

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
HELD DECEMBER 11, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on December 11, 2007 in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Monaghan at 7:32 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Thomas Hezel  
Betty Huf  
Jane Schrader Lynch  
Mark Miller  
Michael Monaghan  
Cynthia Mueller  
Dr. Andrew Pollock  
Thomas Reinboth  
Joseph Simpson

Administration:

Sandy Homel  
Susan Klyman  
Victor Lasher  
Dr. Michael Masko  
Timothy Vail

CEA/Teachers:

Donna Harkins  
Angela Beecher  
Dennis Cahill  
Sue Bednarik

Public:

Jim Rice  
Ana Brown  
Jane Strawley  
Barb Patrick

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Monaghan led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Monaghan announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting relative to legal matters.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### William Tennent High School Chorale

Dr. Masko introduced Tyrone Dinkins and the Chorale group from William Tennent High School, who performed two musical selections. They invited everyone to attend the concert on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **GOOD NEWS**

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

## **STUDENT REPORTS**

None.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Facility Use Waiver Application

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

- A. *Warminster Basketball      Requesting Sunday usage of William Tennent High School gym from December 16, 2007 to March 31, 2008 with the exception of February 10, 17 and 24, 2008. There is no cost to the District.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

### 2. Advertisement of Star Machine

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board hereby authorizes Administration to advertise and dispose of the 1970 Spitz STP Star Machine.*

Mr. Miller asked how we would look to sell this. Mr. Lasher responded that we would try e-bay and that there is someone in Florida who may be interested since he is starting a Star Machine museum. We do not have a minimum bid since we would be happy to just get rid of it.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

3. Agreement for Professional Services

*A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Agreement for Professional Services between the Centennial School District and the Reading Connection for student 2-18. Student 2-18 is to receive two 60-minute sessions per week in the Wilson Reading Method at a rate of \$80.00 per session, not to exceed \$5,000.00 by June 16, 2008. The contract terminates either upon the last day of school or with a 30-day advance written note to terminate.*

*These services are listed in the student's IEP.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

4. Settlement Agreement and Release

*A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Settlement Agreement and Release for student 1-8. The District agrees to pay the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia for parent attorney fees and costs as per the decision of U.S. District Magistrate, Judge David Strawbridge within thirty days of the Judge's decision. The District further agrees to reimburse the Public Interest Law Center for the independent functional behavioral assessment in the amount of \$1,200.00.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

5. School Physician Contract

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves entering into Agreement with Dr. Harris Cohen to act as school physician for the three-year period through June 30, 2010 as per the terms and conditions of the attached supplement.*

Mr. Reinboth asked if this was the same doctor we have been using or a new one. Mr. Vail replied that it is a new doctor but the rates are the same as the previous physician, who opted out early.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

## PERSONNEL

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Support Staff Substitutes; Substitute Bus Drivers; Tutors; Homebound Tutors; Curriculum Resource Team Members; and Co-Curricular.*

Dr. Pollock asked about the new position and how many students we need before we hire a new aide. Dr. Masko explained that this is governed by policy. After the school year starts, we don't split the class, we hire an aide. This would occur after we reach 29 students. This is a temporary appointment until the end of this year.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

## OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

### Initial Distribution

Mrs. Mueller enumerated the following policies for initial distribution:

- 6.1 – Community/School Fund Raising
- 2.8 – Employee Code of Ethics

## FINANCIAL

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the:*

- *Schedule of Bills – November 2007*
- *Investments – November 2007*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – November 2007*

*and approves the:*

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – November 2007*
- *Budgetary Transfers – December 2007*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

## MINUTES

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

- *October 23, 2007 Work Session*
- *November 1, 2007 Special Meeting*
- *November 13, 2007 Board Meeting*

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

## **BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT**

Mrs. Lynch stated that it is time to put the meetings on cable television. She urged the Board to consider this as an agenda item. Mr. Monaghan indicated that this could be put on the Operations Committee agenda to keep it moving.

Dr. Pollock had two questions: What would the cost be? Who would be willing to put it on?

Mr. Monaghan indicated that we would have a contract with Comcast and Verizon.

Mr. Miller pointed out that it could also be put on the website as a webcast.

Mr. Monaghan announced the new committee appointments and township representatives.

## **REPORTS**

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Masko stated that one of the strategic plan goals is partnerships and indicated that he would like to recognize the Kiwanis Club. They have sponsored several clubs in our schools. The Kiwanis members are actively involved in teaching our students about service and giving back. The previous evening at dinner they honored some of our students.

Dr. Masko reported that our architects and designers from Burt Hill were in town completing a K-12 feasibility study. They met with the Board regarding progress in designing the high school. They were planning to visit the schools in the district the following day. Community members were invited to a community forum the following evening.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Lynch thanked Mrs. Huf for her services on this committee over the past two years. She stated that the committee had met and discussed many things, including courses, international studies and current world issues and digital music. These will be passed on to the Finance Committee and then to the Board. The Education Committee also looked at the Reading program and is moving forward on that.

### **Middle Bucks Institute of Technology**

Mrs. Huf reported that the December meeting was canceled. The next meeting will be held the second Monday in January.

Intermediate Unit

Mr. Monaghan indicated that the next meeting would be on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mr. Reinboth stated that the next meeting would be on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Mueller stated that Dr. Masko had pretty much given this report. She stated that the following evening the architects would be gathering information at roundtable discussions. She encouraged community members to attend.

Citizens Policy

Mr. Monaghan indicated that the next meeting will be held sometime in January.

Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Lynch reported that there was a new federal proposal to require school buses to have higher seat backs. The proposal includes allowing Federal Highway Safety Funds to be used to cover the additional cost of equipping buses with seat belts to encourage greater use.

House Bill 848 is also in the works, which would not allow a school district to sell an unused school building for under 50% of the market value rate. The School Board Association opposes this Bill.

Mrs. Mueller noted that Representative O’Neill has an amendment out that recognizes that districts have a responsibility to address the rights and safety concerns of their student body, not only the rights of expelled students. She thanked Representative O’Neill for his work.

Mr. Monaghan asked that PSBA be added to the list of committees. Mr. Miller will be handling this committee. Mr. Miller indicated that he had called and introduced himself to PSBA and that he will have a full report at the next meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Reinboth reported that the Future Business Leaders held a Breakfast with Santa the previous Saturday.

Mr. Monaghan indicated that he had received a letter from Representative O’Neill thanking for the Board for letters sent regarding reimbursements for charter schools. A Bill was passed in the

Education Committee regarding this matter. Mr. Monaghan thanked Representative O’Neill for his efforts.

**ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None.

**SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

See Schedule attached hereto.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie A. Detwiler  
Board Secretary