

CENTENNIAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES of REGULAR MEETING  
HELD November 10, 2015

Mrs. Lynch announced that the Board met from 6:00 to 7:20 p.m. on November 10 to discuss legal matters.

## **1. WELCOME**

### **1.1 CALL TO ORDER (Mrs. Schrader Lynch)**

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held November 10, 2015 in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lynch at 7:20 p.m.

### **1.2 ROLL CALL (Mrs. Schrader Lynch)**

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.

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

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

### **1.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Mrs. Schrader Lynch)**

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

### **1.4 ANNOUNCEMENTS (Mrs. Schrader Lynch)**

Mr. Adams noted tomorrow is Veterans Day, so we want to remember the sacrifices of our veterans. Mrs. Lynch reported there is a Veterans Day ceremony being held at the high school tomorrow at 8:00 AM for veterans. Board members and the public are invited. Mr. Miller commented that he was able to attend Klinger's program for veterans that was held on November 6.

## **2. REPORTS**

### **2.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Dr. Baugh)**

Dr. Baugh stated he investigated the possibility of suing the governor and the state legislature for the loss of interest on the revenue the state is obligated to provide. After reviewing this situation with our solicitor several times, Dr. Baugh said he would not recommend pursuing this action at this time. There is no guarantee that such a lawsuit would be successful and the legal fees and

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administrative costs could cost more than the interest lost. With regard to the state budget, there was discussion of a back end referendum. This would remove the Board's ability to establish revenue rates without going to a voter referendum and would be devastating to districts like Centennial. He spoke briefly about the School Performance Profile and said we need to focus on increasing academics and rigor. Dr. Polinchock, Mr. Martin, President of the Centennial Education Association, and Dr. Baugh are participating in a study session with PDE to study recommendations to the school performance profile process.

## 2.2 STUDENT REPORTS

### 2.2 STUDENT REPORTS – William Tennent High School (Nick Griffin) and Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (Osuan Serrano and Jaide Erney)

Nick Griffin, student at WTHS, gave a report on ongoing/upcoming events.

There was no report from Middle Bucks Institute of Technology.

## 3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

### 3.1 COMMUNITY COMMENTS (Mrs. Schrader Lynch)

None

## 4. SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

*Action: 4.1 Be it resolved that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors approves the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held October 8, 2015 and the Regular/Work Session School Board Meeting held October 27, 2015, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

Motion by Mark B. Miller, second by Kati Driban

**Final Resolution: Motion carries, 9-0-0.**

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

*Action 5.1 Be it resolved that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors approves a motion to move from the table the Middle School Feasibility Study which was tabled at the August 18, 2015 Board meeting (Dr. Pollock)*

Motion by Dr. Andrew Pollock, second by Michael Hartline

**Final Resolution: Motion carries 8-1-0, with Mrs. Lynch voting no.**

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Lynch turned the gavel over to Mr. Miller. Mrs. Lynch asked for 6.1 to be pulled from the agenda and Ms. Driban asked for 6.3 to be pulled from the agenda.

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

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*Action: 6.1 Approves the appointment of Schrader Group Architects to complete the Middle School Feasibility Study, including a demographic study, at an amount not to exceed \$37,100.00, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 6.2 Approves the Standard Contract for Services and the Letter of Agreement (Appendix A) with The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania, Inc., for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost to the District of \$14,600 for the secondary level and \$90.00 per hour if the District requests services to be provided at the elementary level, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 6.3 Approves an overnight conference request for Amy Campbell to attend Skyward iCon, in St. Pete Beach, FL, March 9-11, 2016. The cost to the District is \$1,450, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 6.4 Retroactively approves a waiver request of 50% reduction of fees, Facility Use Policy: 6.2, for Warminster Recreation/Central Bucks YMCA for the use of the Log College Middle School pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 15, 2015 to June 2, 2016. The reduction of fees is \$3,840.00. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 6.5 Approves the waiver of fees for buses for Centennial Station residents to attend an event being held December 13, 2015 at a cost to the District not to exceed \$600.00, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 6.6 Approves the proposal from Barry Isett & Associates Inc. for the design of the new electrical service required at 48 Swan Way, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

Motion by Mark B. Miller, second by Kati Driban

**Final Resolution: Motion carries, 9-0-0**

## **7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM NEW BUSINESS FOR SEPARATE APPROVAL**

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Motion by Mark B. Miller, second by Dr. Pollock.

Discussion was held with many Board members making comments. Dr. Pollock said we do not know what direction we are going with the middle schools. Mrs. Lynch spoke about the fact that the District does not know the impact from the sale of our properties at Hart School, Leary, Longstreth and the Newtown Road property. There is also Shenandoah Woods to consider and we do not know what will be happening to that property. Ms. Driban said \$37,100 is not money well spent right now. Dr. Pollock pointed out that the feasibility study and the demographic study should give us direction. Mr. Shafter noted the point of a study is to deal with the unknown. He said the Operations Committee is dealing with deferred maintenance at Klinger and Log, so this is the time to plan and determine what to do to accommodate possible growth.

Motion by Kati Driban to table this motion until either the state passes a budget or until the first Board meeting in May, second by Mrs. Lynch.

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Roll call vote on motion to table: Ms. Driban, Yes; Mr. Hartline, No; Ms. Morgan, abstain; Mr. Kleinschmidt, Yes; Mr. Miller, Yes; Dr. Pollock, No; Mr. Shafter, No, Mr. Adams, No; Mrs. Lynch, Yes.

Motion to table fails, **4-4-1**, due to a lack of a majority.

Roll call vote on the motion to approve the feasibility study and demographic study: Ms. Morgan, abstain; Mr. Kleinschmidt, Yes; Mr. Miller, No; Dr. Pollock, Yes; Mr. Shafter, Yes; Mr. Adams, Yes; Ms. Driban, No; Mr. Hartline, Yes, Mrs. Lynch, No.

Motion carries, **5-3-1**.

Mr. Miller returned the gavel to Mrs. Lynch.

*Action: 6.3 Approves an overnight conference request for Amy Campbell to attend Skyward iCon, in St. Pete Beach, Fl., March 9-11, 2016. The cost to the District is \$1,450, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

Ms. Driban asked why the District is sending someone for more training if we are not happy with Skyward and are looking at other options. Dr. Baugh said we are waiting for the appointment of a business manager before a decision is made about making changes with regard to Skyward. Skyward is what we use now and most people are comfortable with it. Mr. Kase clarified that this is the national conference and Amy Campbell is our highest point of contact with this system. It is appropriate for her to go since she did not attend last year. She will bring back information that will be beneficial to the District.

Motion by Mark B. Miller, second by Michael Hartline

**Final Resolution: Motion carries, 9-0-0.**

## **8. PERSONNEL**

Mr. Miller read:

*Action: 8.1 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; Substitute Custodians 2015-2016 School Year; Curriculum Resource Team 2015-2016 School Year; Program Coordinators 2015-2016 School Year; Department Coordinators 2015-2016 School Year; High School Department Coordinators 2015-2016 School Year and Co-Curricular Additions and Deletions 2015-2016 School Year, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

Motion by Mark B. Miller, second by Michael Hartline

**Final Resolution: Motion carries 9-0-0**

## **9. POLICIES**

### **9.1 Policy presented for DISCUSSION: Policy 916 Volunteers (Ms. Driban)**

Ms. Driban stated this policy needed to be revised due to changes to the law. Dr. Polinchock clarified that administration did not receive any comments on this policy in the last two weeks. Ms. Driban said the policy has been reviewed by the Citizens' Policy Committee and by the Administrative Policy Committee and will be presented for final approval at the next Board

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meeting. Mr. Miller asked about the possibility of purchasing fingerprinting units. Dr. Polinchock said the District did have the mobile lab from BCIU come here twice at a cost of \$200. We provided this service as a convenience to our employees.

## **10. BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**

Mr. Adams commented about Senate Bill 909 regarding the back end referendum proposed by the state legislature. Mr. Hartline spoke about the budget implications and the need to create two budgets, one with a tax increase and one without a tax increase. Mr. Miller said a referendum would be toxic to public education. Dr. Pollock, Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Hartline also commented.

Ms. Driban said we approved a waiver of fees for building use tonight. She asked if the Board could receive from administration a monthly breakdown of what it is costing the District to approve these waivers.

## **11. REPORTS**

### **Information: 11.1 Education Committee - Mr. Miller**

Mr. Miller reported that the next meeting of the Education Committee meeting is scheduled for November 16.

### **Information: 11.2 Finance Committee - Mr. Adams**

Mr. Adams reported the next meeting is November 16 immediately following the Education Committee meeting.

### **Information: 11.3 Operations Committee - Mr. Shafter**

No report

### **Information: 11.4 District Policy Report – Ms. Driban**

Ms. Driban reported that Citizens' Policy did not meet this month and the Administrative Policy Committee will meet next week. She will have a report next month.

### **Information: 11.5 Bucks County Schools Intermediate Unit #22 - Mr. Hartline**

Mr. Hartline reported that BCIU is doing a study of their Administration Building. BCIU moved their Lower Bucks County campus to the Samuel Everitt School.

### **Information: 11.6 PSBA Representative & Legislative Council Liaisons - Mrs. Schrader Lynch and Mr. Miller**

Mrs. Lynch noted there is still no budget from Harrisburg. Mr. Miller referenced the earlier discussion on the back end referendum. He also stated that PSBA is having a Budget Action Day in Harrisburg on November 16. Dr. Baugh, Mr. Miller and Mr. Hartline are planning to attend this event.

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**Information: 11.7 Middle Bucks Institute of Technology Executive Council - Mr. Kleinschmidt**

Mr. Kleinschmidt said the new MBIT dental clinic opened to the community. Last week the culinary students attended a winter squash tasting event that was part of a Farm to School grant event. The audit report for MBIT for 2014-15 was reviewed and there were no findings or observations noted. A vote was taken to cancel the December meeting. MBIT passed a motion to give their business manager the option to withhold a portion of the PSERS payment until a budget is passed in Harrisburg. MBIT received a legal opinion and it was determined that they are legally able to withhold this payment.

**12. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**13. ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None

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

**Information: 14.1 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.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Kati Driban, second by Dr. Pollock

**Final Resolution: Motion carries 9-0-0**

The School Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Robold

Board Secretary

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