

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
HELD MAY 22, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

A Work Session/Regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on May 22, 2007, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mueller at 7:50 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Marie Brzezinski  
Joseph Faust  
Betty Huf  
Patricia Jones  
Jane Schrader Lynch  
Michael Monaghan  
Cynthia Mueller  
Harve Strouse

[Mrs. Jankowsky was absent.]

Administration:

David Blatt  
Sandy Homel  
Victor Lasher  
Dr. Michael Masko

CEA/Teachers:

Public:

See attached listing.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Mueller announced that Mrs. Jankowsky might arrive later in the meeting; she had a family matter to attend to.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### Stadium Contributions

Mr. Blatt explained that about ten days prior to the meeting he and Dr. Masko had met with a group of representatives from the high school regarding an update on the stadium renovations. The first group to make a contribution to this effort was the students.

Mrs. Poroszok and Alicia Geiger, representing the Athletic Council, presented a “check” in the amount of \$12,850 to the “Stadium Renovation Fund.” This check represented one week of pledges from the students and staff at the high school.

### Outstanding Achievement Awards

The Outstanding Achievement Awards were then presented to the following:

- Debbie Weischedel Student Support Aide at Longstreth;
- Joanne Fabian, Modern Language Teacher, WTHS;
- Joseph O’Connor, Social Studies Teacher, WTHS;
- Stephanie Badulak, 4th Grade Teacher, Stackpole; and
- David P. Blatt, Superintendent of Schools.

All of the awardees thanked their colleagues for this honor.

Mr. Blatt stated that there was very little he could say to express his appreciation, respect and fondness for everyone in the room and the hundreds of people who were out there everyday doing good work with youngsters.

A break was called at 8:30 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:48 p.m.

## **GOOD NEWS**

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

## **STUDENT REPORTS**

None.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Tom Reinboth of 784 Boxer Drive, Warminster, stated that he had more Good News. First, Lauren Zucker, the Librarian at Leary, was one of the 12 semi-finalists in the State Teacher of the Year competition. Also, in the recent Reading Olympics, Longstreth School had three Blue Ribbon teams.

## COMMITTEE MINUTES

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the Minutes of the Finance Committee of April 16, 2007.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

## OLD BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Acceptance of Grant Funding from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants permission to accept the grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development in Harrisburg in the amount of \$10,000 for the Willow Dale Home and School Association.*

The motion passed 8-0.

2. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 1-19

*A motion was made by Mr. Monaghan and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18 to allow Student 1-19 to attend Davis Elementary School for the 2007-2008 school year on a tuition basis. The family will provide transportation.*

Mr. Strouse stated that Administration had indicated that there is availability and that it supports this recommendation.

*The motion passed 8-0.*

3. Athletic Equipment and Supplies Bid
4. Bread and Roll Bid
5. Furniture Bid
6. Paper Supply Bid
7. Stock Supply Bid

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board:*

- (3) *Approves the Athletic Equipment and Supplies Bid No. 2007-14 and awards same to the vendors listed below for a total bid award of \$47,902.66. This will be a 2007-08 general fund expenditure.*

<i>Aluminum Athletic Equipment</i>	\$ 252.50
<i>Ayer Promotion</i>	285.00
<i>Bill Fritz Sports</i>	311.00
<i>Flaghouse</i>	2,869.08
<i>Football America</i>	2,571.00
<i>Georgi Sports</i>	90.50
<i>Gopher Sport</i>	1,065.72
<i>Kelly's Sports</i>	7,175.59
<i>Locker Room Sporting Goods</i>	13,639.29
<i>Longstreth Sporting Goods</i>	782.90
<i>M-F Athletic</i>	189.00
<i>Metuchen Center</i>	115.50
<i>Monsterlane</i>	549.40
<i>Passon's Sports</i>	6,746.16
<i>Riddell/All American</i>	1,624.90
<i>Sportsman's</i>	7,062.47
<i>Triple Crown</i>	2,572.65

- (4) *Approves the Suburban Schools Food Service Purchasing Co-op Bread & Roll Bid No. 2007-22 and awards same to the following vendors:*

*Amoroso Baking Company  
Morabito Baking Company  
Stroehmann Bakeries*

*The approximate total value of this award as it pertains to Centennial School District is \$33,000. This will be a 2007-08 cafeteria fund expenditure.*

- (5) *Approves the Classroom Furniture Bid No. 2007-15 and awards same to the vendors listed below for a total bid award of \$25,521.32. This will be a 2007-08 general fund expenditure.*

<i>Hertz Furniture</i>	\$6,315.81
<i>O'Connell Associates</i>	1,195.00
<i>Office Market</i>	500.00
<i>Office Service</i>	5,930.22
<i>Roberts &amp; Meck</i>	1,713.60
<i>School Specialty</i>	9,651.69
<i>Tanner of Pa.</i>	215.00

- (6) *Approves the Paper Supply Bid No. 2007-19 and awards same to Paper Mart, Inc. at the lowest responsible bid amount of \$77,899.96. This will be a 2007-08 general fund expenditure.*

- (7) *Approves the Stock Supply Bid No. 2007-11 (for office and classroom supplies) and awards same to the vendors listed below for a total bid award of \$39,347.44. This will be a 2007-08 general fund expenditure.*

<i>Cascade</i>	<i>\$ 7,728.10</i>
<i>Hoban Supply</i>	<i>944.90</i>
<i>Kurtz Brothers</i>	<i>18,903.38</i>
<i>Office Service</i>	<i>1,755.20</i>
<i>School Specialty</i>	<i>2,594.89</i>
<i>Standard Stationery</i>	<i>7,420.97</i>

Mr. Strouse asked if all of these were within the parameters of the budget. Dr. Masko indicated that they were.

*The motion passed 7-1. (Mrs. Brzezinski opposed.)*

**PERSONNEL**

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves all personnel recommendations, as follows: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Change of Status; Support Staff Substitutes; Mentors; Homebound Tutors; and Elementary Summer School Nurse.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

**POLICIES**

Initial Distribution – 6.7 – Business Affiliation

Mr. Strouse noted Policy 6.7, Business Affiliation for initial distribution.

Mr. Monaghan explained that during the Strategic Plan, the partnership group came up with a policy for partnerships. At that point there were some questions to be addressed. This policy is the completion of that process. He thanked the individuals involved in the policy and indicated that the solicitor had reviewed the policy and made a few changes.

Mrs. Brzezinski pointed out the portion of Section VI that mentioned a contract or affiliation with no economic value and questioned why we would consider something with no value.

Mr. Monaghan responded that this might come in where we are dealing with a college, or something like the Abington Hospital exchange or Warminster Hospital exchange. This was put in by the solicitor. Mrs. Brzezinski indicated that she would be opposed to this.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she felt \$5,000 or less seemed very low. Mr. Faust clarified that this just meant that it would take Board action.

Mrs. Mueller felt that it may preclude us from going for certain grants because of the time schedule. She felt that it should be a higher number. She suggested that we find out why the solicitor used \$5,000.

Dr. Masko explained that the solicitor had indicated that this was an arbitrary number and it was up to the Board at which point it wanted to be involved. After further discussion, it was decided that the amount in Section VI should be changed from \$5,000 to \$9,000.

Mr. Strouse noted that the cover page stated that the Superintendent or School Directors were responsible for implementation of the policy. He felt that it should be one or the other.

Mr. Monaghan indicated that the solicitor suggested that in the policy it should be Superintendent or School Directors but that it should not appear on the cover page; therefore, this should be changed to read Superintendent only.

Mrs. Huf felt that as long as this was closely watched, she could support it, but she has always been cautious about advertising.

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she would oppose this because she was afraid there were a lot of people that would be using kids in a way that she would not appreciate. She was totally opposed to having commercialism in the public schools.

Mr. Faust stated that, whatever number was chosen, his concern was that when this was presented to the Board they should not only find out the economic value but also what they were proposing and what they were advertising. It was more than just the dollar amount the Board should be concerned with.

Mr. Faust pointed out, under Section III, that when we talk about the Superintendent or the Board approving contracts, usually it is not the Superintendent that signs the contracts, it is the corporate officers. He requested more information on this.

Mrs. Lynch felt that this was a good idea but had concerns over Section I.A.2.a., which addressed paid advertisements in student or District publications. She felt there were some legal ramifications that had not been addressed and that the language should be tightened up. She felt there must be some control over advertisements.

Mr. Strouse suggested that Administration get back to the Board with the revisions they had requested. He felt they might need another round of discussions on this policy.

[Note: Also see additional comment following discussion of remaining policies.]

Discussion:

7.2 – Crisis Response Drills

Since there was no discussion on this policy, Mr. Strouse indicated that it would be put on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

7.26 – Investments

Mr. Strouse stated that this policy had been reviewed by the solicitor.

Mr. Faust pointed out that they had taken some of the reporting to the Board out of the policy. He indicated that he had not had a chance to talk to Tim Vail about this but he would like to know the rationale behind it. He felt he needed more information.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she did not like the changes to the “Authority” section, nor did she like the way it was written.

Mr. Strouse stated that Administration would review the policy and reinstate some of the Board approval pieces.

It was decided that this policy would be scheduled for discussion at the next meeting and for approval at the following meeting.

6.7 – Business Affiliation (Continued):

Mr. Monaghan stated that if we could get this policy back from the solicitor in time, he would like it to be put on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion, and approval if it was satisfactory. There was consensus of the Board to do so.

**OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Recognition of Eugene Grossi

Mr. Strouse stated that he was sure that Mrs. Jankowsky would like to participate in this discussion. Since she was not in attendance at this meeting, he felt that this discussion should be deferred.

Mrs. Mueller stated that this would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Other Items

Mr. Monaghan noted that the Scholarship Reception would take place at Ann’s Choice the following day at noon.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she had received a call from PSBA the previous Thursday requesting support of HB 446 regarding transferring funding responsibility for cyber charter schools to PDE and requiring greater accountability from cyber charter schools. She distributed a copy of a draft resolution that PSBA would like School Boards to pass. Mrs. Mueller indicated that at the next meeting this could be brought forward as an action item. At that time, there would be more information as to how much we have spent in subsidies for this.

## **REPORTS**

### Finance Committee:

Mr. Faust reported that the following items were addressed at the Finance Committee meeting held the previous evening.

- There was a presentation on real estate tax liens.
- Treasurer was appointed.
- Employee benefit update for 2007/08.
- Update of facility use fees.
- New agreements for Head Start.
- Cafeteria fund budget for 2007/08.
- Security cameras for the high school.
- Lease for copiers.
- Insurance rates.

Mr. Faust indicated that this would be coming forward at the next Board meeting.

### Operations Committee:

Mrs. Mueller reported that the Operations Committee had met earlier in the evening and discussed the William Tennent auditorium sound system. A community meeting for the comprehensive coordinated plan had gone out over the cable earlier in the day but the quality was poor. Another alternative is being sought to get this presentation taped and put out on the cable.

### I.U.:

Mrs. Brzezinski reported that there would be a special meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>, at which the new Executive Director for the I.U. would be introduced. She indicated that she could not release his name yet.

Mrs. Brzezinski pointed out two items from the May 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the *School Leader News*: the School Solicitor Symposium will be at Penn State this year; and a symposium on educational issues will be held in Gettysburg.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **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 9:48 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie A. Detwiler  
Board Secretary