

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD MAY 8, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on May 8, 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
Joseph Faust
Betty Huf
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

[*Mrs. Lynch arrived at 8:32 p.m.]

CEA/Teachers:

Public:

See attached listing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Mueller announced that the previous evening at Klinger Administration presented to the community for the first time a comprehensive coordinated plan for facilities regarding the high school and elementary schools and eventually the middle schools. Mrs. Mueller indicated that there would be another presentation at Log College the following evening.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that she had attended several performances at the Fine Arts Festival. She indicated that the brochures were beautiful and the performances outstanding.

Mrs. Mueller reported that Mr. Lovecchio devoted the entire week to Mr. Blatt since this is his last year as Superintendent.

Mrs. Huf stated that she went to Chorus night, which was outstanding. The chorus was delightful.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she received an invitation to attend the 50th anniversary of Davis School on May 10th regarding the retirement of Dr. Belli.

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of State, Region, District and County Music Festival Award Recipients

Dr. Jenny Foight-Cressman introduced Joseph Lovecchio and the musicians. Mr. Lovecchio spoke about the music festival, introduced the student musicians and spoke about their accomplishments. The students who made the PMEA all-states were presented with certificates by Dr. Foight-Cressman.

Recognition of 2007 WTHS Poet Laureate and Honor Laurels

Mrs. Homel spoke about Kaitlyn Sweeney, the 2007 WTHS Poet Laureate. Unfortunately, due to a conflict in her schedule, Ms. Sweeney was unable to attend the meeting. Mrs. Homel also introduced the Honor Laurels, Haley Garrison, William Toms and Sharon Lebovic, who read their poems.

GOOD NEWS

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

Mr. Blatt announced that he had received a letter from Operation Helping Hand in Bucks County. He indicated that there were two people in the audience who deserved recognition, Mr. Mumin and Mr. Warg from Klinger, for their efforts in the 2007 food collection. The letter thanked them for their wonderful students and staff and for their leadership.

STUDENT REPORTS

Ms. Thompson reported on events at Tennent as follows:

- Underclassmen were preparing to run for office.
- There would be a flag football team tournament on May 29th.
- On June 2nd there would be an all girl's chess tournament.
- May 9-10 – Flower sale to benefit children with AIDS in Africa.
- May 23 – A Night of Smiles at Tennent.
- May 10-11 – Key Club Blood Drive.
- Bracelets to raise money for ovarian cancer were being sold.

- June 8 – Mr. Tennent would be chosen.
- The Future Educators Association thanked everyone who donated to Pennies for Patients.
- Congratulations to Morgan Schwartz for Earth Day poster, which received Honorable Mention in Waste Management contest.
- June 6 – Senior Awards Night.
- June 5 – MBIT Graduation.

There was no MBIT student report.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Musical Instrument Rental Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Musical Instrument Rental/Purchase Bid No. 2007-13 and awards same to Music & Arts Center, Inc. at the lowest responsible bid amounts as indicated on the attached recommendation. Rates reflect charges to parents and represent no cost to the District.

The motion passed 8-0.

2. Set 2007/08 Proposed Final Budget Amount/Set Adoption Date/Authorize Public Display

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes in conformance with Special Session Act 1 of 2006, a proposed final general fund budget for FY 2007-2008 in the amount of \$83,694,502 be put on display for public review beginning May 23, 2007 and authorizes Administration to advertise intent to adopt said proposed final budget at the regular Board of Directors meeting scheduled for June 12, 2007.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she would be voting yes for this but this did not mean she was voting for the budget. She was just voting to put it out to the public.

The motion passed 8-0.

3. Approval of Support Staff Salary/Benefit Program and Personnel Practices Agreement, July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Centennial School District Support Staff Salary/Benefit Program and Personnel Practices Agreement, July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010.

The motion passed 8-0.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Strouse requested that Item #1 under Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence be pulled for a separate vote.

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; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Homebound Tutors; Mentors; and Middle School ESL Summer Program.

The motion passed 8-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Item #1 under Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence (retirement of Rosemarie Doh.)

Mr. Strouse stated that he had asked for this to be pulled for a separate vote. He stated that Rosemarie Doh had been with the District for 13 or 14 years. She has had the unique circumstance of serving the Superintendent and the entire Board. She has done this with grace and dignity and Mr. Strouse indicated that he intended to oppose this motion.

Mrs. Brzezinski seconded Mr. Strouse's comments.

Mrs. Huf agreed with Mr. Strouse. She indicated that Mrs. Doh has always been the greatest secretary anyone could ever want to have. She always took care of her as a Board member. She wished her well.

Mr. Faust stated that it is a pleasure to work with her. She seemed to have a good handle on everything and has taken good care of things.

Mrs. Mueller stated that Mrs. Doh has been a great help and has done a wonderful job. The entire Board will miss her. She wished her well.

Mrs. Lynch arrived at the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Mrs. Lynch advised Mrs. Doh to enjoy her grandchildren. She stated that she would miss her and wished Mrs. Doh and her husband well. She stated that this was a very sad loss to the District.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that anyone who had to deal with nine members of the Board had to have a lot of patience. She thanked Mrs. Doh for this and for her consummate professionalism. She wished her a wonderful, long, healthful retirement. She indicated that Mrs. Doh made it easy for all of us and that she is truly a special lady.

The motion passed 5-4. (Mr. Strouse, Mrs. Brzezinski, Mr. Faust and Mrs. Lynch opposed.)

Mrs. Homel introduced Dennis Best, the new Assistant Principal at Klinger, and spoke about his experience and background. Mr. Best was replacing Dennis Warg, who had served as the interim Assistant Principal.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Initial Distribution

Mrs. Jankowsky enumerated the following policies for initial distribution:

- 7.2 – Crisis Response Drills
- 7.26 – Investments

Final Approval:

5.7 – Reporting Student Progress

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 5.7 – Reporting Student Progress.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that the requested revisions had been made.

The motion passed 9-0.

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 – April 2007*
- *Investments – April 2007*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – April 2007*
- *Student Activity/Clearing Funds – January 1 through March 31, 2007*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – April 2007*

- *Budgetary Transfers – May 2007*

The motion passed 9-0.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Minutes of the Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting of March 27, 2007.

Mrs. Mueller asked Mrs. Detwiler if she had received the tapes of the meeting back from the police or if the Minutes had been prepared from her notes. Mrs. Detwiler responded that she had not received the tapes back and that the Minutes had been prepared from the notes she had taken at the meeting.

Mrs. Jankowsky requested a spelling change on page 142.

There was a short discussion regarding the first two sentences of the discussion regarding Item 3 on page 143.

A motion was made by Mr. Strouse and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to table this motion so that the language of these two sentences could be worked on for greater accuracy and brought back for a vote at the next Regular Board Meeting.

The motion passed 8-0-1. (Mrs. Lynch abstained.)

A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of April 10, 2007.

Mrs. Brzezinski indicated that she would like mention of her birthday inserted in the Minutes where it took place at the meeting (under Board Discussion and Comment.)

The motion passed 9-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mr. Monaghan stated that he had attended a PSBA staff report for the 2007 cabinet meeting at Williamson's Restaurant. He had provided each of the Board members with a packet in the Friday update. He also wanted to let them know that after the meeting was concluded, they were told that although only 20 people attended that particular meeting, there was more done than was done in a larger-scale meeting that was held in other areas. They were thankful for Centennial's participation, as well as the other districts that participated.

Mr. Monaghan also noted that the Legislative meeting of the Bucks County Council would be held at the I.U. on May 29th. Mrs. Mueller encouraged all Board members to attend this.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that part of the information provided by Mr. Monaghan dealt with the PSBA Legislative Update in which they gave a recap of the Governor's 2008-2009 state budget plan. She indicated that the issue that concerned her was the accountability block grants and what the money would be used for.

Mrs. Lynch left the room at 8:52 p.m.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated there would be a \$100 million increase but that \$75 million out of \$100 million would be directed for pre-kindergarten programs offered by school districts. She pointed out that most school districts do not have these. Mrs. Jankowsky also noted that the remaining \$25 million would be targeted to school districts that chose to launch a full-day kindergarten or expand their existing full-day kindergarten program. When Centennial looked into a full-day kindergarten program, the cost would have been at least \$2-\$3 million. Therefore, \$25 million would hardly cover the cost for 501 school districts.

Mrs. Lynch returned to the room at 8:54 p.m.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked if Board members concurred in finding out what we use our accountability block grant money for and generating a letter to be sent to the Governor and our legislators to identify what the money is used for and how the Governor's budget will not provide Centennial with any additional money.

Mr. Monaghan stated that Board members had received a questionnaire from PSBA regarding their website. Mr. Monaghan indicated that if Board members could complete the survey by May 18th, it would be helpful.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

No report. (Mrs. Lynch indicated that she was attempting to set a date for a meeting on either May 23 or 30.)

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

No report. (Mr. Faust indicated that the next meeting would be the following Monday.)

Intermediate Unit

Mrs. Brzezinski reported that she had attended a meeting in which they selected a candidate. He is extremely qualified. They were waiting for the candidate to return from

vacation. As soon as they know if he is willing to accept the position, she will let the Board know.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Faust indicated that the next meeting would be on May 21st.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that a brief meeting would be scheduled for the purpose of approving Minutes from the last Operations Committee meeting.

Citizens Policy

No report.

Legislative Liaison

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Faust stated that he had received an e-mail from an employee, which he forwarded to Dr. Masko for copying to the Board.

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that she had received a letter from Mr. Badman of Southampton Estates, which she would forward to Mr. Blatt.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Edward Hoffman of 801 West County Line Road addressed the Board regarding the school trip to Canada. He asked whether there was medical personnel going on the trip. Originally, they were told that a registered nurse would be going on the trip. He indicated that he was a licensed medical technician and Chief of Warminster Ambulance. He had offered his services but was told this was not necessary because they were going to empower the Vice Principal, who was going on this trip, to administer any medications. However, as of the previous day they were told that there is a person going who just got their CPR and medical cards.

Mr. Blatt explained that the Board looks at each trip and the itinerary to see that it complies with policy. There must be one adult for every ten youngsters. Beyond that, the Board does not stipulate anything other than what is set forth in policy. Mr. Blatt indicated that he was not sure of the answers to Mr. Hoffman's questions but that he would look into it.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Faust 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