

CENTENNIAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES of COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HELD January 23, 2018

1. WELCOME

1.1 CALL TO ORDER (Ms. Robold)

A Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held January 23, 2018 in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Robold, Board Secretary at 7:06 p.m.

Ms. Robold read the following statement:

Good evening, School Directors. Neither the Board President nor the Vice President are in attendance this evening, however; we do have a quorum of elected School Directors present. Accordingly, as Board Secretary, I am calling tonight's scheduled meeting of the Centennial School District Board of School Directors to order for the purpose of electing a President Pro Tempore to preside over tonight's meeting and to execute any necessary documents and contracts approved by a majority of those School Directors present. Are there any nominations from the School Directors present?

Mark Miller nominated Steven Adams as the President Pro Tempore. There were no other nominations. Mr. Adams accepted the nomination for tonight's meeting, until adjourned.

Mr. Adams was voted the President Pro Tempore, 6-0-0.

1.2 ROLL CALL (Ms. Robold)

The following Board members were present: Steven Adams, Mary Alice Brancato, Andrew Dixon, Flemming Godiksen, Mark B. Miller, Tara Pellegrino.

Charles Kleinschmidt, Dr. Andrew Pollock, and David Shafter were absent.

The following Administrative members were in attendance at the meeting: Dr. David Baugh, Cathy Perkins, Dr. Jennifer Polinchock, Chris Berdnik, Dr. Percell Whittaker, Judy Markoski, Robert Whartenby, Christy Matik, Joe Rutz, Dr. Dennis Best, Julie Henrich, Ernesto Ortiz, Michelle Burkholder.

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

1.3 MOTION TO APPOINT a president pro tempore for this meeting due to the absence of the president and vice president

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Motion by Mark Miller, second by Flemming Godiksen to appoint Steven Adams as the President Pro Tempore due to the absence of the president, vice president and assistant secretary. Motion carries, 6-0-0 to ratify the action taken earlier in the meeting.

1.4 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (President Pro Tempore)

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

1.5 ANNOUNCEMENTS (President Pro Tempore)

None

1.6 COMMUNITY COMMENTS (President Pro Tempore)

None

1.7 PRESENTATION – William Tennent High School Chorale and Madrigals (Ms. Flack)

In honor of School Director Recognition Month, the Chorale and Madrigals sang two songs for Board members.

There was a recess at 7:21 p.m. due to technical difficulties. The meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

1.8 PRESENTATION- School Director Recognition Videos – Davis, McDonald and Willow Dale Elementary Schools

The videos will be shared at another time.

2. NEW BUSINESS

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

Action: 2.1 Approves the revision to the Support Staff Compensation Plan regarding essential personnel and overtime during inclement weather, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)

Motion by Mark Miller, second by Flemming Godiksen to approve item 2.1 as listed above. Final Resolution: Motion carries, 6-0-0.

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

Action: 2.2 Approves the personnel recommendation, authorization to employ, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)

Motion by Mark Miller, second by Flemming Godiksen to approve item 2.2 as listed above. Final Resolution: Motion carries, 6-0-0.

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

Action: 2.3 Approves the RESOLUTION OPPOSING ESA VOUCHER PROGRAMS (SB 2) BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (Mr. Miller)

Motion by Mark Miller, second by Andrew Dixon to approve item 2.3 as listed above.

Comments were made on this topic by Mr. Adams and Mr. Miller. The entire resolution is attached to the minutes.

Final Resolution: Motion carries, 6-0-0.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Operations Committee Presentations (Mrs. Brancato)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE PRESENTATION		
3.1(a)	Middle Schools Update	Damion Spahr, Reynolds Construction

Mr. Damion Spahr from Reynolds provided an update on the GESA project. He spoke about the ongoing adjustments to provide comfort at Klinger Middle School, the project cost to date and the scope of work to be done at Log College beginning this summer. Mr. Spahr said they are working to improve communication between Reynolds and Centennial regarding the work being done at Klinger. Mr. Spahr responded to questions from Mr. Dixon and Mr. Godiksen.

Ms. Pellegrino left the meeting at 7:56 p.m. and returned at 7:58 p.m.

Mr. Adams said Board members are receiving feedback from the public regarding the middle school pools.

3.2 Finance Committee Presentations (Mr. Godiksen)

None

3.3 Education Committee Presentations (Mr. Dixon)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS		
3.3(a)	Program Initiative Overview	Dr. Jennifer Polinchock
3.3(b)	Klinger Middle School – Khan Academy	Mr. Travis Bloom

3.3(a) - Dr. Jennifer Polinchock spoke about the initiatives for the 2018-2019 school year with regard to the elementary student day, schedule and report cards, the middle school schedule, and the high school schedule implementation. She explained the goals and responded to questions from Mr. Miller and Mr. Dixon.

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Community residents Krista DiPaolo, Jeanette DeMito, and Michelle McAllister spoke to the Board about the proposed middle school schedule changes.

Ms. Pellegrino, Mr. Miller and Mrs. Brancato thanked the parents for their comments. Additional comments on this topic were made by Mr. Adams and Mr. Godiksen.

3.3(b) Mr. Travis Bloom spoke about how the Khan Academy is working at Klinger Middle School. In response to a question from Ms. Pellegrino, Mr. Bloom explained the students receive 54 minutes extra in math during the resource period. Additional comments on this topic were made by Mr. Godiksen, Mr. Adams and Mr. Miller.

Mrs. Brancato left the room at 8:44 p.m. and returned at 8:46 p.m.

3.4 PRESENTATION – School Director Recognition Videos – Klinger and Log College Middle Schools

The videos will be shared at another time.

4. EDUCATION/PUPIL SERVICES

4.1 Items Presented for Information (Mr. Dixon)

	EDUCATION/PUPIL SERVICES COMMITTEE - INFORMATION ITEMS
4.1(a)	William Tennent High School Schedule Implementation - Dr. Dennis Best

Dr. Dennis Best spoke about the implementation task force, the two subcommittees working on the schedule, and the timeline for implementation. He will be providing a monthly update to the Board.

4.2 Items Presented for Approval (Mr. Dixon)

Mr. Dixon read the following resolutions: Be it resolved that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors:

	APPROVE	REJECT	NEW	RENEWAL	CHANGE*	EDUCATION COMMITTEE - ACTION ITEMS
4.2(a)	X		X			Approves the addition of the Student Design Lab course to the William Tennent High School Program of Studies for the 2018-19 school year, as per the attached.
4.2(b)	X		X			Approves the William Tennent High School Program of Studies for the 2018-19 school year, as per the attached.
4.2(c)	X		X			Approves the purchase of Springshare licenses for a library pilot program at William Tennent High School; district cost not to exceed \$425.00.
4.2(d)	X		X			Approves the purchase of USA Test Prep licenses for Klinger Middle School and Log College Middle School; district cost not to exceed \$2,100.00.

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4.2(e)	X		X		Approves, retroactively, an assembly program at McDonald Elementary titled Science Explorers; there was no cost to the District.
4.2(f)	X		X		Approves the overnight conference request for two (2) teachers to attend the PETE&C conference in Hershey, PA from February 11-14, 2018; district cost not to exceed \$957.10.
4.2(g)	X		X		Approves the overnight conference request for one (1) teacher to attend the PETE&C conference in Hershey, PA from February 12-13, 2018; district cost not to exceed \$248.72.
4.2(h)	X		X		Approves the attendance of three (3) administrators and two (2) teachers at the PDE Conference 2018 Making a Difference: Educational Practices that Work! in Hershey, PA, February 26 - February 28, 2018; district cost not to exceed \$546.00. The balance of the cost will be paid with the NNPS Grant.
4.2(i)	X		X		Approves the purchase of a novel for the Spanish IV course; district cost is \$530.15.
4.2(j)	X			X	Approves the Fox Chase Cancer Center Partnership with Centennial School District for the Teen Research Internship Program to run on Saturdays from February 3, 2018 through May 12, 2018 at William Tennent High School; no cost to the district.

Motion by Andrew Dixon, second by Flemming Godiksen, to approve items 4.2(a) through 4.2(j) as listed above.

Final Resolution: Motion carries, 6-0-0.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Items Presented for Information (Mr. Godiksen)

	FINANCE COMMITTEE - INFORMATION ITEMS
5.1(a)	2018 Bond Issue
5.1(b)	Bid Limits 2018
5.1(c)	DVHT Wellness Initiative
5.1(d)	Energy Star
5.1(e)	Keystone Audit Report
5.1(f)	PDE Subsidy Projections
5.1(g)	Penalty and Interest
5.1(h)	Preliminary (very preliminary) Pharmacy Projection
5.1(i)	PSDLAF Updates
5.1(j)	Real Estate Control Total Update
5.1(k)	2018/2019 Budget Status

Mr. Chris Berdnik provided background information on items 5.1(a) through 5.1(k).

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5.2 Items Presented for Approval (Mr. Godiksen)

Mr. Godiksen read the following resolutions:

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

	APPROVE	REJECT	NEW	RENEW	CHANGE	FINANCE - ACTION ITEMS
5.2(a)	X		X			Awards the Appraiser - Real Estate RFP 2018-09, per the attached proposal, to Indian Valley Appraisal Company through June 30, 2019, and renewable annually thereafter.
5.2(b)	X		X			Approves the attendance of Bryn Athyn student 3-13 at William Tennent High School in accordance with Policy 607. Tuition Income. Bryn Athyn will pay tuition and will provide transportation.
5.2(c)	X		X			Approves a subscription to the Whitebirch Financial Modeling Platform through the period ending June 30, 2020; district cost for the first year is \$5,000.00, followed by a \$10,000.00 per year fee for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.

In response to a question from Mr. Miller about the grade level for the Bryn Athyn student, Mr. Berdnik said the student is in grade 9. Mr. Miller said he does not expect this request to come back to the Board since we are approving it at this time.

Motion by Flemming Godiksen, second by Mark Miller to approve items 5.2(a) through 5.2(c) as listed above.

Final Resolution: Motion carries, 6-0-0.

6. OPERATIONS

6.1 Items Presented for Information (Mrs. Brancato)

	OPERATIONS COMMITTEE - INFORMATION ITEMS
6.1(a)	Food Service Act 55

Mr. Robert Whartenby explained Food Service Act 55. He said the food service department will be sending information to parents. Dr. Baugh responded to a question from Ms. Pellegrino about unpaid balances. In response to a question from Mrs. Brancato, Mr. Whartenby said Shannon Stone would be able to provide additional information.

6.2 Items presented for Approval (Mrs. Brancato)

Mrs. Brancato read the following resolutions:

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

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	APPROVE	REJECT	NEW	RENEW	CHANGE	OPERATIONS - ACTION ITEMS
6.2(a)	X		X			Approves Pinnacle Electrical, electrical contractor, change order related to the renovations of 48 Swan Way; district cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.
6.2(b)	X		X			Approves the use of three (3) district buses by Nativity of our Lord to transport students to St. John Bosco on March 8, 2018. Cost to Nativity of our Lord, inclusive of buses and drivers, is \$75.00 per bus.
6.2(c)	X		X			Approves the Facility Use Waiver request of all fees for Fox Chase Cancer Center to use a classroom and the planetarium at William Tennent High School for the Teen Research Internship Program to run on Saturdays from February 3, 2018 through May 12, 2018 at William Tennent High School; reduction of fees is \$16,368.00.

Motion by Mary Alice Brancato, second by Mark Miller to approve items 6.2(a) through 6.2(c) as listed above.

Final Resolution: Motion carries, 6-0-0.

7. COMMUNITY COMMENTS (President Pro Tempore)

7.1 Community Comments (President Pro Tempore)

None

7.2 PRESENTATION – School Director Recognition Video – William Tennent

The videos will be shared at another time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Flemming Godiksen, second by Mary Alice Brancato to adjourn.

Final Resolution: Motion carries, 6-0-0.

The School Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Robold

Board Secretary

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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING ESA VOUCHER PROGRAMS (SB 2)
BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Centennial School District is a municipal corporation and public entity formed by and for the communities of Warminster, Ivyland and Upper Southampton Township operating under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Public School Code of 1949 as amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania school districts provide countless academic and extracurricular opportunities for learning and growth of all students, preparing them for higher education and careers; and districts have continued to make steady gains in academic achievement, with Pennsylvania students consistently ranked in or near the top 10 nationally on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) exams for reading and math; and Pennsylvania has been named a national leader in providing Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education programs; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania also maintains a higher high school graduation rate and a larger percentage of students moving on to higher education than the national average; and

WHEREAS, more than 80% of Pennsylvania students enrolled in career and technical centers or programs are achieving at the competent or advanced level on industry-based skills assessments, enabling them to earn credentials leading to meaningful employment or college credit equivalencies at cooperating institutions; and

WHEREAS, public schools ensure that each student with a disability receives a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in compliance with federal and state law and regulations, with students and their families having the benefits of a system of procedural safeguards; and

WHEREAS, education savings account (ESA) voucher programs such as those under Senate Bill 2 undermine Pennsylvania's responsibility to ensure every student in every community has equal access to public education. School districts targeted under Senate Bill 2 are already under resourced. State money for ESAs would be deducted, on a per student basis, from a school district's basic education subsidy. Not only would school districts' state aid be sent to unaccountable private schools, but such money could also be diverted to higher education, tutoring services and other approved expenses – not even ensuring students receive full-time educational instruction.; and

WHEREAS, voucher programs benefit families regardless of income or need, including students already enrolled in private school or never having attended a targeted public school; and voucher systems in other states have been shown to be vulnerable to financial fraud and abuse; and

WHEREAS, unlike nonpublic and private schools, public school districts accept and educate all children who come to their doors, as opposed to those institutions that can reject applicants based on any number of factors and effectively weaken the rights of students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, unlike private schools, public schools are held to strict accountability standards that measure student achievement and academic progress, unlike private schools which are not required to give state assessments or publish student achievement data; and

WHEREAS, Centennial School District stands to lose millions of dollars in revenue each year if Senate Bill 2 (or any similar legislation), is approved by the General Assembly. Centennial would be forced to cut programs and trim investments in student achievement and growth. Our homeowners, especially those on fixed incomes, cannot absorb this revenue loss and this bill would be detrimental to the citizens of Centennial School District and their children who are enrolled in our schools;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Centennial School District opposes Senate Bill 2 and any other legislation or any effort by the General Assembly to implement tuition vouchers or any other program that would have an effect of a tuition voucher program, and conveys the importance of supporting and improving the quality of all public schools in the Commonwealth.

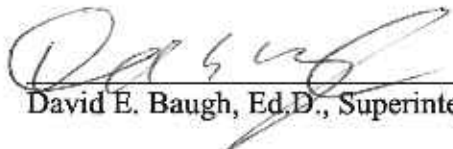
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the elected Senators and Representatives of the Centennial School District, and to the members of the General Assembly, and to the Governor of This Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Adopted this 23rd day of January, 2018.


Signed



For the Board of School Directors



David E. Baugh, Ed.D., Superintendent



Attest by Secretary

Board of School Directors

Andrew Pollock, Ed.D, Board President, Labor Relations Committee

David Shafter, Board Vice President, Chair - Finance Committee

Charles Kleinschmidt, Assistant Secretary, Middle Bucks Institute Executive Council

Steven Adams, School Director, Chair - Operations Committee

Mary Alice Brancato, School Director, Operations Committee

Andrew Dixon, School Director, PSBA Liaison

Flemming Godiksen, School Director, Member Middle Bucks Institute Executive Council

Mark B Miller, School Director, Legislative Action Chair

Tara Pellegrino, School Director, Member Bucks County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT*School Board Meeting
Sign-in Sheet*Date: 1/23/18

	NAME (Please print)	ADDRESS
1.	Dawn Van Atta	Willow Dale
2.	Krista DiPaolo	McDonald + Log
3.	Georgina Hirsch	Log
4.	Mary Ellen Donnelly	CEA
5.	Elizabeth Crograke	Log
6.	Dail Gismondi	Log
7.	Lorraine Stieber	Log
8.	Jeanette DeMito	McDonald + Log College
9.	Liz Stanfield	McDonald + Log College
10.	Megan London	Klinger
11.	Pindy Henry	Klinger
12.	Gregg Watkins	LCMS
13.	Michelle Mielzner	LCMS
14.	Kate Utrate	LCMS
15.	Jamie Chase	LCMS
16.	Meek Williams	WD/Log/WTHS
17.	Kelly Korausko	LCMS
18.	Kim Quillen	LCMS
19.	Joyce Devine	LCMS
20.	Jen Clark	KMS

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*School Board Meeting
Sign-in Sheet*

Date: 1/23/18

	NAME (Please print)	ADDRESS
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22.	SHAWN FICHTER	LOG + WD
23.	Mehli M. Allister	Log
24.	Mehli Hazlett	Log + Willow Dale
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