

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD AUGUST 21, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on August 21, 2007, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mueller at 7:41 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Marie Brzezinski
Betty Huf
Joan Jankowsky
Patricia Jones
Jane Schrader Lynch
Michael Monaghan
Cynthia Mueller
Harve Strouse

Administration:

Victor Lasher
Dr. Michael Masko
Jean Rollo
Timothy Vail

[Note: Mr. Faust was absent.]

CEA/Teachers:

None

Public:

William Patrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Mueller announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting relative to employment and legal matters.

Mrs. Mueller noted that Mr. Faust was absent from this meeting due to personal reasons.

Mr. Monaghan congratulated the *Intelligencer* and *Courier Times* for putting an article in their papers about one of our students, Joey Harper, who founded The Wheeled Scotsman Foundation, an agency that makes houses accessible to people with disabilities. Mr. Monaghan indicated that

they would be having a fundraiser in a few weeks and asked if a link could be placed on our website, if appropriate.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

GOOD NEWS

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes – March 27, 2007

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves removing from the table the minutes from March 27, 2007. The motion to approve the minutes was tabled at the May 8, 2007 meeting of the Board.

The motion to remove from the table passed 7-0-1. (Mrs. Lynch abstained.)

The motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2007 passed 7-0-1. (Mrs. Lynch abstained.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Final Approval of Trip by Longstreth Elementary School to Camp Canadensis

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for a trip by students at Longstreth Elementary School to Camp Canadensis, September 19-21, 2007. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$550.00.

The motion passed 8-0.

2. Approval of Bancroft NeuroHealth Contracts

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Tuition Contract and the Residential Services Contract between Centennial School District and Bancroft NeuroHealth, an approved private school for the disabled in the County of Camden in the State of New Jersey, for the 2007-2008 school year at an estimated annual cost of \$216,353.40.

Mrs. Jankowsky explained that this was for one student, and the State of Pennsylvania reimburses 60% of this cost. Mr. Vail estimated that we would get back about \$130,000.00.

The motion passed 8-0.

3. Approval of Bethanna Agreement

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Special Education Services Agreement between Bethanna, Inc. and the Centennial School District for the 2007-2008 school year at the per diem rate of \$157.02 per student.

Mr. Vail explained that there were usually 25 to 30 students and that the majority of the money is reimbursed.

The motion passed 8-0.

4. Approval of Buxmont Academy Act 48 Program Placement Agreement

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Act 48 Program Placement Agreement between Buxmont Academy and the Centennial School District for the 2007-2008 school year at the per diem rate of \$97.82 (\$17,607.60 a school year) per regular education students and at the per diem rate of \$107.82 (\$19,407.60 a school year) per special education students.

Mrs. Jankowsky asked what year this Act 48 was from. Mrs. Brzezinski asked how many children were expected to be in this program.

Dr. Masko indicated that we have provided for up to seven students in the past.

The motion passed 8-0.

5. Approval of Delaware Valley Mental Health Foundations, Inc. (Lifeworks Alternative School) Contract

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Act 48 Program Placement Agreement between Delaware Valley Mental Health Foundations, Inc. (Lifeworks Alternative School) and the Centennial School District for the 2007-2008 school year at the per diem rate of \$138.00 for each student referred and accepted.

Mrs. Brzezinski asked how many students were expected.

Dr. Masko responded that he was not sure.

The motion passed 8-0.

6. Approval of Act 48 Program Placement Agreement with Middle Earth

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Act 48 Program Placement Agreement between Middle Earth Academy, Inc. and the Centennial School District for the 2007-2008 school year at the per diem rate of \$90.00 per student.

Mrs. Jankowsky stated that it might be a good idea to include some information about these private placement agreements in the Education Committee meetings, including information about how much it costs per day per placement.

Dr. Masko indicated that five students could be expected for this program.

The motion passed 8-0.

7. Approval of Nexus Agreement

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Agreement between Nexus School and the Centennial School District for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$56,000.00.

Dr. Masko indicated that one student was projected for this school year.

The motion passed 8-0.

8. Approval of Wordsworth Agreement

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Agreement between Wordsworth Private Academic School and the Centennial School District to provide alternative placement for special education students for the 2007-2008 school year at a per diem rate of \$190.00 per student.

Dr. Masko indicated that one student was projected for this school year.

The motion passed 8-0.

9. Approval of Pediatric Therapeutic Services Contract

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the therapy services contract between Pediatric Therapy Services, Inc. and the Centennial School District for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010 at the hourly rate of \$65.00.

Mrs. Klyman explained that this is the contract for speech and language services in our schools. We are completing the third year of a three-year contract. The costs are staying the same. They are meeting the needs of our students.

The motion passed 8-0.

10. Approval of Youth Services Alternatives Act 48 Program Placement Agreement

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Jones to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Act 48 Program Placement Agreement between Centennial School District and Youth Services Alternatives for the 2007-2008 school year at the per diem rate of \$76.50 for a regular education student and \$80.25 for a special education student in the Doylestown Adventure Learning Center.

Dr. Masko indicated that we had one student in this program this past year.

The motion passed 8-0.

11. Approval of Tuition Agreement with The Crefeld School

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the tuition agreement between Centennial School District and the Crefeld School for \$25,600.00 for the 2007-2008 school year.

Dr. Masko stated that this was updating an agreement for one student.

The motion passed 8-0.

12. Settlement Agreement Guidelines

A motion was made by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board recognizes the sensitivities and legalities associated with Educational Settlement Agreements which from time to time are negotiated with parents and/or guardians of students with special needs. Therefore, the Board hereby authorizes Administration, in conjunction with District legal counsel, to negotiate settlement agreements when deemed necessary and in the best interests of all parties. Board further directs that all agreements with a total cost of \$10,000 or less to the District may be approved and signed by the Superintendent. All agreements in excess of \$10,000 shall require formal Board review and approval prior to being executed. Further, all agreements of \$10,000 or less approved and signed by the Superintendent shall be disclosed to the Board as information as soon as possible after execution by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

A motion to amend was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Strouse to make this effective from August 22, 2007 and forward.

The motion to amend passed 7-1-0. (Mrs. Brzezinski opposed.)

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

13. Approval of Release and Settlement Agreement for Student 13-8

A motion was made by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Release and Settlement Agreement for Student 13-18 to attend Wyncote Academy for the 2007-2008 school year at the cost of \$21,400.00 and to continue for each subsequent year (at a maximum increase of three and a half percent per year) until the earliest of the following occurs: student withdraws or drops out of school, graduates from Wyncote, or until the end of the school year when student turns 21 (June 2012). In addition, the District agrees to make payable the sum of \$3,528.50 to the student's attorney.

The motion passed 8-0.

14. Approval of Third Party Education Trust for Student 5-23

A motion was made by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Third Party Education Trust for student 5-23 in the sum of \$27,600.00 as set forth in the signed Release and Settlement Agreement (attached) for the 2007-2008 school year.

The motion passed 8-0.

15. Permission to Bid Real Estate Tax Lien Sale

A motion was made by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes Administration, in conjunction with District legal counsel, to prepare and solicit competitive bids for the sale of School District real estate tax liens currently outstanding, as well as liens to be filed in January 2008, for real estate taxes unpaid during the 2007 tax collection year. Upon receipt, all bids will be referred to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation to the full Board of School Directors in September, 2007.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that this was extensively discussed at the Finance Committee meeting.

The motion passed 7-1. (Mrs. Lynch opposed.)

16. Adopt 2008-2009 Budget Calendar

A motion was made by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the calendar for the formulation and adoption of the fiscal year 2007-2008 General Fund Budget as listed in the attached supplement.

Mr. Strouse explained that the budget calendar was subject to change depending on what the legislature does.

The motion passed 8-0.

17. Hiring of Additional Professional Staff from Contingency Fund

A motion was made by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the use of one position from the contingency fund to be used for a special education teacher at McDonald Elementary School.

The motion passed 8-0.

18. Permission to Apply to PA Department of Education for Approval of Stadium Plans and Specifications

A motion was made by Mrs. Jones 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 renovation and improvements to the William Tennent High School Claude Lodge Field.

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, information 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.

Mrs. Jankowsky questioned the meaning of the last sentence. Mr. Lasher explained that the last sentence does not apply to this but is language that is required by law.

The motion passed 7-0-1. (Mrs. Lynch abstained.)

19. Approval of Facility Use Waivers

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

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| A. | <i>Davisville Church</i> | <i>Requesting Sunday usage of William Tennent High School auditorium on September 16, 2007. There is no cost to the District.</i> |
| B. | <i>OLGC Swim Team</i> | <i>Requesting a 50% waiver in fee for the 2007-2008 season from September 2007 through February 2008 at a cost to the District of \$930.65.</i> |
| C. | <i>Southampton Basketball</i> | <i>Requesting Sunday usage of Klinger Middle School gym from January 2008 through March 2008. There is no cost to the District.</i> |

The motion passed 8-0.

20. Food Service Equipment Bid

A motion was made by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Food Service Equipment Bid No. 2008-01 for Log College Middle School and William Tennent High School and awards same to the lowest responsible bidders in the amounts listed below:

<i>Essbar Equipment</i>	<i>\$2,350.00</i>
<i>Todd Devin Food Equipment</i>	<i>\$45,299.00</i>

This will be a Cafeteria Fund expenditure.

Mrs. Huf asked if we used these two companies before. Mr. Vail indicated that we had bought different things from them.

The motion passed 8-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mr. Monaghan 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; Homebound Tutors; Student/Summer Employees; Middle School ESL Summer Program; and Co-Curricular.

The motion passed 8-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Final Approval:

7.9 – Child Custody

A motion was made by Mrs. Jankowsky and seconded by Mr. Strouse to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 7.9, Child Custody.

Mrs. Jankowsky indicated that this was extensively discussed at the Work Session in June.

The motion passed 8-0.

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the:

- *Schedule of Bills – June 2007
July 2007*
- *Investments – June 2007
July 2007*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – June and July 2007*
- *Student Activity/Clearing Funds – April 1 through June 30, 2007*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – June 2007
July 2007*
- *Budgetary Transfers – June 2007*

The motion passed 8-0.

Mrs. Brzezinski left the room at 8:32 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Jankowsky to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Minutes of:

- *Regular School Board Meeting – June 12, 2007*
- *Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – June 26, 2007*

Mrs. Brzezinski returned to the room at 8:34 p.m.

Several minor revisions were requested, in addition to a request that the District goals be listed in the body of Item 29 of New Business in the Minutes of June 12, 2007.

The motion passed 8-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mrs. Jankowsky pointed out that the cost of mandates is a significant cost and she felt that the District should have this information available to it. Although we may not need it in the form that Central Bucks produced it, she felt that it would be valuable to have. She asked Dr. Masko if it would be possible to have this by the end of September. Dr. Masko responded that it would.

Mrs. Brzezinski indicated that she had requested copies of tapes from a previous Board meeting and was denied that request by Dr. Masko. She asked that he work with the Board as a team.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Masko thanked the Board, members of the cabinet and his staff for all of their help during this time of transition. He also mentioned that tours of the buildings would be coming up prior to the opening of school and invited Board members to participate. He also spoke about preparations for the upcoming school year.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lynch reported that she had received an e-mail from Dr. Foight-Cressman regarding getting together some items for discussion by the Education Committee.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf reported on the following matters from the meeting held the previous evening:

- Report on the Summer School, which was very successful.
- Approval of proposal for Interquest Canines to have three sweeps during the school year.
- Vote to change the logo.
- Year-end report for the previous school year.
- Discussion on placement of a traffic light.

Intermediate Unit

Mrs. Brzezinski stated that she had a report from Jack Brady regarding the 2007-2008 Commonwealth budget, which she would give to Dr. Masko for distribution to the Board.

Finance & Long Range Budget

Mrs. Jones reported that she had the student information system proposal evaluation but asked them to do it again because the cost was too high.

The next Finance meeting would be on September 17th.

OPERATIONS

Mrs. Jankowsky reported that the Operations Committee had met on July 23rd and July 30th to discuss interviewing and proposals from the architectural firms regarding the high school. The next meeting of the Committee will be on August 23rd. (Mrs. Lynch requested that it be noted that she would not be available to attend that meeting due to a prior commitment. Mrs. Mueller reminded her that she had resigned from the committee.)

Mrs. Jankowsky noted that building tours would begin the following day.

Citizens Policy

Mr. Monaghan stated that the first meeting would be held in October, although no date had been set yet.

Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Brzezinski indicated that the legislative report would be included in Dr. Masko's Friday update.

Mrs. Brzezinski reported that she had attended the Summer Academy presentation, which was fantastic. She felt that the children and the teachers were wonderful. She requested that a note be sent to the teachers on behalf of the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Jones to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary