

CENTENNIAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES of REGULAR/WORK SESSION MEETING  
HELD October 27, 2015

Mrs. Lynch announced that the Board met from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on October 27 in Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

**1. WELCOME**

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

A Regular/Work Session Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held October 27, 2015 in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lynch at 7:04 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, Judith Hengst, Katie Braun, Raymond Kase, Cathy Perkins, Hannah Messner, Timothy Trzaska, Dr. Dennis Best.

The list of 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 SWEARING IN OF DANA MORGAN, SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

Ms. Dana Morgan was sworn in by Judge John I. Waltman from District Court 07-1-06, Lower Southampton, as a School Board Director in Region 2.

**1.5 ANNOUNCEMENTS (Mrs. Schrader Lynch)**

Mrs. Lynch stated that she, Ms. Driban, and Mr. Hartline were present when Dr. Baugh was sworn in by PA Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera.

Mrs. Lynch announced that Mark Miller was elected as the next President of Pennsylvania School Boards Association. Congratulations to him from the Board for this honor.

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## **1.6 PRESENTATION – Mr. Joe Cowhey, President of Shop Rite (Dr. Baugh)**

Dr. Al Catarro introduced William Tennent High School student, Walter Yaromich, who spoke about his internship as part of the Shop Rite partnership. He expressed his thanks to Mr. Cowhey for providing the students with personal, hands-on experiences. Dr. Catarro and Dr. Best presented Mr. Cowhey with a plaque.

## **2. REPORTS**

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

Dr. Baugh said he is averaging a visit to at least one school per day. On October 26 the first Council of Presidents meeting was held. Administration invited the Home & School Association presidents to discuss the calendar and fundraising. A meeting was also held recently of the innovation team to maximize student participation in a number of different events similar to the Medicine X conference held this summer. This task force is in the planning stages. Dr. Baugh was sworn in this month by the PA Secretary of Education, Pedro Rivera. Dr. Best and Dr. Polinchock were his guests at the Penn Center of Educational Leadership conference. They spent the day with Colonel Chuck Allen, lecturer at the US Army War College in Carlisle, discussing educational systems.

### **2.2 GOOD NEWS**

Dr. Polinchock read the Good News for October 27, 2015.

## **3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

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

There were no community comments.

## **4. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

*Action: 4.1 Be it resolved that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors accept the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held September 2, 2015, the Education Committee meetings held August 17, 2015 and September 28, 2015, and the Finance Committee meetings held August 17, 2015 and September 28, 2015. (Mr. Miller)*

Motion by Mark B. Miller, second by Kati Driban

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

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Lynch asked if any Board member would like any resolutions removed from the consent agenda. No items were pulled from the consent agenda.

Mr. Miller read the following:

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

*Action: 5.1 Approves a waiver request of 50% reduction of fees and Sunday usage, Facility Use Policy: 6.2, for Centennial Aquatic Club to use the William Tennent High School pool on*

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*Sunday, January 10, 2016 for the Annual Odd Age Meet. The reduction of fees is \$347.75, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 5.2 Approves a waiver request of 50% reduction of pool fees, Facility Use Policy: 6.2, for Our Lady of Good Counsel to use the William Tennent High School pool for swim meets on November 7, November 21, December 5 and December 12, 2015, and January 16, 2016. The reduction of fees is \$535.00, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 5.3 Approves a waiver request for Sunday usage, Facility Use Policy: 6.2, for Spartans Youth Wrestling to use the William Tennent High School gym on Sunday, January 3, 2016 and January 31, 2016. The cost to Spartans Youth Wrestling is approximately \$414.00, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 5.4 Approves a waiver request for Sunday usage, Facility Use Policy: 6.2, for Warminster Symphony to use the William Tennent High School auditorium for rehearsals on November 8, 22, 29, 2015, March 13, 2016 and May 15, 2016. The cost to Warminster Symphony for Sunday usage only is approximately \$1,150.00, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 5.5 Approves the safety assembly programs presented by NOVA at Davis Elementary School on December 16, 2015, April 27, 28 and 29, 2016, as per the attached. The cost will be funded by the Davis Home & School Association. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 5.6 Approves an assembly program by award-winning young adult author Jordan Sonnenblick at Klinger and Log College Middle Schools on November 12, 2015. The cost of \$2,200 will be funded as follows: \$1,000.00 from a CEF grant, \$600.00 from Klinger's Student Council, \$250.00 from Log College's Home and School Association, and \$350.00 from Log College's Student Council, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 5.7 Retroactively approves an assembly by the Hartsville Volunteer Fire Company at Willow Dale Elementary School on October 15, 2015, as per the attached. There was no cost to the District. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 5.8 Approves a request for a librarian to attend and present at the Pennsylvania School Librarian Association Annual Conference in Hershey, PA, from May 12 through May 14, 2016. The cost to the District is \$600.54, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 5.9 Approves an overnight conference request for two 10th grade students at William Tennent High School to attend the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils Conference, along with their advisor, in Harrisburg, PA, November 12 and 13, 2015. The cost to the District is \$246.82, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 5.10 Grants preliminary approval for a trip by the William Tennent High School cheerleaders to Orlando, Florida, February 4 through February 9, 2016 to compete in the National High School Cheerleading Championship. The cost to the District is \$570.23, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 5.11 Approves the contract with Eidex, LLC, at a cost to the District of \$11,588.00 per year for three years, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

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*Action: 5.12 Approves the 2015-16 Agreement with the BCIU for the cooperative organization, printing, advertising and mailing of the District's Homestead Exclusion Notices due out in December 2015, as per the attached. (Mr. Adams)*

*Action: 5.13 Approves the Great Grow Along project at William Tennent High School. There is no cost to the District, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 5.14 Approves the adoption and purchase of two software programs, Finale, at a cost of \$350.00 and Sibelius 7.5, at a cost of \$598.00, during the pilot period for music classes. (Mr. Miller)*

*Action: 5.15 Accepts a donation from Shop Rite in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the purchase of supplies for Family & Consumer Sciences classes at William Tennent High School, as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

Motion by Mark B. Miller, second by Kati Driban

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

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

No items were removed for separate approval.

## **7. PERSONNEL**

Mr. Miller read:

*Action: 9.1 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; Change of Status; Mentors 2015-2016 school year; Curriculum Resource Team 2015-2016 school year; Substitute Bus Driver Trainees 2015-2016 school year; and Co-Curricular Addition and Deletion 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.**

## **8. POLICIES**

**Information: 8.1 Policy presented for INITIAL DISTRIBUTION: Policy 916 Volunteers (Ms. Driban)**

Mr. Driban stated that Policy 916, Volunteers, is being presented tonight for initial distribution. This policy has gone through the Administrative Policy Committee and Citizens' Policy Committee. Any comments or suggestions should be sent to Administration.

*8.1 Be it resolved that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors adopts Policy 622 Fixed Assets and Policy 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response, as attached (Ms. Driban)*

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Motion by Kati Driban, second by Dr. Pollock

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

*Be it resolved that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors grants an exception to Policy 2.13, Recruitment and Employment of Staff, for the hiring of a Business Manager and a principal at Log College Middle School.*

Motion by Kati Driban, second by Dr. Pollock

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

## 9. FINANCIAL

*Action: 9.1 Be it resolved that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors accepts the Schedule of Bills, Investments, Cafeteria Fund Budget Report, General Fund Cash Receipt Summary – September 2015, and approves the Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – September 2015, as per the attached. (Mr. Adams)*

Motion by Steve Adams, second by Dr. Pollock

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

*Action 9.2 Approves the 2015-16 Budget Transfers for October, 2015, as per the attached.*

Motion by Steve Adams, second by Dr. Pollock

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

## 10. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Hartline commented about the budget impasse in Harrisburg and asked the Board if anyone thinks we should move the District's concerns to another level. He suggested that we sue the Governor and the legislature for the interest income that our district has lost over the last four months and suggested that we make it a class action lawsuit. Mr. Miller said that we can sue for past due Federal funds, but we are not able to sue the state government. Mrs. Lynch said she would refer this to our attorney for consideration. Dr. Pollock would like administration to write a letter to the Governor and the legislators to ask them to stay in Harrisburg and work on the budget and not take their two week break. Dr. Baugh said he would be happy to draft a letter and send it to Dr. Hoffman to share with other Bucks County school districts.

*Be it resolved that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors directs administration to write a letter to the Governor and the state legislators regarding passing a state budget.*

Motion by Dr. Pollock, second by Ms. Driban

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## 11. REPORTS

Mrs. Lynch asked for comments from Board members about the Pennsylvania School Boards Association conference held in Hershey October 14-16. Mr. Miller was encouraged by the

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number of Board members who attended along with the Superintendent. Mr. Hartline attended finance related sessions. Ms. Driban attended a policy session refresher course and an early literacy program at the vendor hall. She commented on the outstanding presentation that was done by our high school students on the Eli Lilly project. Mr. Kleinschmidt attended a session on suicide awareness. Mrs. Lynch said one of the highlights was the presentation on the Eidex program. Dr. Baugh and Dr. Polinchock shared their insights.

## **12. COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Adams spoke about Celebration of Bands that was held on October 17. Mrs. Lynch said the homecoming football game was held at the high school Friday night. They also had an event called Pink Out for breast cancer survivors that evening.

## **13. ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Dr. Pollock, second by Kati Driban

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Robold

Board Secretary

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