

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 11, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on December 11, 2012, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pollock at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were in attendance:

Steven Adams	Mark B. Miller
Kati Driban	Dr. Andrew Pollock
Michael Hartline	David Shafter
Elizabeth Huf	
Charles Kleinschmidt [arrived 7:03 p.m.]	

Jane Schrader Lynch was absent.

The following Administration members were in attendance at the meeting:

Dr. Jennifer Cressman	Dr. Susan Klyman
Christopher Berdnik	Andrea DiDio
Joyce Mundy	William Gretton

Additional meeting attendees are listed on the attached sheet.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Pollock led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pollock announced that there will not be any changes to Committee assignments for the upcoming year.

Mrs. Huf announced that she attended the opening of the Planetarium at WTHS.

Dr. Pollock announced that the ribbon cutting at Davis Elementary school the previous evening was a wonderful night and Davis is a beautiful facility. Dr. Cressman also thanked Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Petri for attending.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

GOOD NEWS!

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Mr. Gretton read the Good News! for December 11, 2012.

STUDENT REPORTS

Mr. Harris, a student at William Tennent High School, gave a report on upcoming and ongoing events at William Tennent High School.

Ms. Kemler, a student at Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, gave a report on upcoming and ongoing events at MBIT.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Huf read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

- 1. Approves the 2012-2013 Act 48 Program Agreement with LifeWorks as attached.*
- 2. Approves the 2011-2012 Act 48 Program Agreement with LifeWorks as attached.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Motion passed 8-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pollock asked if anyone would like to have any items pulled from consent agenda 1 through 13. The following items were pulled: 6 a, 9, 11 and 12.

Mrs. Huf read the consent agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

- 1. Approves the attached amendment to the formal agreement by and between the Centennial School District and Bucks County Head Start, Inc. dated August 21, 2012 for the rental of three (3) classrooms in the Johnsville Administration Building effective August 22, 2012 through August 21, 2013.*
- 2. Approves Centennial's participation in the ELECT/ETI Grant Consortium (Educational Leading to Employment and Career Training/Early Fatherhood Initiative) for the 2012-13 school year totaling \$2,612.00.*
- 3. Approves the Furniture and Equipment Bid No. 2013-06 and awards same to the vendors as indicated on the attached schedule for a total of \$137,291.06.*

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4. *Approves an exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status, for Student 11-18 to attend Klinger Middle School and student 8-18 to attend McDonald Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year. The parent will provide transportation.*
5. *Approval of a one time exception to Policy 5.7, Reporting Student Progress and Honors, to waive the requirement for mid-term exams in January 2013 for those students taking the Keystone exams. The high school administrative team is recommending that students who have a Keystone exam in science, math or literature be exempt from the mid-term in that corresponding class.*
6. *Approves the attached facility use waivers for:*
 - B. *Our Lady of Good Counsel, Klinger Middle School pool.*
 - C. *Our Lady of Good Counsel, William Tennent High School pool.*
 - D. *Warminster Girls Travel Soccer.*
 - E. *Warminster Township Parks and Recreation, Log College pool.*
7. *Approves the use of District buses and transportation personnel by Archbishop Wood High School for the purpose of providing transportation services for “fan buses” to Hershey, Pennsylvania, on Friday, December 14, 2012. Personnel and fuel costs totaling approximately \$425.00 per bus will be reimbursed by Archbishop Wood High School.*
8. *Grants preliminary approval for a trip for William Tennent High School language students to Canada, June 24 – June 28, 2013. There is no cost to the District.*
10. *Approves the migration of McDonald Elementary School from the old building to the new building at the end of 2012-2013 school year, rather than the originally projected move on March 25, 2013. Accommodations will be made to provide students and school personnel access to an air conditioned environment in the new building in unusually hot weather.*
13. *Approves curriculum materials for reading, grades 6-8 to be ordered at a cost to the District not to exceed \$21,315 from funds allocated for the 2012-13 school year.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Motion passed 8-0-0.

Mrs. Huf read the following.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

6. *Approves the attached facility use waivers for:*
 - A. *St. Mary Medical Center, Kid Shape Program.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Mr. Hartline questioned the number of participants in the program. If we do not have significant participation it may not be worth granting a waiver. Mr. Hartline made a motion to table until the next Board meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Motion passed 8-0-0.

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Mr. Hartline read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

9. *WHEREAS, a world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today's schoolchildren; and*

WHEREAS, the Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts to almost all federal programs including education that would become effective January 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts would impact school districts during the 2013-14 school year, with the exception of the Impact Aid program, with which a reduction would become effective this school year; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts, also known as sequestration, would impact education by a reduction in funds of 8.2 percent or more and could result in larger class size, fewer course offerings, possible four-day school weeks, loss of extracurricular activities, and teacher and staff layoffs; and

WHEREAS, sequestration would impact almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and more; and

WHEREAS, Centennial School District, as well as other public schools, would be impacted nationwide by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss from just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants and Head Start – that serve a combined 30.7 million children; and

WHEREAS, federal fund for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011, and state and local funding for education continues to be impacted by budget cuts and lower local property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, states and local governments have very limited capacity to absorb further budget cuts from sequestration as Centennial School District has already implemented cuts commensurate to state and local budget conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Centennial School District urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.

Seconded by Mr. Miller.

After a short discussion, Mr. Miller and Mr. Hartline urged constituents to contact their congressman.

Motion passed 7-1-0.

Ms. Driban read the following:

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

11. Approves the alteration of the 2012-2013 Centennial School Calendar to declare the following dates as regular school days to accommodate the four instructional days lost to the hurricane: Monday, March 25; Wednesday, March 27; Thursday, March 28; and Monday, April 1. The District will be closed on Tuesday, March 26, in observance of Passover and Friday, March 29, in observance of Good Friday. Administration will ensure that the Child Nutrition Department provides options to accommodate dietary observances and will provide clear direction regarding assignment of homework, projects, and assessments. The teacher In-Lieu-of-Day, to have been held on Monday, March 25, will be rescheduled to the end of the 2012-2013 school year.
12. Approves an exception to CSD Policy, 3.24, Family Trips Scheduled During School Year to permit parents/guardians to omit the statement of educational benefit from the required request for approval of student absence for family trips during the previously scheduled spring break, which was to have been observed March 25 – April 1, 2013. Dates requested for this four-day time period will be considered lawful absences in addition to the three days permitted in policy; however, the requested days would still count toward the ten cumulative days of permissible lawful absence outlined in CSD Policy, 3.26, Student Attendance. Absence requests for family trips scheduled for March 25-April 1 that comply with the other requirements of Policy 3.24 will be considered lawful absences.

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Mr. Miller suggested that Administration address CEA and support staff trips scheduled during this time period on the January 11, 2013 agenda.

Dr. Pollock stated that family trips that were scheduled before December 11, 2012 would be affected by this resolution. Mr. Shafter made a motion to amend the resolution to state that family trips had to be scheduled before the Board resolution date of December 11.

Motion on the amendment passed 8-0-0.

Motion on the amended resolution passed 8-0-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Hartline to resolve that the Centennial School Board:

- *Approves all Personnel items: Resignations, Retirements, Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Tutors; Homebound Tutors; Mentors; Co-Curricular; Other Matters*

Motion passed 8-0-0.

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Mr. Hartline and seconded by Ms. Driban to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the:

- *Schedule of Bills, Investments, Cafeteria Fund Budget Report - November, 2012*
- *Student Activity/Clearing Fund – November, 2012*

and approves the:

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- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – November, 2012.*
- *Budgetary Transfers – November, 2012*

Motion passed 8-0-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Huf reported that the Education Committee met on November 26. On the agenda was Keystone Testing, Program of Studies – WTHS, and Comprehensive District Plan update. The next meeting will be on January 7, 2013.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hartline reported that the last Finance Committee meeting was on November 19. The highlights from that meeting included purchase of Talent Ed and ongoing financial reports and projections. The next meeting will be on Monday, December 17.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Driban stated that the Operations Committee was held on December 5 with an update of Region 1 Elementary School Project (Davis), Region 2 Elementary School Project (McDonald, School Calendar – Spring Break, discussion on roofing at Log College and Klinger Middle Schools, tennis courts at Log College, and School Bus Safety Competition. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

BUCKS COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LIAISON

No report.

BUCKS COUNTY SCHOOLS INTERMEDIATE UNIT #22

Mr. Hartline reported that the Intermediate Unit signed an agreement with Sharon Baker for grant writing services. The next meeting will be held in January, 2013.

PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Miller reported that Tom Gentzel, Executive Director, was leaving PSBA to take a position of Executive Director with NSBA. He also stated that two upcoming events in 2013 the Board may be interested in would be the Hot Topic Conference on April 6 in Penn State and the Spring Law Roundup on April 30 at the Montgomery IU.

MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS

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Mr. Adams mentioned that the boulders were still in place at the high school and wondered when they would be removed. Mr. Gretton stated that the Administration at the high school was deciding whether to keep them in place. Mr. Hartline suggested that gates could be installed in their place and open them only when there would be traffic personnel available during games and events.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ms. Driban read the schedule of Board Meetings/Calendar of Events.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Huf and seconded by Ms. Driban to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher M. Berdnik
Board Secretary

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