

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on February 12, 2013, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pollock at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were in attendance:

Steven Adams
Kati Driban
Michael Hartline
Elizabeth Huf

Jane Schrader Lynch
Mark B. Miller
Dr. Andrew Pollock
Charles Kleinschmidt

David Shafter was absent.

The following Administration members were in attendance at the meeting:

Dr. Jennifer Cressman
Joyce Mundy
Robert Reed

Dr. Susan Klyman
Andrea DiDio
William Gretton

Additional meeting attendees are listed on the attached sheet.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Pollock led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Pollock asked the audience to remain standing for a moment of silence for Dan Freeman, a 1979 Tennent graduate, on his recent passing.

GOOD NEWS!

Mr. Gretton read the Good News! for February 12, 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Robert Schrader gave a presentation on the EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program). The program provides companies with a 75 percent tax credit for donations to a non-profit scholarship program.

STUDENT REPORTS

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

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mr. Milton Santago, Southampton Knights coach, expressed an interest in the high school football coaching position which is vacant at this time. Dr. Cressman asked him to contact Ms. DiDio, Human Resource Director, for information regarding applying for the position.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Ms. Driban to approve the minutes of the:

Regular School Board Meeting – January 8, 2013

Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – January 22, 2013

Motion passed 8-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pollock asked if anyone would like to have any items pulled from consent agenda #1 through #28. The following items were pulled #2, #12, #19, #20, #27 and #28.

Mrs. Huf read the consent agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

1. *Accepts the Bucks County Intermediate Unit's 2013-2014 Programs & Services and Instructional Materials & Research Services Budget as attached.*
3. *Approves the 2013-2014 BJ's Wholesale Club Adopt A School Giving Plan Partnership Agreement with Willow Dale Elementary School.*
4. *Approves the Standard Contract for Services with Clarity Service Group as attached.*
5. *Grants final approval for a trip for William Tennent High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) participants to FBLA State Competition in Hershey, Pennsylvania, April 15-17, 2013. The cost to the District is \$9,016.00.*
6. *Grants final approval retroactively for a trip for the William Tennent High School PMEA Band participants to Upper Merion High School, January 24-26, 2013. The cost to the District is \$230.00*
7. *Grants final approval for a trip by the William Tennent High School JV cheerleaders to compete in the Mardi Gras National Cheer Competition in Hershey, Pennsylvania, March 8-10, 2013. The cost to the District is approximately \$200.00 for transportation to and from the event.*
8. *Grants preliminary approval for a trip by the William Tennent High School Key Club participants to Pennsylvania's Key Club State Leadership Convention in Hershey, Pennsylvania, March 8-10, 2013. The cost to the District is \$580.00.*

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9. *Approves retroactively the contract with Key Arts Productions, LLC, for an assembly at Log College Middle School on February 8, 2013. The cost to the District is \$950.00.*
10. *Grants preliminary approval for a trip by a William Tennent High School student to PMEA Region VI Band Festival at Council Rock North High School, March 7-9, 2013. The cost to the District is \$115.00.*
13. *Approves the Sunesys Metropolitan Area Network connection for Region 2 (McDonald) Elementary School at a cost to the District of \$12,000.00, per the attached.*
14. *Approves the award of the Cellular Services for the 2013-14 school year to Verizon as indicated on the schedule attached with the estimated cost so noted for a one-year contract with an option for years two and three based upon performance.*
15. *Approves Change Order #135 for the Davis Elementary School in the amount of \$23,000.00 to CHM Contracting LLC for tapered roof insulation not included in the architectural drawings.*
16. *Approves Change Order #24 in the amount of \$23,474.00 to Penn Builders, Inc. for a trash container lift at the McDonald Elementary School.*
17. *Approves the purchase of the Raptor visitor monitoring system for each of the district schools in the amount of \$9,600.00 whose low quote met the specifications requested by the District.*
18. *Authorizes Real Estate Counsel and the Business Administrator to secure real estate appraisals as per the attached proposals for pending appeals of significant value.*
21. *Approves a contract with the Center for Safe Schools to coordinate the review of safety procedures, policies and All Hazards Plan throughout the District at a fee not to exceed \$5,000.00. District will pursue governmental grants to defray the expenditure, as available.*
22. *Approves the volunteer service of community members, Anthony Rudy and Juliette Punchello, on the Citizens' Policy Committee for a three-year commitment through 2016.*
23. *Approves the volunteer services of community members David Weidner, Terri Sparango, David Beamer, Jason Croley and Paul Rokuskie, on the Ad Hoc Committee for District Property through November 2013.*
24. *Approves the volunteer service of community members Nicole McPhillips, Dena Criss, Patricia Nelson, George Slook and Lakshmi Kottamasu, on the Act 48 Committee through June 2013.*
25. *Approves the award for the Technology Audit to the Bucks County Intermediate Unit. The audit will be conducted at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. The summary of proposals received to perform this engagement is attached.*
26. *Grants preliminary approval for a trip for William Tennent High School PMEA Regional VI Choir Festival participants to Ridley High School, March 21-23, 2013. The cost to the District is \$250.00.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Motion passed 8-0-0.

Mr. Hartline read:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

- 2. Adopts the preliminary budget in the amount of \$102,036,170.00 and authorizes the preparation and submission of any and all such forms and documents as are necessary to effectuate this resolution.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Mrs. Lynch inquired as to why we are approving the preliminary budget again. Mr. Hartline stated that the first approval was to advertise the preliminary general fund budget, this approval provides the District the authority to submit the preliminary general fund budget to the State.

Mr. Miller informed the public that the budget cannot be increased above the amount approved, but it can be reduced before the final budget is approved.

Motion passed 8-0-0.

Mrs. Huf read:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

- 11. Approves an exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status, for Student 3-18 to attend Willow Dale Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year. The parents will provide transportation.*

Seconded by Mr. Hartline.

Ms. Driban asked that the Board go into executive session to discuss this request. After a short discussion, Dr. Pollock asked Mrs. Huf to read item #12.

Mrs. Huf read:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

- 12. Approves an exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status, for student 3-3 to attend McDonald Elementary School for the balance of the 2012-2013 school year.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

The Board went into Execution Session at 8:01 p.m.

Dr. Pollock reconvened the Board meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Motion on #11 passed 8-0-0.

Motion on #12 defeated 0-8-0.

Mr. Hartline read:

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19. Adopts a fee schedule for groups visiting the William Tennent 21st Century Learning Lab.

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Mrs. Lynch stated that the proposal was ambiguous and she made a motion to table the resolution back to Administration for further consideration and clarification.

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Motion passed 8-0-0.

Mrs. Driban suggested that this proposal be linked to Policy 6.2.

Mrs. Lynch stated that as long as she sees it before it comes before the Board for approval she would agree.

Mrs. Driban read:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD

20. Approves the Data Center Uninterruptible Power Supply Bid No. 2013-10 and awards same to Core BTS for a total cost not to exceed \$113,000.00.

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Ms. Driban asked that this resolution be tabled. She could not see the justification for this purchase.

Mr. Hartline stated he was concerned that the current equipment is running above the capacity that it should be.

Mr. Kleinschmidt was concerned that the current equipment was running beyond its capacity at over 90%. The concern he has is that it is a greater risk to not purchase this equipment now.

Mr. Miller stated that the current equipment was installed in 2008 with a life expectancy of 15 to 20 years. It is only five years old and the equipment needs to be replaced and we are looking to buy from the same vendor.

Roll call vote to table:

Dr. Pollock	No
Mr. Adams	No
Ms. Driban	Yes
Mr. Hartline	No
Mrs. Huf	Yes
Ms. Kleinschmidt	No
Mrs. Lynch	Yes
Mr. Miller	Yes

Motion to table failed 4-4-0.

After further discussion, Dr. Cressman stated that the equipment was originally purchased without the capacity that we need at this time. The system did not fail, Mr. Reed stated that the batteries failed. The system is at 90% capacity and it did not make sense to buy batteries for a system which is over capacity now.

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Mr. Adams stated that he felt that any and all questions were discussed and answered in the Operations Committee meeting.

Mr. Miller asked that he be shown where this purchase is necessary.

Mr. Kleinschmidt stated that the District was fortunate that the bidder passed on the discount for the equipment from the PPepm price. Mr. Kleinschmidt supported moving this resolution forward.

Mrs. Lynch asked if Ms. Driban’s questions had been answered.

Ms. Driban asked if a second unit could be brought in to reduce the costs.

Mr. Reed stated that the District did consider a second unit. We would end up with two systems, and we would have to make sure we kept each unit in balance.

Mrs. Huf did not support purchasing a second unit.

Mr. Miller made a motion to amend the original motion to handle the disposition of the old equipment separately.

Seconded by Ms. Driban

Dr. Pollock asked for a roll call vote on the amended motion.

Mr. Adams	No
Ms. Driban	Yes
Mr. Hartline	Yes
Mrs. Huf	No
Mr. Kleinschmidt	No
Mrs. Lynch	No
Mr. Miller	Yes
Dr. Pollock	No

Amended motion failed 5-3-0.

Dr. Pollock asked for a roll call vote on the original motion.

Ms. Driban	No
Mr. Hartline	Yes
Mrs. Huf	Yes
Mr. Kleinschmidt	Yes
Mrs. Lynch	Yes
Mr. Miller	No
Dr. Pollock	Yes
Mr. Adams	Yes

Motion passed 6-2-0.

Ms. Driban read

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

27. *Approves the contract with Stanley Security Systems to install three (3) door security systems at the Administration Center at a cost of \$9,850.00, which is the low quote that met the specifications for the three access doors.*

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Ms. Driban stated that she was confused as to the backup provided and why this request did not go through Committee.

Dr. Cressman replied that this purchase was to bring the Administration up to par with the other security systems in the other District buildings. The system currently in the Administration building failed and the District wanted to make sure that all District employees work in a safe environment. The District was looking for a more comprehensive system to encompass all access points.

Motion passed 8-0-0.

Mr. Miller read:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD

28. ***A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO URGE THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE REFORM TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE PENSION REFORM TO REDUCE PROJECTED COSTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TAXPAYERS OVER THE NEXT THREE DECADES, WHILE MAINTAINING AN APPROPRIATE PENSION BENEFIT FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.***

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, Centennial School District participates in the Pennsylvania Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS) for its professional employees, administrators and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Public School Employees Retirement System has increased the employer contribution rate from 5.64% in 2010-11 to 16.93% for the 2013-14 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, this escalation represents a threefold increase over the last 3 years; and

WHEREAS, the employer contribution rate to PSERS is projected to continue to increase over the next 21 years, reaching a rate of 31.43% in 2034-35, and will continue to exceed 30% for a total of 17 years, then remain in double digits for an additional 9 years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the increases in employer contribution shown in Centennial School District's expenditures for the past five years reflect extraordinary costs that were borne by its local taxpayers as follows: and

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>District Expenditures (\$)</i>
2008-09	2,293,852
2009-10	2,465,573
2010-11	2,852,255
2011-12	4,320,163
2012-13	6,329,216
Total:	18,261,059

WHEREAS, the increases in the employer contribution shown in Centennial School District's projected expenditures for the next five years reflect extraordinary costs that will result in further need to require local taxpayers to sustain the higher costs as follows: and

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>District Projected Expenditures (\$)</i>
2013-14	8,813,352
2014-15	11,318,463
2015-16	13,922,694
2016-17	15,494,168
2017-18	16,278,732
Total:	65,827,409

WHEREAS, meaningful solutions to these problems must involve identifying other funding sources for PSERS, actuarially appropriate adjustments to amortization of gains and losses, limitations of eligibility, adjustment of benefit levels, and examining the possibility of adoption of a hybrid pension plan that would reduce employer costs over time.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that WE, the Board of School Directors of the Centennial School District calls upon the General Assembly to begin immediate consideration of school employee pension reform to reduce projected costs to school districts and taxpayers over the next three decades, while maintaining an appropriate pension benefit for school employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Centennial School District Board of School Directors also calls on the General Assembly to consider the creation of a hybrid pension system consisting of defined benefit and defined contribution for school employees as a potential solution, without transferring the burden to future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution submitted to the elected senators and representatives of the Centennial School District in the General Assembly, and to the Governor of The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Seconded by Mrs. Lynch.

Motion passed 8-0-0.

Mr. Miller thanked Mrs. Lynch for suggesting the resolution and Mrs. Lynch thanked Mr. Miller for writing an eloquent resolution.

PERSONNEL

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

- *Approves all Personnel items: Resignations, Retirements, Terminations, Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Change of Status; Per Diem Substitute Professional Staff; Substitute Support Staff; Curriculum Resource Team Members; Co-Curricular.*

Mrs. Lynch, on behalf of the School Board, thanked Mrs. Nancy Ring for her years of service to the District and wished her well on her retirement.

Motion passed 8-0-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Ms. Driban stated that the list of Policies on the agenda were for initial distribution only. She asked that the Board review and send questions to Dr. Cressman so that the Policy Committee can review before the policies come before the Board for discussion. The District's solicitor has reviewed the policies.

Initial Distribution:

- Policy 000. Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations
- Policy 001. Name and Classifications
- Policy 002. Authority and Powers
- Policy 003. Functions
- Policy 004. Membership
- Policy 005. Organization
- Policy 005.1 Duties of Board Officers
- Policy 005.2 Board Committees
- Policy 006 Meetings
- Policy 006.1 Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications
- Policy 007. Policy Manual Access
- Policy 008. Organization Chart
- Policy 011. Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct
- Policy 012. Board Development
- Policy 610. Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation

Mr. Miller asked why the red-lined version of the policies was not included in the back-up.

Dr. Cressman replied that the District solicitor had reviewed the policies and she is confident that nothing was eliminated from the new policies from the old policies. Each policy is more comprehensive than what the District had in the past.

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 – January 2013*
- *Student Activity/Clearing Fund – October to December 2012*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – January, 2013*
- *Budgetary Transfers – January 2013*

Motion passed 8-0-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mrs. Lynch clarified that the anonymous letter she had referred at the prior meeting was to all Directors, and identified several directors and administrators.

REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lynch reported that the meeting for January 28, was postponed and the next meeting will be on Monday, February 25. The meeting for March will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2013.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hartline reported that the last Finance Committee meeting was on February 11. The meeting was an informational meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, March 18, 2013.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Driban stated that every action item was on the agenda tonight and the next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6, 2013.

BUCKS COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LIAISON

Mrs. Lynch stated that the Governor's budget represents an increase for basic education.

BUCKS COUNTY SCHOOLS INTERMEDIATE UNIT #22

Mr. Hartline stated that the IU welcomed two new members, Steven Korn, Central Bucks School District and Kurt Zanders, New Hope Solebury School District. Approved the 2013-2014 budget, reapproved the Montage Contract, renewed a few of their leases, and approved the Cooperative Purchase Group which Centennial is a member. The IU will be replacing their VOIP for a total of \$380,000.00. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Miller stated that tomorrow PSBA will be receiving a copy of the resolution approved this evening. He also stated that PSBA was grateful that the Governor did not reduce the basic education funding.

MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Mrs. Huf reported that Mr. Michael McCombs was recently inducted into the American Culinary Federation Academy of Chefs, reviewed the proposed budget for 2013-14, had a presentation by Tangent Energy Solutions, and at the student skills competition Centennial students took home 36 medals.

Ms. Driban stated that she would like to see our students attending MBIT recognized in the Good News to the Board.

Mr. Kleinschmidt stated that 36 out of 57 medals were awarded to Centennial students.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Adams recognized Mr. Miller and his adeptness in representing the District at the NSBA meeting held in Washington in January.

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. Driban and seconded by Mrs. Huf to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher M. Berdnik
Board Secretary

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING

Date 2/12/2013

Please print clearly. Thank you.

Name	Address	Organization
Amanda Peterson	MBIT	MMT
Cera Garner	MBIT	MMT
Joel Zorowitz	MBIT	MMT
Shawn Mark	Fairless Hills, PA	Holy Family Univ.
Ray Bicket	Holland, PA.	none
Maureen Bicket	Holland, PA.	—
Joseph Lawley	Chocoma, PA	
Laura Branmen	c/o Klingner MS	Builders Club
Betsy Mullen	Warminster, PA	
Joe Mullen	Warminster, PA	
Marie Pickford	Chalfont, PA	
Tim Pickford	Southampton, PA	
Laura Pickford	Southampton, PA	
Caspy Pickford	Southampton, PA	
Grace Pickford	Southampton, PA	Student - Davis
Tara Goldberg	Southampton, PA	Student - Davis
Miniam Abreu		Mom
Sophy Abreu	Southampton.	Student Klingner
Robert Abreu		Dad.
The Reeds	Warminster PA	Student - Mom
The Dowlings	Warminster PA	Student + Mom
E. Prause	WTHS	Key Club
S. Melvin	WTHS	Key Club
Ann Marie, D. & Ned Lippa	WTHS, Pa.	

