

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD MARCH 11, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on March 11, 2008, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mueller at 7:30 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Thomas Hezel
Betty Huf
Mark Miller
Cynthia Mueller
Dr. Andrew Pollock
Thomas Reinboth
Joseph Simpson

[Mr. Monaghan and Mrs. Lynch
were not in attendance.]

Public:

Wendy McIlvaine
Rick Pohl
Karen Pohl
David Hawkins
Janet Hawkins
Marvin Feld
Joni Feld
Tony Knox
Trish Knox
Chelsea Miller
Gwyn Gabaly

Administration:

Sandy Homel
Victor Lasher
Dr. Michael Masko
Jean Rollo

CEA/Teachers:

Kathryn Montagino
Ann Boger
Kathleen Furlong
Susan Stern
Lisa Laatsch

Rich Gabaly
Jim Rice
Nick Keller
Joyce Keller
John Connelly
Margie Wiley
Kelli Tanscher
Sina Baranski
Rob Walsh
Judy Hengst

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Mueller announced that several Board members had attended Black and White Night festivities. She felt that everyone had done a wonderful job, although White won.

Mrs. Mueller reported that College Fair Night was held the previous evening, which was attended by over 400 students and 70 colleges.

Mr. Hezel reported that he had attended Leary's version of "Seussical, the Musical" the previous week, which was held in the Log College auditorium. He thanked the teachers and everyone involved, stating that they had done a wonderful job.

PRESENTATIONS

PA Association of School Business Officials

Dr. Masko stated that Vic Lasher, Director of Facilities, was being honored by PASBO (the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials). Mr. Lasher is a licensed professional engineer for the State of Pennsylvania and he received a letter indicating that he has received approval to have his license renewed. Dr. Masko stated that he was pleased to congratulate him.

Mrs. Mueller presented a certificate to Mr. Lasher and commented on how much money he and his staff save the District.

Davis Elementary School Book Nook

Mrs. Homel introduced Mrs. O'Leary, various teachers and students from Davis Elementary School, who spoke about the book nook that had been held there. Board members then visited Room 16, which the students had transformed into a smaller version of the Book Nook. The Board enjoyed listening to some of the wonderful stories that the students had written and published.

GOOD NEWS

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

STUDENT REPORTS

McKenzie Cloak reported on the following items at William Tennent:

- Black and White Night was held the previous week, which was a lot of fun. A lot of money was raised for the Kyle Quinn Scholarship.
- The College Fair was held the previous day for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors.
- The Canned Food Drive was going on for Warminster families that are in need.
- MBIT applications would be due on Friday, March 14th.

- The semiformal dance would be held on the upcoming weekend.
- March is Irish Heritage Month.

Videos were then shown from Black & White Night: one for the Black team depicting Gilligan's Island; and one for the White team showing various teachers singing "*I Want to be a Rock Star.*"

Chelsea Miller reported on the following items at MBIT:

- They hosted Warwick Township's 275th Birthday Party on February 13th. Community members of Warwick Township were invited to enjoy dinner hosted by the culinary arts students at Middle Bucks.
- Skills USA sponsored a fundraising event to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. They raised \$375.
- Several students would be going to Hershey Park to compete in Skills USA competitions in April. Winners of this competition would go to Kansas City, Missouri to compete at the National level in June.
- On April 10th, Middle Bucks would induct 11 students into the National Technical Honor Society. Three of these students were from Tennent.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

John Connelly of 1000 Dogwood Road, Warminster, asked if Burt Hill had been told to begin the detailed design.

Dr. Masko responded that they have been told to begin the general design and that they would be in the school the following day.

Mr. Connelly asked if the community would be involved after Burt Hill delivers the final package. Dr. Masko indicated that the public would be involved in the process along the way, not just with the final package.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Exception to Policy 2.2 – Professional Personnel Placement, Assignment and Transfer

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an Exception to Policy 2.2 – Professional Personnel Placement, Assignment and Transfer, Section IV-A. Specifically, "Teacher requests for transfer for the following year shall be submitted in writing between January 1 and May 1 of the school year prior to the request assignment." This exception is intended to

accommodate a retirement incentive deadline and shall apply to school year 2007-2008 only.

The motion passed 7-0.

2. Revised Agreement with RHS Consultants

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves revisions to the agreement for professional services between the Centennial School District and RHS Consultants to include indemnification and hold harmless provisions.

The motion passed 7-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Reinboth to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Change of Status; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Support Staff Substitutes; Mentors; Tutors; Homebound Tutors; and Co-Curricular.

The motion passed 7-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Permission to Rescind Policy 5.6 – Use of Audio-Visual Equipment

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the rescission of Policy 5.6 – Use of Audio-Visual Equipment.

Mr. Reinboth asked why this was no longer needed.

Mrs. Homel responded that the equipment covered by this policy is either standard in the classrooms or is no longer needed.

The motion passed 7-0.

Initial Distribution

Policy 5.10 – Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Compliance

Mrs. Mueller noted this policy for initial distribution.

Discussion:Policy 2.2 – Professional Personnel Placement, Assignment and Transfer

Mrs. Homel noted that this policy was not reviewed by the solicitor. The practices of the Human Resources Department had been captured in writing and language was taken from the teachers' contract. Since everything could be found in our documents, she did not feel this needed to be reviewed by the solicitor.

Mrs. Mueller stated that since there was no further discussion, this policy could be moved to the next meeting for final approval.

Final Approval:Policy 7.32 – Continuing Professional Education

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Reinboth to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 7.32 – Continuing Professional Education.

Dr. Pollock felt that Act 45 should also be referenced on the title page of this policy. Mrs. Homel agreed and there was consensus of the Board members to add this.

The motion passed 7-0.

Policy 3.25 – Distribution of Written Materials from Outside Individuals or Groups, and From “Limited Open Forum Student Groups” to Students

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Reinboth to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.25 – Distribution of Written Materials from Outside Individuals or Groups, and From “Limited Open Forum Student Groups” to Students.

Mr. Reinboth pointed out that “Assistant to the Superintendent” should be changed to “Assistant Superintendent” in several places.

The motion passed 7-0.

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the:

- *Schedule of Bills – February 2008*
- *Investments – February 2008*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – February 2008*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – February 2008*
- *Budgetary Transfers – March 2008*

The motion passed 7-0.

MINUTES

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

- *Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – January 22, 2008*
- *Regular School Board Meeting – February 12, 2008*

The motion passed 7-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Facility Use – Civic (Political Rally)

Mrs. Mueller read an e-mail from Paul Lang, the coordinator in Bucks County for the Hillary Clinton for President Campaign, which requested permission to use the Tennent auditorium to host an event featuring Mrs. Clinton as the main speaker. The event would be on short notice sometime between now and the April 22nd primary election, and could be any day of the week.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she had called Mr. Lang since she had some questions regarding his request. They do not know if this will be during the day or in the evening. It will be a first-come, first served event. Mrs. Mueller indicated that her first concern is the students' safety. She felt it would be a great honor to have a presidential candidate but security is our first concern. Mr. Lang then stated that it could be a ticketed event if we prefer

Mrs. Mueller indicated that if this is during the day, they will be getting permission from a local shopping center for parking. It will be a three-hour event. There will be Secret Service and it will be an open media event.

Mrs. Mueller pointed out that our high school musical is April 10th, 11th and 12th. If this event is prior to that, she could not support kicking our students out of that auditorium when they are in the final stages of production. Mr. Lang agreed that they would find another venue if that was the case but he felt it should be after that. Mrs. Mueller also mentioned that if it was on a Sunday, it would have to come before the Board.

Mr. Lasher explained that that was one of the reasons he suggested it come before the Board now so that he could get advance permission. He would prefer a Sunday because it wouldn't interfere with everything else.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she thought the township should be called to see if they could support this. She also felt that we should not waive any fees.

Mrs. Huf stated that she would be opposing using our high school for political functions. She could not see a political rally being held at the high school.

Dr. Pollock stated that he is a Republican and Mrs. Clinton is a Democrat but he would give his permission. He felt that a weekend would be better and that the play and other events should be avoided. He agreed that they should pay their expenses. The taxpayers should not be expected to pay any of this. The school should be a community resource and should be used as much as possible without disturbing the educational process.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he wholeheartedly supported this and felt that it should not be on a weekend, no matter who the candidate would be. He also read a statement by Mrs. Lynch stating that she was impressed that we would have the honor of a presidential candidate wishing to come to our community and our school. She felt that we should open our doors and welcome a presidential candidate. She stated that she supported this application with great pride.

Mr. Miller stated that he was in support of this within the constraints of what Mrs. Mueller asked. He indicated that he had been to something like this in 2004 and that the Secret Service does make sure that the crowds are eliminated before they get to our driveway. He suggested that the Board preapprove Sundays up to the primary for now rather than a blanket preapproval.

Mr. Hezel stated that he supported what had been said. He felt that Board members should make sure that their decision is made based on any presidential candidate, not just Senator Clinton.

Dr. Pollock stated that he felt this should not be limited to Presidential candidates, but that this should be done for other candidates as long as they follow the procedures.

Mrs. Mueller stated that we have a facility use policy. As long as they meet the rules, we cannot discriminate, whether we like it or not.

Mr. Simpson stated that he concurred pretty much with what everyone was saying. He felt that representatives of the student body should be present so that this would be a learning experience.

Dr. Masko stated that Mr. Monaghan had asked him to express to the Board his support for this also.

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves allowing Vic Lasher to approve this for Sundays between now and April 22, 2008 given the restrictions on the auditorium that we have with the play.

Mrs. Mueller clarified that this motion was for Sunday use for Presidential candidates between now and the primary.

The motion passed 6-1. (Mrs. Huf opposed.)

Mr. Miller stated that he kept requesting an operating computer for the Board room but so far there has not been one available.

Mr. Lasher indicated that he had it set up but it had gotten pushed out of the way. Mrs. Mueller requested that in the future it be ready to use.

Mr. Miller stated that they were trying to reach a conclusion as to whether we should continue using Microsoft Exchange for our in-house e-mail or whether it would be a risk-free financial benefit to switch to a third-party such as Google Apps. There was a seminar earlier in the day but we still have not received from the Technology Department some information that will weigh heavily on whether we have a savings or even a benefit. He asked Mr. Vail to see that the Technology Department has a report ready for the April Operations Committee meeting.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Masko noted that the District website had been getting increasing use thanks to Mr. Miller. We are providing more information that is of value to the community. Dr. Masko pointed out several features of the website and also mentioned several events going on at the schools.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Hezel reported that the Education Committee had held a meeting the previous week. The topic was reading curriculum renewal. They decided to go with Rigby for K-5, which they were all optimistic about.

The next meeting of this committee would be on April 7th.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf reported that a meeting had been held the previous evening. They accepted the resignation of Dr. Irwin, effective June 30th. Applications are now being accepted for the position. An executive session was held afterwards regarding legal and personnel matters.

Intermediate Unit

No report.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Reinboth reported as follows:

- The last meeting of this committee was held on February 19th.
- A 403(b) plan administrator was appointed.

- A local auditor for the next three years was approved, to be forwarded to the Board.
- Moved forward in analysis of 7th and 8th grade sports teams for the middle schools.
- The next meeting will be March 17th, at which they will be reviewing the Middle Bucks budget.

Mr. Reinboth thanked Mr. Lasher for the tour the previous Saturday.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Miller also thanked Mr. Lasher for the tour. At the Operations Committee meeting, there was further discussion on broadcasting the Board meetings. They will be looking for community input. They are moving forward on other areas of technology, such as the website.

The next meeting will be on April 1st.

Citizens Policy

Mrs. Homel reported that there is one meeting left; then the committee will not convene again until September.

Legislative Liaison

No report.

PSBA

Mr. Miller reported that we do have a listserve for the liaison for Bucks and Montgomery Counties, which should be very helpful.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See Schedule attached hereto.

Mrs. Mueller requested a brief Executive Session for labor relations following this meeting in Room 16.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Dr. Pollock to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary