

CENTENNIAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES of REGULAR MEETING
HELD January 12, 2016

Mr. Kleinschmidt announced that the Board met in Executive Session on January 12 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

1. WELCOME

1.1 CALL TO ORDER (Mr. Kleinschmidt)

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held January 12, 2016 in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kleinschmidt at 7:02 p.m.

1.2 ROLL CALL (Mr. Kleinschmidt)

The following Board members were present: Steven Adams, Kati Driban, Michael Hartline, Charles Kleinschmidt, Jane Schrader Lynch, Mark B. Miller, Dana Morgan, Dr. Andrew Pollock.

David Shafter was absent.

The following Administrative members were in attendance at the meeting: Dr. David Baugh, Dr. Jennifer Polinchock, Raymond Kase, Cathy Perkins, Hannah Messner, Judith Hengst, Katie Braun, Tim Trzaska.

A list of the members of the public who attended is attached.

1.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Mr. Kleinschmidt)

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

1.4 ANNOUNCEMENTS (Mr. Kleinschmidt)

Mr. Adams requested a moment of silence in memory of Cathy Maloney Ulrich, a former WTHS class president, who passed away recently.

1.5 GOOD NEWS (Dr. Polinchock)

Dr. Polinchock read the Good News for January 12, 2016.

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2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 STUDENT PRESENTATIONS – William Tennent High School (Nick Griffin) and Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (Osuan Serrano)

Nick Griffin, student at WTHS, gave a report on ongoing/upcoming events. Osuan Serrano reported on events at Middle Bucks Institute of Technology.

2.2 Circuit Rider for PA Schools (Mr. Seidenberger)

Dr. Tom Seidenberger explained his role as a circuit rider and an advocate for public education. He said Centennial only received 45% of our funding allocation. He suggested that everyone be aware of what is happening in Harrisburg in order to be sure we get the rest of our funding. He also discussed the proposed new funding formula.

2.3 2016-17 Budget Presentation (Mr. Berdnik)

Mr. Berdnik explained there is no approval of the new funding formula at this time and there is a lot of uncertainty. With regard to local revenues, he said we will have better data later in the spring, so there is room in the budget for adjustment as we get more information. He spoke about state revenues and said Centennial's preliminary budget will be adjusted once the state budget is approved. Mr. Berdnik noted the importance of multi-year planning and outlined the next steps in the budget process.

3. REPORTS

3.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Dr. Baugh)

Dr. Baugh read the following in recognition of School Director Recognition Month, January 2016:

WHEREAS, the role of locally elected school officials has served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and local communities in meeting the needs of public education since the passage of the Free School Act in 1834; and

WHEREAS, these local boards have discharged their responsibilities to public education in a manner which has placed public education in the forefront of our educational systems; and

WHEREAS, locally elected officials have distinguished themselves and their communities in this nonpaid, volunteer public service commitment; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of these men and women should be recognized and appreciated by those who benefit from the workings of our public school system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association hereby proclaims the month of January as School Director Recognition Month in this commonwealth;

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FURTHER RESOLVED that this proclamation be communicated to all school districts, school officials and local communities in a planned program which brings visibility and awareness of the role of locally elected school officials to the citizenry of this commonwealth.

The above mentioned resolution was unanimously approved July 18, 1985 and reaffirmed November 21, 2015 by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association Board of Directors.

Dr. Polinchock presented Board members with certificates. Dr. Baugh thanked the Board members for their many hours of service to the District.

4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

4.1 COMMUNITY COMMENTS (Mr. Kleinschmidt)

None

5. SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Action: 4.1 Be it resolved that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors approves the minutes of the Board Reorganization Meeting held December 7, 2015 and the Regular School Board Meeting held December 15, 2015, as per the attached. (Mr. Shafter)

Motion by Kati Driban, second by Dr. Pollock

Final Resolution: Motion carries, 8-0-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

No items were pulled from the consent agenda.

Ms. Driban read the following resolutions:

Be it resolved that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors:

Action: 6.1 Approves the revised Budget Schedule for the 2016-17 School Year Budget, as per the attached. (Mr. Shafter)

Action: 6.2 Approves the reimbursement of CEA employee deductions for healthcare benefits not to exceed \$4167.50, as per the attached. (Mr. Shafter)

Action: 6.3 Approves the extension of the contract with Michael Lecker, Interim Principal at Log College Middle School, from February 1, 2016 until February 29, 2016, or sooner, as per the attached. (Mr. Shafter)

Action: 6.4 Approves the overnight conference request for the Director of Human Resources to attend the PASBO Conference in Hershey, PA from March 8 through March 11, 2016. The approximate cost to the district is \$919.00, as per the attached. (Mr. Shafter)

Action: 6.5 Grants preliminary approval for seven students at William Tennent High School to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association District 11 Chorus Festival at Lower Merion High School in Ardmore, PA, February 4-6, 2016. The cost to the District is \$1,175.00, as per the attached. (Mr. Shafter)

Action: 6.6 Grants approval for one William Tennent High School student to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association District 11 Orchestra Festival at Lower Moreland

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High School in Huntingdon Valley, PA, January 13-15, 2016. The cost to the District is \$170.00, as per the attached. (Mr. Shafter)

Action: 6.7 Grants approval for three William Tennent High School students to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association District 11 Band Festival at Spring-Ford High School in Royersford, PA, January 27-29, 2016. The cost to the District is \$495.00, as per the attached. (Mr. Shafter)

Action: 6.8 Approves two teachers to attend the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference (PETE&C) in Hershey, PA, February 21-24, 2016 as Intern Coordinators. The cost to the District is \$801.94, as per the attached. (Mr. Shafter)

Action: 6.9 Approves two teachers from William Tennent High School to attend and present at the Pathways to Career Readiness: An Education and Workforce Development Symposium in Hershey, PA, February 9-10, 2016. The cost to the District is \$1,154.25, as per the attached. (Mr. Shafter)

Action: 6.10 Approves two assembly programs at McDonald Elementary School, "How to Build a Storm" by the Franklin Institute and a presentation by the Briar Bush Nature Center on April 19, 2016. The cost of \$750.00 is being funded by the McDonald Elementary School Home & School Association, as per the attached. (Mr. Shafter)

Action: 6.11 Approves the renewal of grades K-5 unlimited site licenses for ST Math from Mind Research Institute at a cost of \$31,000 for the 2015-16 school year and \$71,900 for the 2016-17 school year, as per the attached. (Mrs. Schrader Lynch)

Action: 6.12 Approves the purchase of the novel "Chasing Lincoln's Killer" by James Swanson for use in middle school social studies classes at a cost of \$1,961.60, as per the attached. (Mrs. Schrader Lynch)

Motion by Kati Driban, second by Dr. Pollock

Final Resolution: Motion carries, 8-0-0

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM NEW BUSINESS FOR SEPARATE APPROVAL

None

8. PERSONNEL

Ms. Driban read:

Action: 7.1 Be it resolved that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors approves all personnel recommendations: Resignations/Retirements/Terminations/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Homebound Tutors/In-Home Instructors 2015-2016; Curriculum Liaison 2015-2016; Substitute Nurses 2015-2016; Substitute Health Room Assistants 2015-2016; Substitute Custodians 2015-2016; and Co-Curricular Addition 2015-2016 School Year, as per the attached. (Mr. Shafter)

Motion by Kati Driban, second by Michael Hartline

Final Resolution: Motion carries 8-0-0

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9. BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

None

10. REPORTS

Information: 10.1 Education Committee - Mrs. Schrader Lynch

Mrs. Lynch reported that the Education Committee met on December 21 and two of the items from that meeting were approved this evening. There was an excellent informational program on the three year program review and Mrs. Lynch requested that information be made available to all Board members. The next meeting is January 25.

Information: 10.2 Finance Committee - Mr. Shafter

Mr. Hartline reported that items from the last Finance Committee were brought forth this evening. One outstanding item involves the auditors requesting more information. The next meeting will be on January 25.

Information: 10.3 Operations Committee - Ms. Driban

There was no report.

Information: 10.4 District Policy Report – Ms. Driban

There was no report.

Information: 10.5 Bucks County Schools Intermediate Unit #22 - Mr. Hartline

Mr. Hartline said there was no meeting in December. He reported that BCIU has incurred some fees as a result of obtaining the line of credit.

Information: 10.6 PSBA Representative & Legislative Council Liaisons - Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller stated that on January 8, 2016, PSBA filed a lawsuit against the Governor, the Secretary of Education and the legislature to recover expenses incurred due to the budget impasse and to release Federal funds the state is improperly holding. Mr. Miller also reported he attended a meeting with Senator Dinniman who is working on a proposal to change the property tax laws.

Information: 10.7 Middle Bucks Institute of Technology Executive Council - Ms. Driban

Ms. Driban reported the new Chairperson of MBIT is Dr. Bill Foster from Council Rock and Ms. Driban is the new Secretary. MBIT has begun their comprehensive plan process. Ms. Driban attended the open house and had an opportunity to speak to students about their program and their future plans. The Multimedia Program received the Apple Distinguished Program designation for the seventh year in a row. Ms. Driban wanted to recognize the hard work of Mr. James Davey, who won an Emmy award in the category of Executive Producer/Director in Lifestyle Programs for his work on the television series, “A Taste of History”.

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11. COMMUNICATIONS

None

12. ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

13. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Information: 13.1 Attached is the Schedule of Board Meetings and Calendar of Events (Ms. Driban)

Ms. Driban read the Schedule of Board Meetings and Calendar of Events.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kati Driban, second by Dr. Pollock

Final Resolution: Motion carries 8-0-0

The School Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Robold

Board Secretary

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