

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
HELD MARCH 25, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A Work Session/Regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on March 25, 2008, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Monaghan at 7:39 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

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

Administration:

Dr. Jennifer Foight-Cressman
Sandy Homel
Victor Lasher
Dr. Michael Masko
Jean Rollo
Timothy Vail

[Mrs. Lynch was absent from the meeting.]

CEA/Teachers:

Ana Brown
Michael Swider

Public:

Jim Rice
Barb Patrick
Laura Lutz
Julie Pastorino

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Monaghan thanked those who sent him cards and wished him well during his recent hospital stay. He sent special thanks to the 4th grade class at Leary who made beautiful decorations for his room.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

GOOD NEWS

None.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- *Education Committee – February 4, 2008*
- *Finance Committee – February 19, 2008*
- *Operations Committee – February 5, 2008*

The motion passed 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 1-6
3. Final Approval of FBLA Trip to Hershey
5. Approval of Intermediate Unit Budget
7. Reimbursement Resolution – WTHS Renovation and Additions
8. Funds Transfer – Education Initiative Fund to Technology Reserve Fund
9. Bid Award – Door Replacement
10. Bid Award – Paving
11. Bid Award – Emergency Generator

Mrs. Huf suggested moving Items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 11 of New Business together. Mr. Miller requested that Item 6 be pulled for a separate vote.

Dr. Pollock stated that he would like a short Executive Session for Item #1 as he would like more information on this matter.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Items 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of New Business, as follows:

- (2) Grants permission for Student 1-6 to attend McDonald Elementary School for the 2008-2009 school year.*
- (3) Grants final approval for a trip by William Tennent High School Future Business Leaders of America students to the Pennsylvania State Competition in Hershey, PA on March 30 – April 2, 2008. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$8,210.00.*
- (5) Approves the 2008-2009 Programs & Services and Instructional Materials & Research Services Budget for the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 in the amount of \$2,013,345. Centennial School District's share to be \$62,102.00 per attached supplement.*
- (7) Approves the attached resolution in its entirety to permit the use of unreserved undesignated General Fund Balance proceeds for the purpose of paying architect design fees associated with the William Tennent High School Renovation and Addition project. Estimated cost of architect design fees is \$3,575,000. This resolution also reserves the right for the Board to incorporate these costs into the upcoming General Obligation Bond Issue to reimburse the General Fund for these payments if the Board chooses to do so at the time the Bonds are issued. Proceeds to be deposited into the CSD Capital Projects Fund.*
- (8) Authorizes Administration to transfer \$7,628 in surplus Education Initiative Funds (Fund 60) to the Technology Reserve Fund (Fund 61) for the purpose of purchasing computer equipment for the William Tennent High School reading improvement program in association with the District's No Child Left Behind Action Program for that building, and hereby approves that purchase in its entirety per the attached supplement.*
- (9) Awards bid for replacement of doors in various district buildings as outlined in the attached supplement to Liberty Door Systems LLC in the amount of \$98,840.00. Funds to be appropriated from the 2008-09 Capital Reserve Fund budget.*
- (10) Awards bid for paving at Davis and Stackpole Elementary Schools to S.A. Macanga, Inc. per attached supplement in the amount of \$40,856.00. Funds to be appropriated from the 2008-09 Capital Reserve Fund budget.*
- (11) Awards bid for replacement of the Willow Dale Emergency Generator as outlined in the attached supplement to Emergency Systems Service Co. in the amount of \$20,709.00. Funds to be appropriated from the 2008-09 Capital Reserve Fund budget.*

The motion passed 7-1. (Mr. Reinboth opposed.)

4. Adoption of Rigby Literacy by Design Program

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the adoption of the Rigby Literacy by Design Program in grades kindergarten through fifth in the 2008-2009 school year. The fiscal note is not to exceed \$381,000 from the Education Initiative Fund.

The motion passed 8-0.

6. Tot Time Summer Camp Program

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves entering into an agreement with Tot Time Child Development Centers, Inc. to rent classroom facilities at Willow Dale Elementary School to conduct their summer camp program between June 18 and August 22, 2008 per the terms and conditions of the attached agreement.

Mr. Miller stated that he did not want to hold this up but he would like some clarifications. He noted that the agreement did not have a clear expiration date, we should have clarified that this replaces any previous agreement in its entirety, and that we should identify the two classrooms that they are using. Also, he assumed that the agreement is non-exclusive. Payment of the initial rent should be non-refundable if they do not go through with the agreement. The indemnification provision should also indemnify the directors.

Mr. Vail stated that this was drafted by our solicitor and we have used this agreement for the last several years.

Mr. Miller stated that he did not think it was well done but if our solicitor did it, he would withdraw his comments. Mrs. Mueller stated that she felt they were good points.

Mr. Reinboth asked if we could still move ahead with a consensus to these changes. Mr. Vail felt that was doable. There was consensus of the Board to do so.

Mr. Miller clarified that the motion would be approved with a request that the reasonable changes that we are submitting be considered.

The motion passed 8-0.

At 7:50 Mr. Monaghan called for a break so that the Board could meet for a brief Executive Session.

The meeting resumed at 7:59 p.m.

Mr. Monaghan announced that the Board had met in Executive Session regarding Item #1, a student issue.

1. Approval of Withdrawal Agreement for Student 10-2

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Withdrawal Agreement for Student 10-2.

The motion passed 8-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves all personnel recommendations, as follows: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Substitute Support Staff; Mentors; Homebound Tutors; Curriculum Resource Team Members; and Co-Curricular.

The motion passed 8-0.

POLICIES

Discussion:

Policy 5.10 – Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Compliance

Mrs. Homel stated that this was an update to the policy and that it was approved by the solicitor.

Mr. Miller explained that there was some language to incorporate for any media that is not yet discovered. He indicated that he would get the language to Mrs. Homel for inclusion in the policy.

Final Approval:

Policy 2.2 – Professional Personnel Placement, Assignment and Transfer

Mrs. Homel stated that this had not been reviewed by the solicitor. It was merely a summary of our in-house practices.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 2.2, Professional Personnel Placement, Assignment and Transfer.

The motion passed 8-0.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Pollock stated that the Friday Update contained information regarding PSSA testing for the 11th grade, indicating that the remainder of the high school students would have a half day of school on those days. Dr. Pollock indicated that he would like to see the other grades continue with their whole day in the future. He knew there would be some classes that would be affected but he would like to see this happen.

Mr. Hezel disagreed, at least until we are in the new building. He felt that the noise in the building reverberates, making it hard to concentrate, and thereby lowering the test scores. He felt any change should wait until we are in the new building.

Mrs. Mueller stated that when she questioned this in the past, the explanation was that this frees up the staff so that there are not big groups of students taking the test in one room. There are five or six students to a teacher, enabling the teacher to make sure the students are taking the test seriously.

Dr. Pollock stated that his concern was that we have three-quarters of the school losing time for one-quarter of the students.

Mr. Miller stated that maybe the 9th and 10th graders could be in the auditorium for an assembly and the 12th graders could be in the gym doing something related to college.

Mr. Reinboth stated that as part of the replacement process for buses, we are buying seven new buses for approximately \$502,000. A suggestion was made to place the old buses for sale on e-Bay. Four of the buses have been sold for \$18,325, rather than the \$1,500 each we would have realized for selling them back to the bus company. There are three buses remaining.

Mrs. Mueller felt that the next time, they should be staggered more. We might get more for them due to supply and demand.

Mr. Monaghan stated that there had been no specific direction to Administration. We just told them to sell the buses.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board list the three remaining buses for sale individually until sold.

Dr. Pollock suggested that even if they don't sell, we don't sell them back to the bus company for \$1,500.

The motion passed 8-0.

REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary