

**CENTENNIAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

HELD May 13, 2014

Mrs. Lynch announced that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel issues.

### **1.1 CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on May 13, 2014 in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lynch at 7:04 p.m.

### **1.2 ROLL CALL**

The following Board members were in attendance: Steven Adams, Kati Driban, Michael Hartline, Elizabeth Huf, Jane Schrader Lynch, Mark B Miller, Andrew Pollock, and David Shafter.

Mr. Kleinschmidt was absent.

The following Administrative members were in attendance at the meeting: Christopher M. Berdnik, Board Secretary, Dr. Joyce Mundy, Dr. Jennifer Polinchock, and Andrea DiDio.

Additional meeting attendees are listed on the attached sheet.

### **1.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **1.4 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Hartline paid tribute to a community member who had passed.

Mr. Adams provided an update on a community member who suffered a serious injury.

Mr. Hartline announced two births in the Centennial family.

Mr. Miller shared his Fine Arts Week experience. Mr. Hartline noted the installation of gallery lights by the Facilities department, indicating that the teachers were appreciative.

Mrs. Lynch reported on the trip she and Mr. Miller took to Harrisburg to lobby for public education.

### **1.5 PRESENTATIONS - Foundations Grant - The Peace Center - Karin Kasdin, Bully Prevention Resource Center Director**

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Dr. Mundy summarized our partnership with the Peace Center, and more globally about our anti-bullying efforts.

Ms. Kasdin praised the district's efforts.

This grant is for 7th grade girls, "*Girls Unlimited*" The focus is on prevention.

## **2. REPORTS**

### **2.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Mundy included her comments with the Peace Center's presentation.

Debate team co-captain Michael Pronin, accompanied by co-captain Donato Luongo and Chris Berdnik, Jr., read the Good News! for May 13, 2014.

### **2.3 STUDENT REPORTS –**

Mr. Baner, student government treasurer, presented the William Tennent High School report.

Mr. Sher provided the MBIT report.

## **3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

### **3.1 COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None.

## **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Miller made a motion to move forward in the agenda, change of status #4 from the Personnel agenda.

Mr. Hartline seconded.

Mr. Miller read:

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

*Approves change of status for Cathy Perkins as Log College principal.*

*Motion carries 8-0-0.*

## **4. BOARD MEETING 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 April 8, 2014 and the Regular/Work Session School Board Meeting held April 22, 2014. (Mr. Miller)*

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Motion by Mark B Miller, second by Elizabeth Huf.

Final Resolution: - *Motion Carries 8-0-0 – April 8, 2014; Motion Carries 7-0-1 – April 22, 2014*  
[Mr. Shafter abstained since he had not attended the meeting.]

Yes: Steven Adams, Kati Driban, Michael Hartline, Elizabeth Huf, Jane Schrader Lynch, Mark B Miller, Andrew Pollock

Abstain: David Shafter

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

Action (Consent): *5.1 Be it resolved that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors approves the following New Business items as presented: (Mrs. Schrader Lynch)*

Motion by Mark B Miller, second by Elizabeth Huf.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Steven Adams, Kati Driban, Michael Hartline, Elizabeth Huf, Jane Schrader Lynch, Mark B Miller, Andrew Pollock, David Shafter

Action: *5.2 Grants approval for an assembly program titled “Self Control with Sensei Joe” at Willow Dale Elementary School on June 5, 2014. There is no cost for this assembly. (Mr. Miller)*

Action: *5.3 Grants retroactive approval of an assembly program titled “Milkweed for Monarchs” at McDonald Elementary School on May 1, 2014. There is no cost for this assembly. (Mr. Miller)*

Action: *5.4 Grants preliminary and final approval for a William Tennent High School debate student to attend the National Forensics League Championship competition in Overland Park, Kansas, June 15-21, 2014. The cost to the District is \$6,530.87. (Mr. Miller)*

Action: *5.5 Grants preliminary and final approval for three William Tennent High School debate students to attend the NCFL National Championship in Speech and Debate competition in Chicago, Illinois, May 22-25, 2014. The cost to the District is \$3,133.24. (Mr. Miller)*

Action: *5.6 Grants preliminary and final approval for two William Tennent Future Business Leaders of America students to participate in the 2014 FBLA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, June 27 – July 3, 2014. The cost to the District is \$6,164.00. (Mr. Miller)*

Action: *5.7 Grants preliminary approval for William Tennent High School language students to travel to Montreal and Quebec, Canada, June 20-24, 2015. There is no cost to the District. (Mr. Miller)*

Action: *5.8 Approves the Upper Southampton Parks & Recreation request for 50% reduction of all fees for the usage of the Klinger Middle School pool for Lifeguard Certification on Saturday, June 21, 2014. The cost to the District is approximately \$187.25. (Mr. Miller)*

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Action: 5.9 Grants retroactive approval of an overnight trip for Ivette Fiorino, teacher at Willow Dale Elementary School, to participate in a two-day panel in Harrisburg as an ESL specialist on May 1 and 2, 2014. There is no cost to the District; PDE will pay all expenses. (Mr. Miller)

Action: 5.10 Grants approval for an assembly program at McDonald Elementary School on June 3, 2014 by Kurt Herman, Holocaust Survivor. There is no cost to the District. (Mr. Miller)

Action: 5.11 Grants approval for an assembly program at McDonald Elementary School on the Lenape Indian culture on May 28, 2014. There is no cost to the District. (Mr. Miller)

Action: 5.12 Grants preliminary and final approval for Mr. Michael Donnelly and Mrs. Amy Campbell to attend the PDE Data Summit in Lancaster, PA, May 19-21, 2014. The cost to the District is \$400. (Mr. Miller)

Action: 5.13 Approves the Centennial School District Administrator's (Act 93) Compensation Plan for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. (Mr. Miller)

Action: 5.14 Authorizes and directs the officers of the District to execute and deliver on its behalf a Second Amendment to that certain Agreement of Sale and Purchase dated February 3, 2014, by and between CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT as "Seller" and ENVISION LAND USE, LLC, or its nominee or assignee as "Purchaser", as amended by First Amendment to Agreement of Sale and Purchase dated March 5, 2014 for District property known as the "Hart School parcel", situated in Warminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, being Bucks County Tax Map Parcel Number 049-037-283, which Second Amendment extends the Inspection Period, as defined in the Agreement of Sale and Purchase, to October 24, 2014; authorizes and directs Escrow Agent to release Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the Deposit to the District; and ratifies and confirms the remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement of Sale and Purchase. (Mr. Miller)

Action: 5.15 Authorizes and directs the officers of the District to execute and deliver on its behalf a Second Amendment to that certain Agreement of Sale and Purchase dated February 26, 2014, by and between CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT as "Seller" and COUNTY BUILDERS, INC., LLC, or its nominee or assignee as "Buyer", as amended by First Amendment to Agreement of Sale and Purchase dated March 5, 2014 for approximately 11 acres of District property with frontage on Newtown Road known as the "Newtown Road parcel", being a part of Bucks County Tax Map Parcel Number 49-024-041-003, which Second Amendment amends paragraph 11(a) of the Agreement of Sale to provide that in the event Purchaser breaches the Agreement of Sale and Purchase by failing to complete settlement, \$10,000 of the Deposit may be retained by the District as liquidated damages and the remainder of the Deposit shall be refunded to Purchaser and, in all other respects, ratifies and confirms the Agreement of Sale and Purchase. (Mr. Miller)

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Action: 5.16 *Adopts the 2014-15 proposed final General Fund budget in the amount of \$105,884,527 and authorizes the business office to prepare such forms and take such actions as are necessary to comply with PA Department of Education regulations thereof. Final budget adoption is scheduled for June 10th. (Mr. Miller)*

Action: 5.17 *Approves the request for a psycho-educational evaluation and a psychiatric evaluation for student 3-23 as per the attached. (Mr. Miller)*

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

Action: 6.1 *Approves the Resolution Opposing Restricting Federal Medical Assistance Reimbursement. (Mr. Miller)*

Dr. Pollock and Mr. Miller commented.

Motion by Mark B Miller, second by Andrew Pollock.

Final Resolution: *Motion Carries 8-0-0*

Yes: Steven Adams, Kati Driban, Michael Hartline, Elizabeth Huf, Jane Schrader Lynch, Mark B Miller, Andrew Pollock, David Shafter

Action: 6.2 *Approves the Resolution regarding Pre-K Instruction and Curriculum which supports the adoption of state funded policies that ensures every three and four year old child in Pennsylvania access to a high-quality Pre-K education. (Mr. Miller)*

Dr. Pollock (full day K) and Mr. Miller (policies for school districts, not big business) commented. Mrs. Huf asked about adding full day K to the resolution. Mrs. Lynch spoke about pension reform, special education, and charter school funding.

Motion by Mark B Miller, second by Elizabeth Huf.

Final Resolution: *Motion Carries 8-0-0*

Yes: Steven Adams, Kati Driban, Michael Hartline, Elizabeth Huf, Jane Schrader Lynch, Mark B Miller, Andrew Pollock, David Shafter

Action: 6.3 *Approves the recommendation that the District adopts Canvas by Instructure as the Learning Management System for the secondary schools. The cost to the District is \$63,489 over a three year period. (Mrs. Huf)*

Motion by Elizabeth Huf, second by Andrew Pollock.

Final Resolution: *Motion Carries 8-0-0*

Yes: Steven Adams, Kati Driban, Michael Hartline, Elizabeth Huf, Jane Schrader Lynch, Mark B Miller, Andrew Pollock, David Shafter

Action: 6.4 *Approves the proposed revisions to the elementary report cards effective beginning the 2014-15 school year. (Mrs. Huf)*

Motion by Elizabeth Huf, second by Mark B Miller.

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## **7. PERSONNEL**

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; Change of Status; Per Diem Substitute Professional Staff; Substitute Support Staff; Extended School Year Teachers and Substitute Teachers and Extended School Year Aides and Substitute Aides. (Mr. Miller)*

Motion by Mark B Miller, second by Michael Hartline.

Final Resolution: *Motion Carries 8-0-0*

Yes: Steven Adams, Kati Driban, Michael Hartline, Elizabeth Huf, Jane Schrader Lynch, Mark B Miller, Andrew Pollock, David Shafter

## **8. OPERATIONS AND POLICIES**

Discussion: 8.1 POLICIES - DISCUSSION - 805. Emergency Preparedness and 705. District Wide Safety and Equipment (Ms. Driban)

No comments on policy 805.

Mr. Adams spoke about policy adoption processes in general. Ms. Driban and Dr. Mundy referenced the Board's governance role. Mr. Hartline noted examples of Board input on policies. Mr. Miller added to Mr. Hartline's comments. Mrs. Lynch asked for changes to be highlighted. Board discussion continued on the possibility of highlighting. Ms. Driban will try to comment on changes when policies are presented.

Action: 8.2 *POLICIES - FINAL APPROVAL - 353. Outstanding Achievement Awards (Ms. Driban)*

Motion by Kati Driban, second by Mark B Miller.

Final Resolution: *Motion Carries 8-0-0*

Yes: Steven Adams, Kati Driban, Michael Hartline, Elizabeth Huf, Jane Schrader Lynch, Mark B Miller, Andrew Pollock, David Shafter

## **9. FINANCIAL**

Action: 9.1 *Be it resolved that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors accepts the Schedule of Bills, Investments - April 2014, Student Activity Clearing Fund - January-March 2014 and approves the Fund Profiles/Treasurers Report April 2014 and Budget Transfers May 2014. (Mr. Hartline)*

Motion by Michael Hartline, second by Kati Driban.

Final Resolution: *Motion Carries 8-0-0*

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

None.

## **11. REPORTS**

### **Information: 11.1 Education Committee - Mrs. Huf**

Mrs. Huf noted that most of the Education Committee agenda was presented for action this evening. Student exhibits were highlighted prior to the committee meeting.

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

Mr. Hartline reported that the last meeting was short, both items brought to last meeting. Next meeting May 19, 2014.

### **Information: 11.3 Operations Committee and Citizens Policy Committee - Ms. Driban**

Ms. Driban reported that the next meeting will be on May 14, 2014.

### **Information: 11.4 Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 - Mr. Hartline**

Mr. Hartline reported the last meeting was held on April 15, 2014. Mr. Hartline reviewed the highlights of that meeting. The Bucks County Intermediate Unit's graduation will be held on June 3, 2014.

### **Information: 11.5 PSBA Representative & Legislative Council Liaisons - Mrs. Schrader Lynch and Mr. Miller**

Mrs. Lynch made a brief report of the advocacy trip she and Mr. Miller took to Harrisburg and gave each Board member a handout prepared by Chris Berdnik, Business Administrator, on behalf of the District. The handout was well-received in Harrisburg.

Mrs. Lynch reminded the Board of the importance of getting to Harrisburg once a year to meet with our representatives.

Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Miller met in person with a number of key administrative and elected officials about educational and State budget issues.

Mr. Miller pointed out key differences with charter schools that school boards are elected and elected legislators will listen.

Mr. Miller commented on Representative O'Neill and Senator Brown's legislation on special education, and the need for charter and cyber charter school funding reform. Ninety-nine (99) percent of charter school special education cases are tier 1, lowest level of severity. Mr. Miller raised concerns about newspaper coverage of the bill.

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Information: **11.6 Middle Bucks Institute of Technology Executive Council - Mr. Kleinschmidt**

**Mrs. Huf gave the MBIT report, highlighting the bond refinancing.**

## **12. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **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 (Mrs. Huf)**

Mr. Miller announced the legislative meeting scheduled for the four-county region this Thursday. The Commonwealth's budget secretary will be present.

Mrs. Huf read the schedule of Board meetings and calendar of events.

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Mr. Huf and seconded by Ms. Driban to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0-0. The School Board Meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Lynch at 8:35 p.m.*

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: 5/13

Agenda Item: Minutes

Board Member: Mr. Shaffer

Reason: Not present at 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.