

**CENTENNIAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Warminster, Pennsylvania

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

HELD November 12, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on November 12, 2013, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pollock at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Board members were in attendance:

Steven Adams  
Kati Driban  
Michael Hartline  
Elizabeth Huf  
Charles Kleinschmidt

Jane Schrader Lynch  
Mark B. Miller  
Dr. Andrew Pollock  
David Shafter

The following Administration members were in attendance at the meeting:

Christopher M. Berdnik, Board Secretary  
Dr. Joyce Mundy  
Dr. Susan Klyman  
Andrea DiDio  
Jennifer Polinchock

Additional meeting attendees are listed on the attached sheet.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Pollock led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Pollock announced that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Mr. Adams announced that the Powder Puff game would be held on Thursday, November 14, 2013.

Mrs. Huf thanked the Alumni for attending the Veteran's Day Celebration.

Mr. Miller announced that Mr. Brad Fox was recognized as well as teacher veterans.

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **Dr. Mundy reported that the following events were scheduled:**

Veteran's Day Celebration throughout the District  
American Education Week  
Publication "CSD Pride" being sent out to all household in the District

### **GOOD NEWS!**

Mr. Pronin read the Good News! for November 12, 2013.

### **STUDENT REPORTS**

Mr. Merrick, a student at William Tennent, reported on upcoming events at William Tennent High School.

Miss Crumlish and Mr. Rodriguez reported on upcoming events at MBIT.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None.

### **MINUTES**

Mrs. Huf read:

### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD approves the minutes of the:**

*Regular School Board Meeting – October 8, 2013*  
*Work Session School Board Meeting – October 22, 2013*

Ms. Driban seconded.

*Motion passed 9-0-0 (October 8, 2013).*

*Motion passed 8-0-1 (October 22, 2013). [Mr. Shafter abstained since he did not attend the meeting].*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Pollock asked if anyone would like to have any items pulled from consent agenda #1 through #8. Mrs. Huf asked that item #1 be pulled.

Mrs. Huf read the consent agenda:

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:**

2. *Approves the Quiet Riot “Bullies, Targets and By-Standers” assembly program at Davis Elementary School on November 26, 2013. The cost of \$675 will be paid by the Davis Elementary Home and School Association.*
3. *Approves the Overnight Conference Request to attend Certified School Risk Management Conference in Harrisburg, PA on December 3 and 4, 2013 at a cost to the district not to exceed \$500.00.*
4. *Approves a Retirement Agreement with William R. Gretton, III, effective November 15, 2013.*
5. *Approves the Business Administrator Employment Agreement - Addendum 1 for Christopher Berdnik.*
6. *Approves the Our Lady of Good Counsel waiver request for 50% reduction of fees for the use of the Klinger Middle School pool from October 3, 2013 through February 6, 2014 and February 2 & 9, 2014 (Sundays) for team swim practices and meets.*
7. *Approves a waiver to Facility Use Policy, 6.2, to allow Warminster Girls Travel Soccer to use the Log College Middle School gym on Sundays from January 5 - March 9, 2014.*
8. *Approves the Archbishop Wood Swim Team waiver request for 50% reduction of fees for use of the Klinger Middle School pool from November 11, 2013 through March 14, 2014 for team swim practices and meets.*

Ms. Driban seconded.

*Motion passed 9-0-0.*

Mrs. Huf read:

1. *Approves shuttle transportation between Centennial Station and Spring Mill Manor for residents of Centennial Station on Sunday, December 1, 2013. The Centennial School District and Centennial Station are working on a future partnership. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$375.00.*

Ms. Driban seconded.

After a short discussion on uniformity throughout the District and an explanation from Dr. Mundy that the District was looking to form partnerships with all of our senior groups within the District.

*Motion passed 9-0-0.*

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**PERSONNEL** (see attachment)

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

- *Approves all personnel recommendations as attached: Resignations; Retirements; Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Change of Status; Per Diem Substitute Professional Staff; Substitute Support Staff; mentors; Homebound Tutors; Co-Curricular Additions.*

*Motion passed 9-0-0.*

**FINANCIAL**

*A motion was made by Mr. Hartline and seconded by Ms. Driban to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the:*

- Schedule of Bills, Investments, Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – October 2013
- Student Activity/Clearing Fund – July 1, 2013 - September 30, 2013
- Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – October 2013
- Budgetary Transfers – November 2013

*Motion passed 9-0-0.*

**BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT**

Ms. Driban suggested that the policy on Partnerships within the District be fast tracked.

**REPORTS**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Lynch reported that the Education Committee met on October 28, 2013. Topics on the agenda included The Summer Academy, PSSA Elementary, and CSSCA update. The next meeting would be held on November 25, 2013.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Hartline reported that the Finance Committee met on October 21, 2013. Highlights included the Buck County IU Davis Elementary School Rental Agreement and the Shoprite Partnership. The next meeting would be held on November 18, 2013

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Driban reported that the Operations Committee will not meet in November and the next meeting will be held on December 4, 2013.

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**AD HOC DISTRICT LAND AND PROPERTY USE COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Lynch reported that the Ad Hoc District Land and Property Use Committee met on October 15, 2013. The topics on the agenda included the easement of Hart School, potential use of Hart School, visual tour of 48 Swan Way, and an RFP was sent out for Hart School, with no responses received. Mrs. Lynch stated that the next meeting would be held on November 19, 2013 in which the Committee would make the decision for recommendations to the Board

Ms. Lynch explained that the Committee had been meeting since February of 2013. The Committee was determining what to do with the Hart School, land along Newtown Road, and the Administration Building. The agendas, minutes, and backup from the meetings will be presented to the Board with the recommendations from the Committee to the Board the last Board meeting of November.

**Bucks County Schools Intermediate Unit #22**

Mr. Hartline reported that the Intermediate Unit met on October 15, 2013. He reported that Wendy McCauley retired and was replaced by Paula Harland as Treasurer. Other items on the agenda included the approval of LEA consultant, policy revisions – terms of office to three years, and Title I for non-public schools. The next meeting would be on November 15, 2013.

**PSBA Representative**

Mr. Miller reported that the PSBA would be leaner and meaner in the years to come. PSBA slashed expenses and the School Leader News would be electronically received. Executive Directors were cut from six to two.

**Middle Bucks Institute of Technology Executive Council**

Mrs. Huf reported that Middle Bucks met on November 11, 2013. The preliminary budget had a 3% increase overall, with the sending Districts increase of 2.49%.

Ms. Driban reported that Dr. Mundy would be the Superintendent of Record.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Steve Adams congratulated Ms. Driban, Mrs. Huf, Mrs. Lynch, and Mr. Hartline on their reelection as School Board members for the next four years.

**ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None.

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

Ms. Driban read the schedule of Board Meetings/Calendar of Events.

Dr. Pollock asked that the tabled motion be revisited at this time.

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Ms. Driban read:

9. **WHEREAS**, the Centennial School District is currently preparing all students for success in college and the workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, students who have passed the local proficiency evaluations and have historically experienced placement and success in college could be denied the opportunity to attend even after offers of admission have been granted; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Centennial School District, students who have not scored Proficient on the PSSA have shown understanding of State standards through a variety of other assessments including portfolios, oral presentations, hands-on demonstrations, and other methods; and

**WHEREAS**, the PSSAs and local assessments already provide districts with information about students in need of remediation, and another layer of testing will only confirm what is already known; and

**WHEREAS**, the STATE, without regulatory change, can extend technical and financial assistance to districts already known to be struggling; and

**WHEREAS**, verification of the validity of these alternative assessments would be required every six years and would be costly to school districts and administration in both time and money, giving districts no choice but to “voluntarily” use the GCA/Keystone Exams rather than incur the financial burden associated with the validation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the monies required by the districts for verification of the validity of alternative assessments would require expenditures that would be better spent in classrooms; and

**WHEREAS**, the criteria for local assessments are undefined and may discourage assessments that would be beneficial for diverse learners, and

**WHEREAS**, the addition of the GCA/Keystone Exams would reduce the number of instructional days and impose an unreasonable load of high-stakes testing on students who are already facing a burden of stressful standardized tests; and

**WHEREAS**, the introduction of GCA/Keystone Exams amounts to a state-controlled curriculum that reduces the district’s ability to provide a curriculum based on community needs and desires for education that focuses on developing in students a passion for learning, personal integrity, the pursuit of excellence, and social responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the GCA/Keystone Exams will not measure 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills employers are seeking and will take away instructional time that should be used for developing skills set in the areas of leadership, collaboration, creativity, and technology; and

**WHEREAS**, the GCA/Keystone Exams will have continuing economic impact on districts operating under Act I fiscal constraints and on taxpayers across the Commonwealth, and these required expenditures have no proof of cost effectiveness; and

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***WHEREAS**, the State, having already identified best practices related to local proficiency assessments, can share these methods with all districts without the need to add GCA/Keystone Examinations and related expenses;*

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of School Directors of the Centennial School District opposes the State Board of Education proposals to enact GCA/Keystone Exams and any other regulations or legislation that usurp the authority of local school districts to determine whether their students have earned high school diplomas. This resolution will be shared with the State Board of Education, legislators, including local legislators and members of the Senate and House Education Committees, and the Independent Regulatory Review Commission.*

*Motion passed 9-0-0.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded Mr. Adams to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher M. Berdnik  
Board Secretary

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## ABSTENTION FORM

This form is to be filed with the Board Secretary following any vote of "abstain" at any duly advertised Centennial School Board meeting.

Meeting Date: 11/12/13  
Agenda Item: Minutes October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Board Member: David Shaffer  
Reason: Did not attend meeting

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David Shaffer  
Signature

This form must be attached to the minutes of each meeting where an abstention vote is recorded.