer.
- On April 5th MBIT would be hosting the first Graduation Project Day.
- HOSA competitions would be held on March 21-23 in Lancaster.
- Skills USA competitions would be held on March 28-30 in Allentown.
- MBIT is forming an alumni association. Information is available on the website.
- The student-run salon is open to the public on Thursday and Friday afternoons.
- Aspirations Restaurant is serving lunch on Wednesdays and Thursdays by reservation.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Leigh Lieberman of 396 Byron Road, Warminster, stated that she was disappointed with the direction the District was taking. She felt that the reform movement had been playing down the importance of traditional rigorous math achievement and interscholastic programs have taken a beating. She felt this critical area was fundamental to helping them start careers in the mathematical and physical science and engineering areas. She was very disturbed by this and stated that the use of computers does not mean that the students do not need math skills. She felt that students were not as well prepared for college as they should be. She felt that we need to focus more on this. She pointed out that this was reflected in the “Grossi 16” rankings.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Preliminary Approval of WTHS FBLA Trip to Hershey, PA

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary approval for William Tennent High School Future Business Leaders of America trip to the state competition in Hershey, Pennsylvania – April 30-May 2, 2007. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$10,210.00.

A motion to amend was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mrs. Huf to change the dollar amount previously stated to the current amount of \$10,210.00.

The motion to amend passed 8-0.

The amended motion passed 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Final Approval of WTHS Marching Band Trip to Toronto and Niagara Falls, Canada

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 Marching Band trip to Toronto, Canada, and Niagara Falls, Canada – May 16-20, 2007. The cost to the District is \$900.00 for substitute teachers.

The motion passed 8-0.

2. Preliminary and Final Approval of WTHS Debate Team Trip to Selinsgrove, PA

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary and final approval for the William Tennent High School Debate Team trip to the Pennsylvania High School Speech League State Championships at Susquehanna University-Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, on March 23-24, 2007. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$600.00.

Bernard Miller explained that these students had just recently qualified for this competition, which was why this request was just coming forward to the Board.

The motion passed 8-0.

3. Adjudication – Student 3-7

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts Adjudication pertaining to Student 3-7. The School District Administration is directed to take the action necessary to effectuate the Adjudication and to properly serve the Adjudication on Student 3-7.

A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

<i>Mrs. Brzezinski</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Faust</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Jankowsky</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Jones</i>	<i>Yes</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 8-0.

4. Approval of 2007-2008 Program & Services and Instructional Materials and Research Services Budget for Bucks County IU

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the 2007-2008 Programs & Services and Instructional Materials & Research Services Budget for the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 in the amount of \$1,977,325. Centennial School District's share to be \$71,287.00 per attached supplement.

Mr. Faust stated that at the Finance Committee meeting, they went through this in detail with Dr. Coe, Mr. Martin and the Business Manager and found the budget to be in line. He pointed out that there was no increase this year.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she would appreciate if everyone would read page 31, which described the history of the beginning of the I.U., and also page 39, which outlined what each district was contributing.

The motion passed 7-1. (Mr. Strouse opposed.)

5. GASB 45 Actuarial Services

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves entering into agreement with the Pennsylvania Trust of Lewisburg, PA to participate in the consortium of Pennsylvania Public School Districts retaining Conrad Siegel Actuaries of Harrisburg, PA to provide certified actuary consulting services for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year in order to bring District Annual Financial Reporting Statements in compliance with GASB 45 regulations. Fee to provide the services required for compliance is \$8,050 payable from the 2008-2009 General Fund Budget.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she would abstain since she had no idea what this was all about. She wondered why the Board was voting now for the 2008-2009 budget.

Mrs. Mueller stated that it was her understanding that GASB 45 required this by law.

After further discussion and explanation, Mrs. Brzezinski indicated that she would vote for this.

The motion passed 8-0.

6. Food Service Marketplace Sourcing Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves entering into an amended and expanded three-year agreement with Co-eXprise of Wexford, PA in cooperation with the District's membership in the Tri-County Food Purchasing Co-op of School Districts per the terms and conditions outlined in the attached agreement. It is expressly understood that the District will have the option of canceling the agreement with a 30-day written notice to Co-eXprise should Administration be dissatisfied with the savings being generated from participation in this program. The cost is \$2,575 per District.

The motion passed 8-0.

7. Real Estate Broker Appointment

Mr. Strouse stated that he would be abstaining as he had real estate interests and since he worked for a real estate firm.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the appointment of Coldwell Banker Commercial as the Real Estate Broker to market the 7.8 acres of vacant ground, also known as the Driver Ed property, at a commission of 5% and a duration of 6 months. The minimum acceptable price is one million dollars and prior to enacting the listing agreement it will be reviewed by our solicitor.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that the Operations Committee had reviewed the three respondents to the Request for Proposals and it was unanimous to move this one forward.

Mrs. Mueller noted that Mr. Strouse was not at the Operations Committee meeting when this took place. She indicated that she was the alternate and that she is attending the meetings at this time in place of Mr. Strouse.

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

8. Awarding of Bids

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following bids to the lowest responsible bidder to be funded as a 2007-2008 capital reserve expenditure as follows:

Door Replacement Bid No. 2007-06 for Klinger Middle School, Log College Middle School, William Tennent High School and Willow Dale Elementary School be awarded to James Doorcheck in the amount of \$64,539.00.

Emergency Generator Replacement Bid No. 2007-07 for Log College Middle School be awarded to Emergency Systems in the amount of \$21,175.00.

Lighting Replacement Bid No. 2007-08 for McDonald Elementary School be awarded to Energy Concepts in the amount of \$59,445.00.

Roof Replacement Bid No. 2007-09 for Leary Elementary School be awarded to Pro Com Roofing in the amount of \$93,800.00.

Locker Installation Bid No. 2007-10 for Klinger Middle School be awarded to Robinson Steel in the amount of \$12,675.00.

Paving Bid No. 2007-16 for Stackpole Elementary School be awarded to S & H Landscaping in the amount of \$34,688.00.

Carpet Installation at the William Tennent High School 2nd floor be awarded to Independent Contract Flooring, LLC at a total cost of \$223,985.00. Pricing for this project is per Pennsylvania State Contract 4600004990.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that the previous Saturday several members of the Board had looked at many of these projects. She thanked Vic Lasher for this opportunity.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she would not be voting for the budget so she would not be accepting the carpet at Tennent. She felt that \$223,000.00 was a lot of money. She felt that the District should consider cheaper alternatives.

Regarding the paving project, Mr. Monaghan mentioned that Warminster had assisted us with paving last year. He asked if we had contacted Southampton about this. Mr. Lasher responded that he didn't think that they had the means to help us with this.

Mr. Blatt explained that the carpet to be replaced at Tennent was 32 years old. However, he indicated that they would be receptive to a cheaper approach but that they were not aware of one.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that perhaps that information could be generated in the next cycle.

Mr. Lasher pointed out that this was the same person that did last year's carpet project and we have been very happy with it. Mr. Faust agreed.

The motion passed 6-1-1. (Mrs. Brzezinski opposed; Mrs. Huf abstained.)

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Change of Status; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Support Staff Substitutes; Mentors; Homebound Tutors; and Co-Curricular.

Mr. Strouse indicated that he felt progress was being made in getting Co-Curricular items approved on a more timely basis but he felt there were still some flaws. He hoped that this was the last time the Board would be dealing with this. He acknowledged the apology letter from Mr. Mumin with regard to the issues at Klinger. There have been significant transitions so he could appreciate Mr. Mumin's position but he felt there were certainly others that were not in that position.

The motion passed 8-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Initial Distribution:

Mrs. Jankowsky enumerated the following policies for initial distribution: 3.19 – Homebound Instruction; and 3.3 – Clubs and Co-Curricular Activities.

Final Approval:

2.23 – Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 2.23 – Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace.

Mrs. Jankowsky noted that this policy, as well as the remaining three on the agenda, had been extensively discussed at the previous Board meeting.

The motion passed 8-0.

3.1 – Drug/Alcohol

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.1 – Drug/Alcohol.

The motion passed 8-0.

3.15 – Graduation

[This policy was placed on the agenda in error. It will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.]

3.24 – Family Trips Scheduled During School Year

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.24 – Family Trips Scheduled During School Year.

Mr. Faust stated that he felt there was still the question remaining as to whether we would let a family use five days for a family trip or just three.

Mrs. Mueller asked if the form would be changed so that it would not have to be physically taken to each teacher by the student. Mrs. Homel explained that Administration could approve the trip immediately but the student would take it to the teachers so they could get the assignments ready.

The motion passed 8-0.

3.26 – Student Attendance

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.26 – Student Attendance.

The motion passed 8-0.

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 – February 2007*
- *Investments – February 2007*

- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – February 2007*
- and approves the:*
- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer’s Report – February 2007*
 - *Budgetary Transfers – March 2007*

The motion passed 8-0.

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:

Mrs. Brzezinski left the room at 8:40 p.m.

- *Special Board Meeting – February 8, 2007*
- *Regular School Board Meeting – February 13, 2007*

The motion passed 7-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that as part of the Friday packet there was something from PSBA dealing with the Act 1 2006 newsletter suggesting that School Boards take a more proactive role in informing senior citizens of certain benefits available to them. Mrs. Jankowsky suggested that the Board consider incorporating in the next newsletter, if possible, informing potentially eligible senior citizens about how they can file a claim under the rent rebate and property tax assistance program. The District could direct seniors to contact their local legislators to find out if they qualify for assistance under this law.

Mrs. Brzezinski returned to the room at 8:43 p.m.

Mr. Strouse suggested that this could also be put on the website and cable channel.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

None.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Huf reported that at the Education Committee meeting there was an informational discussion on English as a Second Language.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mr. Faust reported that the Executive Council had met the previous evening. There was an extensive presentation and discussion about the career assessment center being developed at MBIT, which would be funded out of Perkins money. This had the support of the Superintendents and the unanimous support of the Board.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked how they would handle funds from that bond issue that would not be spent. Mr. Faust indicated that the answer they got was that it could be used to prepay the debt.

Mr. Faust explained that when the renovations started, a memorial area in front of the school was disturbed. They looked into doing a new memorial garden. The Board would be receiving a pamphlet about this.

At the meeting, the Board also renewed 14 articulation agreements with Bucks County Community College.

Intermediate Unit

Mrs. Brzezinski reported that she had attended a meeting at the I.U. the previous evening at which they reviewed resumes that had been received. They will narrow these down to one or two candidates. They also looked at proposed sample questions to be asked of the candidates.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Faust stated that the next Finance Committee meeting would be held on March 19th. Everything discussed at the previous meeting had already been covered earlier in this meeting.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that the Operations Committee had met the previous evening regarding real estate broker submissions to sell the drivers ed lot. No date has been set for the next meeting.

Citizens Policy

Mr. Monaghan reported that the next Citizens Policy meeting would be held on March 20th.

Legislative Liaison

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Mueller announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting relative to personnel issues.

Mrs. Mueller stated that the Centennial Education Foundation was selling calendars and that this was a wonderful opportunity to fundraise for the mini-grants. She encouraged everyone to buy these.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary