

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on November 13, 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	Jane Schrader Lynch
Kati Driban	Mark B. Miller
Michael Hartline	Dr. Andrew Pollock
Elizabeth Huf	David Shafter
Charles Kleinschmidt	

The following Administration members were in attendance at the meeting:

Dr. Jennifer Cressman	Dr. Susan Klyman
Christopher Berdnik	Wayne Robinson
Joyce Mundy	Andrea DiDio

Additional meeting attendees are listed on the attached sheet.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Driban thanked all the Veterans for their service to their families and country.

Mrs. Lynch read an article from the Warminster Patch on the kindness of the WTHS students in the Centennial School District for donating used blankets and towels to the Wet Nose Rescue Operation to give foster dogs a warm bed.

Mr. Kleinschmidt reminded the public that artwork was on display at the Michener Museum from Log College and Klinger students.

Mrs. Lynch, Centennial School District and the Centennial School Board would welcome used coats/clothes to share with victims of Hurricane Sandy. The deadline is November 20, 2012. Donations may be dropped off at Davis, McDonald and Willow Dale libraries. Mrs. Lynch also thanked Mr. Hartline and Mr. Miller for donating their vehicles and time.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Robert Schrader presented a power-point presentation featuring the Centennial Education Foundation outlining the many areas the Centennial Education Foundation supports the school district throughout the year through fundraising and awarding of mini-grants to the teachers in the District to supplement their teaching opportunities throughout the year.

Mr. Schrader explained the CEF Educational Improvement Tax Credit Award Program. Mr. Phillips presented the School Board a check for \$27,600 toward the Math Enrichment Program.

Dr. Cressman shared a letter she sent out to the staff of Centennial School District in recognition of American Education Week thanking the staff for their work and dedication.

GOOD NEWS!

Dr. Cressman read the Good News! for November 13, 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

None.

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: 2, 8, 9 and 10.

Mrs. Huf read the consent agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

- 1. Grants preliminary approval for a trip for William Tennent High School German Language students to Diamond Ridge Conference Center in Jamison, Pennsylvania, March 15-16, 2013. There is no cost to the District.*
- 3. Approves the attached standard contract with Kitty Jones to provide One Room Schoolhouse, Pocahontas' Vision Quest, and Colonial Life assemblies at McDonald Elementary School on January 14, 2013 and January 15, 2013, at a cost of \$1,800.00 to the District.*
- 4. Approves the overnight conference request for the 27th Annual PASPA Conference in Hershey, PA, cost to the District \$747.82.*

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5. *Approves the Student Internship Agreement with Ann’s Choice, Inc., as attached.*
6. *Approves the Act 48 Program Agreement with Buxmont Academy, as attached.*
7. *Approves and adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Remedy of the Board, as drafted by Kenneth A. Roos, Esquire, Specially Appointed Counsel representing the Board of School Directors and Hearing Officer in this matter. As a result, Joan Schorn, a non-professional employee of the District, is hereby terminated.*
11. *Approves the Release and Settlement Agreement for Student 19-2.*
12. *Approves the attached overnight conference request at a cost to the District of \$440.00.*
13. *Approves the appointment of Warminster resident Scott Huber to a three-year term on the Citizens’ Policy Committee.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Motion passed 9-0-0.

Mrs. Huf read the following.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

2. *Approves the attached overnight conference request at a cost to the District of \$2,770.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Mr. Miller stated he will be supporting the program, but he had seen a lot of flyers from AASA and NEA with scholarships for this program and maybe the District would be able to apply for the scholarships in the coming months.

Motion passed 9-0-0.

Mrs. Huf read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

8. *Approves the hosting of a “Recycle Day” activity in conjunction with E-Waste Experts, Bristol, PA at William Tennent High School on Saturday, November 17, 2012 to provide the community with an opportunity to recycle electronic equipment and supplies that otherwise require special handling.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Mr. Hartline made an inquiry as to the backup provided. The Board did not receive a copy of the contract, proof of insurance, which District employees would be required to assist and whether we need Warminster Township approval. Mr. Hartline further stated that the Board only had three days notice of when the event was to occur, would like a longer timeframe to advertise.

After a short discussion, Mr. Miller made a motion to direct Administration to send back to Committee for additional information and discussion.

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Dr. Pollock asked for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Shafter</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Kleinschmidt</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Adams</i>	<i>No</i>

Motion passed 7-2-0.

Mrs. Huf read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

9. Approves the purchase of E-mail Archiving Equipment and Storage space from DataCove GT/2000 in the amount of \$9,795.00 as per the attached quote (375634).

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Mr. Miller stated that the Board did not have an opportunity to discuss in regards to overall management of e-mail. Mr. Miller had several concerns regarding how this program would integrate with Sophos: 1) filtering in/out of District and spam coming in; 2) security.

Ms. Driban stated that she recommended the resolution come to the full board not knowing that Mr. Gretton and Mr. Reed would not be available to answer questions. Ms. Driban made a motion to return to Committee for lack of information and discussion.

Mr. Miller seconded.

Dr. Cressman made the Board aware that the quotation would come back with a higher price. Mr. Berdnik stated that this is an archival solution; absent a fix, we run the risk of being non-compliant.

Mr. Kleinschmidt stated that this is a stand alone system and e-mail will be archived on a daily basis.

Dr. Pollock asked for a roll call vote to send back to Committee.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Shafter</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Kleinschmidt</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Adams</i>	<i>No</i>

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Mrs. Huf *No*

Motion failed 2-7-0.

Dr. Pollock asked for a roll call vote on Agenda item #9.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Shafter</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Kleinschmidt</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Adams</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion passed 7-2-0.

Mrs. Huf read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

10. Approves an exception to Policy 7.10, Transportation, for students 10-3 and 13-3, as attached.

Mr. Hartline seconded.

Dr. Cressman stated that Administration would not be recommending this request as there are many families in the District that face the same challenge and would create a considerable change in practice.

Mr. Miller asked what the request was.

Dr. Cressman stated that the reason for the request was attached.

Mr. Caime and Mrs. Caime, parents, asked that they speak to the Board in private in regards to their child's medical issues.

The Board went into Executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 8:20 p.m.

Mr. Miller inquired how many students were in the similar situation. Mr. Robinson indicated that there were 50 families in the District.

Mr. Miller also inquired whether there was a bus in the area to accommodate the request. Mr. Robinson stated that the District could accommodate if the Board approved.

Dr. Pollock asked for roll call vote on Agenda item #10:

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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<i>Mr. Shafter</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Kleinshmidt</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Adams</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion failed 4-5-0.

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; Change of Status; Other Matters; Per Diem Substitute Professional Staff; Curriculum Resource Team Members; Co-Curricular; Revision of the Support Staff Agreement; Mentor*

Motion passed 9-0-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Mrs. Driban stated that the following policies were for initial Distribution:

- Policy 000, Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations
- Policy 001, Name and Classification
- Policy 002, Authority and Powers
- Policy 003, Functions
- Policy 004, Membership
- Policy 005, Organization

Mrs. Driban stated that the following policies were for Review:

- Policy 146, Student Services
- Policy 207, Confidential
- Policy 807, Opening Exercises/Flag Displays

In the future the Policy Committee would like to provide a comparison sheet to the Board showing the differences between the PSBA Policy and the prior Centennial School District Policy.

The policies for review are policies that Centennial School District does not currently have and the District must have for our Comprehensive Plan.

Mrs. Lynch stated she had no problems with the three policies presented for review.

Mr. Miller would like Administration to provide regulations that apply to these policies before they are approved. Dr. Cressman stated that PSBA is currently developing the Administrative Regulations and she will ask if they can have the regulations available to the Board before final approval on November 25.

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Ms. Driban stated that the Policy Committee plans to fast track the policies at a rate of six to ten policies per meeting for initial distribution and approval. Mr. Miller asked that Administration resend to the Board the meeting dates for the Policy Committee.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she was under the impression that we paid PSBA to develop the policies for Centennial School District. Why did we pay \$10,000 plus if we have to review the policies anyway? Dr. Pollock stated that PSBA did their job and members of the Board wished to review the policies through Committee.

Mr. Shafter made a motion to pass all of the policies from PSBA at one time. [Dr. Pollock turned the meeting over to Mrs. Huf].

Dr. Pollock seconded the motion.

Mr. Miller asked to call the question.

Mrs. Lynch seconded.

After a discussion by the Board, Mrs. Huf asked for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Adams</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Shafter</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Kleinschmidt</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion passed 7-2-0.

Ms. Driban stated that if the policies are approved in its entirety it would be a disservice to the Community for not having a chance to review the policies.

Mrs. Lynch reiterated that the District had approved PSBA to develop the policies and we would also have an opportunity to review the policies and make changes if need be.

Mr. Shafter requested to amend his original motion to implement Mr. Miller suggestion that we have initial distribution, review and approval process over three meetings.

Dr. Pollock seconded the amended motion.

Mrs. Huf asked for a roll vote.

A roll call was taken as follows:

<i>Mr. Kleinschmidt</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>No</i>

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<i>Mr. Adams</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Shafter</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Roll call vote passed 5-4-0.

After further discussion, Mr. Miller stated that his intention was not to vote on all of the policies over three meetings, but to follow the Administration's initial plan of approval over a period of time.

Dr. Pollock asked to call the motion.

Mr. Shafter stated that passing the policies the District would have a complete set of policies to be in compliance and at a later date if a policy needs to be reviewed and changed it can be done.

Ms. Driban stated that the Board was stripping the Community of its right to review the policies by approving the policies in bulk without Administrative regulations in place.

Dr. Cressman stated that the Board would receive two documents: the Policy and Administrative Regulations.

Mr. Shafter seconded Dr. Pollock's call of the question.

Mrs. Huf asked for a roll call to vote to call the question.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Shafter</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Kleinschmidt</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Adams</i>	<i>No</i>

Roll call vote failed 7-2-0.

[Mrs. Huf returned presiding over the meeting to Dr. Pollock.]

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 – July 1 through September 30, 2012*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – October, 2012.*

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- *Budgetary Transfers – November, 2012*

Motion passed 9-0-0.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mr. Paul Hatton, accompanied by his dog Shannon, 520 Wayne Drive, Southampton, stated that he was involved with Roxy Reading which is a certified pet therapy team. He would like to try this on a trial basis in Centennial's second to sixth grade classrooms. This program encourages children to read making it a fun experience.

Dr. Cressman stated that she would like to take the program to Committee and would contact Mr. Hatton with any decision or additional information needed.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mr. Shafter stated that he would like to make another motion on Agenda item #10, Transportation exception. Dr. Pollock stated that he was out of order because it could not be brought up in the same night it was voted on. It would have to be brought to the Board by someone who voted the opposite way. Dr. Pollock ruled out of order. Mr. Miller asked to hear the motion. Dr. Pollock stated that he could make a motion to overrule the motion not to hear the motion.

Mr. Miller made a motion to override the chairs decision not to hear the motion.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Shafter</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Kleinschmidt</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Adams</i>	<i>No</i>

Motion failed 2-7-0.

REPORTS

EDUCATON COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lynch reported that the Education Committee met on October 22. At the meeting they had highlights of the Madrigal singers, Planetarium Rollout, Comprehensive District Plan, Curriculum materials and PSSA building level data. The Committee expects to have a full report in January. The next meeting will be on November 26.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hartline reported that the last Finance Committee meeting was on October 15. The highlights from that meeting included updated PlanCon information, PDE financial recovery early warning system data

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collection, construction status update and ongoing financial reports and projections. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 19.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Driban stated that the Operations Committee was cancelled and the next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 5.

BUCKS COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LIAISON

Mrs. Lynch stated the House will reconvene on November 14.

BUCKS COUNTY SCHOOLS INTERMEDIATE UNIT #22

Mr. Hartline reported that the Intermediate Unit approved a lease with Centennial School District for Davis Elementary school which would mean approximately \$600,000 to the District.

The next meeting will be held on November 20.

PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Miller reported as an officer of PSBA stating that the dues will remain the same for 2013-14 as they were in 2012-13. He also thanked all the voters who Stood Up for Public Education in the election by supporting candidates who agreed with the PSBA platform on Charter Schools.

MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Mrs. Huf reported that the last meeting was held on Monday, November 12. Mrs. Huf stated that the preliminary budget for 2013-14 was approved which will be finalized at MBIT in February, 2013. The December meeting was cancelled.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Adams announced that Mr. Catarro ran Career Day at William Tennent High School. Mr. Catarro did a great job.

Mr. Hartline reported that the Alumni Fun Day will be held on Friday, November 23 at William Tennent High School.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mr. Hartline read the schedule of Board Meetings/Calendar of Events.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Driban and seconded by Mr. Hartline to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher M. Berdnik
Board Secretary

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