

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
HELD APRIL 24, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

A Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on April 24, 2007, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mueller at 7:45 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

CEA/Teachers:

Jenny Foight-Cressman

Administration:

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

Public:

Jim Rice  
Tom Reinboth  
Rose Gold  
Marguerite Genesio  
Sina Baranski

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she was invited by Robert Fear, the Project Manager for the State Board of Education Costing-Out Study, to participate in a meeting regarding the study being conducted as part of Act 1. Mrs. Jankowsky explained that the group is trying to establish how much spending is needed to assure that every student can meet the standards. A preliminary report should be published in May, with a final report in November.

Mrs. Brzezinski reported that she had attended the I.U. Diversity Conference. There were 25 people from Centennial in attendance, which was a lot more than from any other District. She felt that it was a wonderful conference.

Mrs. Brzezinski also reported that she had received an e-mail from a company called “Talk About It”, which told about a website that provided e-mail alerts when a threat was being communicated. She requested that this be looked into.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### Recognition of Music Festival Award Recipients

Mrs. Mueller stated that this would be postponed until May 8<sup>th</sup> because the musicians were busy preparing for the Fine Arts Festival the following week.

Mr. Blatt stated that the Board had approved transportation to and from the high school for the senior community throughout the District for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights for three sites, including Ann’s Choice, the Ben Wilson Senior Center and Southampton Estates.

Mrs. Brzezinski asked about Centennial Station. After discussion, there was consensus of the Board to provide this also if there was bus driver availability.

## **GOOD NEWS**

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

## **STUDENT REPORTS**

None.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Rose Gold of 66 Villa Drive had a question regarding transportation to the Fine Arts Festival for the senior citizens.

Mr. Blatt indicated that they were in contact with representatives of the various locations and were attempting to work out any possible problems.

## **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:*

- *Finance Committee – March 19, 2007*
- *Operations Committee – February 21, 2007*

- *Operations Committee – March 6, 2007*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Athletic Physicals Contract Award

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Brzezinski to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves entering into an agreement with Hatboro Medical Associates to provide student athletic physicals per PIAA regulations for a three year period commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2010 per the fees outlined in the attached supplement. All fees for physicals performed by Hatboro Medical Associates shall be paid by students/parents using these services at no cost to the District.*

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that this had been discussed extensively by the Finance Committee.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

### 2. Tot Time Contract Renewals

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves entering into a three year agreement with Tot Time Child Development Centers, Inc. for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010 for use of facilities in all District elementary school buildings to conduct their Before and After School Day Care/Kindergarten Enrichment Programs; and further approves entering into a new one year agreement with Tot Time Child Development Centers, Inc. to conduct its second annual Summer Camp Program at Willow Dale Elementary School from June 20 through August 31, 2007 per the terms and conditions of the attached supplements.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

### 3. Fund Balance Transfer to Capital Reserve

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board directs Administration to transfer \$500,000 in unreserved General Fund Balance to the CSD Capital Reserve Fund as a 2006-2007 expenditure. Said action is taken in keeping with requirements of Section 688 of the PA School Code*

*which requires that the District unreserved fund balance not exceed 8% of anticipated general fund expenditures in any given fiscal year.*

Mrs. Lynch stated that on June 23, 2006, a very large tax increase was approved by a majority of the Board. Now we are saying we had excess in that budget. She indicated that she would be voting no because she felt we should have said that to the people who came to the budget meetings and let them know that nine months later we had more money that we thought we had. She did not think it was fair.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that even though what happened happened, since the money was going to be transferred now, she didn't see the relationship between what was being said and what was going to happen.

*The motion passed 8-1. (Mrs. Lynch opposed.)*

#### 4. WTHS Stadium Renovation Project

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board designates and reserves \$2,660,000 in Capital Reserve Funds toward the renovations of the WTHS Stadium Complex per the attached supplement, and further directs Board officers and Administration to contract with District Architect Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates of Butler, PA to commence design of said renovations at a cost not to exceed \$165,000.*

Mrs. Huf stated that she felt this was a good project but that she was apprehensive about the money flow. However, she had Mr. Faust's word that we should not have any money problems with this project so she was going to support it.

Mrs. Brzezinski indicated that she was supporting this 100%. She felt it was good to have the complex updated. But she indicated that she was not going to vote for the budget.

Mrs. Lynch stated that the previous motion was part of the huge tax increase from last year. She indicated that she had spoken to Mr. Vail regarding the \$860,000 sale of lien taxes. He explained that \$605,000 is what would be from the county budget and the remaining portion would be what we would get over and above that. Mrs. Lynch stated that we do not actually have a contract with anyone. It is not factual, yet we have \$860,000 in this proposal without backup. Also, we have an \$800,000 loan from the General Fund to the Capital Fund. We are saying that some of the money from the sale of the drivers ed lot would be in here but we do not know what we will be getting for the lot. We are saying that we would maybe consider raising the fee schedule from the current amount of \$125 per event to \$500.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she felt the timing on this was wrong and that she would be voting against it. She felt the proposal should be based more in actuality than “could be, should be, would be.” She hoped that a future Board would look at this again.

Marguerite Genesio of 1455 Estate Lane, Southampton, stated that she was present as Assistant Tax Collector of the Tax Claim Bureau in Doylestown. She took exception to the items on the proposal of relying on the \$860,000 by selling liens. You would be selling the liens that currently come to the Tax Claim Bureau and also relying on the 2006 and prior liens that they have in their Bureau now. She indicated that she had spoken to Mr. Vail and he had assured her that should this go through, the Tax Claim Bureau would be able to present the other side of the story to the Finance Committee. She hoped that the Board would take into consideration that the proposal for the stadium was reliant in very large part on the \$860,000 out of \$2.66 million. This is a very ambitious project. She felt that Mrs. Lynch’s comment that this might not be timely now just might be appropriate.

Mrs. Mueller asked about the \$605,000 in the budget. Mr. Vail explained that there is a standard line item in the 2007-2008 budget, of what we anticipate that we will get in delinquent real estate taxes through the Tax Claim Bureau, in the amount of \$605,000. Mrs. Mueller asked if the \$860,000 included current liens as well. Mr. Vail indicated that this is a combination of current liens and liens anticipated in January 2008. He indicated that we tend to budget on the conservative side. This year we will exceed the budget thanks to the Tax Claim Bureau.

After discussion, Mr. Faust indicated that Mrs. Genesio and the Tax Claim Bureau would be placed on the agenda for the May Finance Committee meeting.

Mrs. Huf asked what would happen on the sale of liened taxes if the amount was dropped from \$860,000 to \$605,000 and if part of the \$860,000 was part of the sale of the driver’s ed lot. Mrs. Mueller responded that the sale of liened taxes had nothing to do with the sale of the driver’s ed lot. That figure came from the General Fund Balance figure.

Mrs. Huf asked what would happen if this were not voted on at this time to allow for us to get a more accurate figure. Mr. Vail explained that the \$605,000 was in the 2007-2008 budget. It was one of many revenues sources and has nothing to do with the sale of liens. It is our anticipated income from business as usual through tax claim collections. The dollars that appear in the stadium renovation project are an estimate of what we would get if we sold those liens that could not be collected on and we would look at a number of different proposals as to how to achieve that.

*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>No</i>

<i>Mr. Faust</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</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 8-1.*

5. 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 2007-08 capital reserve expenditure as follows: Fire Suppression System Bid No. 2007-17 for Davis Elementary, Leary Elementary, Longstreth Elementary, McDonald Elementary, Stackpole Elementary, and Willow Dale Elementary Schools and Klinger Middle School and Log College Middle School be awarded to Kint Fire Protection in the amount of \$14,895.00. Emergency Generator Replacement Bid No. 2007-21 for the Administration Building be awarded to Penn Power Systems in the amount of \$21,825.00.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

Mrs. Lynch left the room at 8:38 p.m.

6. Change to 2006-2007 District Calendar

*A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves a change to the District calendar to schedule the last day of the 2006-2007 school year on Friday, June 15, 2007.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Strouse to amend the motion to read “. . . to schedule the last student day . . .”*

*The motion to amend passed 8-0.*

*The amended motion passed 8-0.*

Mrs. Lynch returned to the room at 8:40 p.m.

**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 (with the exception of Item #4); Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Support Staff Substitutes; and Co-Curricular.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Item #4 under Authorization to Employ.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

Dr. Masko introduced Dr. Jenny Foight-Cressman, who had served the District for ten years. He indicated that he was happy that she would be joining the cabinet in a new role and congratulated her.

Dr. Foight-Cressman thanked the Board and Administration for this opportunity. She stated that she sincerely appreciated their good faith in her and indicated that she would do her best for the District and the children.

Sina Baranski of 854 Pelham Avenue congratulated Dr. Foight-Cressman. She felt that there wasn't a better person for the job.

## **POLICIES**

### Discussion:

#### 5.7 – Reporting Student Progress

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that this policy had not been reviewed by the solicitor but had been reviewed by the Citizens Policy Committee.

Mrs. Brzezinski left the room at 8:44 p.m.

Mrs. Homel stated that they had captured in writing the method used to do GPA. They put in writing exactly how the computer calculates the final grades in case there is any question of class rank.

Mr. Faust stated that in Section IV. A., “Assistant Superintendent” should be changed. This was agreed to.

Mrs. Brzezinski returned to the room at 8:46 p.m.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that this policy would be moved for final approval at the next meeting.

## **OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mr. Monaghan indicated that he would pass along to Mr. Blatt an article for distribution to the Board regarding the new alert system for Bucks County, which they are making available to schools and others.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that, considering the number of years that Gene Grossi devoted to the Board, there should be some way to commemorate his memory in a physical and tangible way.

Mr. Faust indicated that he had given this some thought since Mr. Grossi had been a mentor to him. He felt that it would be appropriate to name the Administration Building the “Eugene Grossi Administration Center at Johnsville.”

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she would not support this because Johnsville was a very small village and she felt that this piece of history should be respected and preserved.

Mrs. Huf indicated that she could appreciate wanting to name something after Mr. Grossi but instead of changing the name of the building, maybe other suggestions could be made.

Mrs. Brzezinski pointed out that Mr. Grossi was very into athletics and football, so possibly something could be done with that.

Mr. Strouse stated that Mr. Grossi had served this District very well for 20 years, so he felt that we should come up with something. He suggested that Board members come up with ideas that could be discussed at a future time. He indicated that he personally liked Mr. Faust’s idea but also agreed that Johnsville should be preserved. He felt that the suggested title did both things.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that she would like suggestions to be submitted. It was decided that they would be discussed at the Work Session in June.

## **REPORTS**

I.U. – Mrs. Brzezinski reported that this month was Autism Month and that this was a very complicated issue. Also, the following week, the two candidates for Director of the I.U. would have final interviews.

Mr. Blatt pointed out that the county Superintendents had not been involved in the process at all except that they were invited this week to have lunch with the two candidates (separately.) Since these were last-minute invitations, it would be hard to rearrange schedules to attend. Mr. Blatt felt that some type of contribution could have been made by a representative of the body of Superintendents.

Mrs. Jankowsky suggested that Mrs. Brzezinski bring up the fact that the Superintendents feel that they should have been more involved in the process.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Huf indicated that she had received a letter from a parent requesting help with a special needs child. She passed the letter on to Mr. Blatt for a response.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie A. Detwiler  
Board Secretary