

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD JANUARY 8, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on January 8, 2013, 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 and asked the audience to remain standing for a moment of silence for former teacher, Eugene Price and former coach, Steve Turok on their recent passing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Rob Bernstein from Foundations Community Partnership, presented a \$10,000 grant entitled, “Service Learning and Community Based Instruction,” to Mr. Al Catarro, William Tennent High School teacher. The grant will expand Centennial’s community outreach by providing funding for transportation, job coaching, and technology, to our Career Work Experience program.

GOOD NEWS!

Mr. Gretton read the Good News! for January 8, 2013.

STUDENT REPORTS

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Mr. Kurnat, 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 stated that there was an additional item that was added to the agenda, which would be presented before the original agenda resolutions.

Ms. Driban read:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

1. Approves the appointment of Dennis Best as the new Principal of William Tennent High School. Mr. Best's appointment will begin after the permanent positions of Assistant Principal and Principal of Klinger Middle School have been filled.

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Mr. Adams welcomed Mr. Best.

Dr. Cressman welcomed Mr. Best on behalf of the Administrative team and the staff of Centennial School District.

Motion passed 9-0-0.

Mr. Best thanked the Board and the committee for their confidence.

Mrs. Lynch thanked Dr. Stevenson for the job she has done as interim Principal at William Tennent High School.

Dr. Pollock asked if anyone would like to have any items pulled from consent agenda 1 through 20. The following items were pulled: #1 and #20. Mr. Miller asked the language on item #19 be changed from approves to request.

Dr. Cressman asked to advance agenda item #20 to the top of the agenda.

Dr. Cressman read:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

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20. *WHEREAS, the role of locally elected school officials has served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and local communities in meeting the needs of public education since the passage of the Free School Act in 1834; and*

WHEREAS, these local boards have discharged their responsibilities to public education in a manner which has placed public education in the forefront of our educational systems; and

WHEREAS, locally elected officials have distinguished themselves and their communities in this nonpaid, volunteer public service commitment; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of these men and women should be recognized and appreciated by those who benefit from the workings of our public school system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association hereby proclaims the month of January as School Director Recognition Month in this commonwealth; and

FURTHER RESOLVE that this proclamation be communicated to all school districts, school officials and local communities in a planned program which brings visibility and awareness of the role of locally elected school officials to the citizenry of this commonwealth.

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Motion passed 9-0-0.

Mrs. Huf read the consent agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

2. *Approves the Release and Settlement Agreement for student 10-8.*
3. *Accepts the Performance Audit Report of the Pennsylvania Auditor General's Office for the time period of June 12, 2009 through August 5, 2011.*
4. *Approves the use of up to three school district buses to be used in the Montgomery/Bucks Bus Roadeo competition for the pre-trip inspection testing at a cost to the district of approximately \$200.*
5. *Approves the change orders for the McDonald Elementary School project in the amounts of \$13,494.19 to increase electric feeder size and \$30,280.00 (reimbursed by contractor) to replace damaged heat pumps.*
6. *Grants final approval for a trip by the William Tennent High School cheerleaders to compete in the National High School Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, Florida, February 8-11, 2013. The cost to the District is approximately \$200.00 for transportation to and from the airport.*
7. *Approves the attached overnight conference request at an approximate cost to the District of \$96.00.*
8. *Grants final approval for a trip for William Tennent High School German Language students to Jamison, Pennsylvania, March 15-16, 2013. There is no cost to the District.*
9. *Grants final approval for a trip for William Tennent High School student foreign travel to Germany, June 24-July 19, 2013. There is not cost to the District.*

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10. *Grants final 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.*
11. *Grants preliminary approval for a trip for William Tennent High School PMEA Choral participants to Hatboro-Horsham High School, February 6-8, 2013. The cost to the District is \$440.00.*
12. *Approves the attached overnight conference request at an approximate cost to the District of \$951.00.*
13. *Approves an exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status, for Student 1-13 to attend McDonald Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year. The parent is requesting transportation to be provided.*
14. *Approves the attached standard contract with Camfel Productions to provide The Pledge Elementary assembly at Willow Dale Elementary School on April 17, 2013 at a cost of \$745.00 to the District.*
15. *Approves the Standard Contract for Services with Wordsworth Academy as attached.*
16. *Deny waiver of penalties per attached.*
17. *Approve change order to Bid number 2013-04, Fencing Installation, Centennial School District Bus Garage.*
18. *Approves, retroactively, the curriculum materials expenditure of \$38,000 for the 2012-2013 school year for the Intensive Learning Support, Life Skills and Autistic Support classes as presented to the Education Committee on January 7, 2013.*
19. *Requests the approval of curriculum materials expenditure of \$65,000 for the 2013-2014 school year for the Intensive Learning Support, Life Skills and autistic Support classes as presented to the Education Committee on January 7, 2013.*

Seconded by Ms. Driban.

Motion passed 9-0-0 for all items except 18.

Motion passed 8-0-1 for item 18. [Mr. Miller abstained due to purchase was in violation of purchasing policy.]

Mrs. Lynch read:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

1. *Approves the changes to the William Tennent High School 2013-2014 Program of Studies.*

Seconded by Mrs. Huf.

Mr. Shafter questioned why the class rankings do not appear on transcripts on page 14. Dr. Mundy stated that decision was made more than two years ago. There are more accurate methods to evaluate rankings.

Mr. Shafter questioned why there was a material fee for the arts students. Dr. Cressman asked that there be a discussion in the future to address the material fee.

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Motion passed 9-0-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf to approve all items except number 6 under Resignations; Retirements, Leaves of Absence and seconded by Mr. Hartline to resolve that the Centennial School Board:

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

Motion passed 9-0-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:23, meeting resumed at 8:28 p.m.

After a short discussion, Mrs. Huf made a motion to approve item #6 under Resignations, Retirements, Leaves of Absence.

Seconded by Mr. Hartline.

Motion passed 9-0-0.

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 December, 2012*
- *Student Activity/Clearing Fund December 2012*

and approves the:

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

Motion passed 9-0-0.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Ms. Driban to change the December 3, 2012 to read Reorganization Meeting and approves the minutes of the:

*Regular School Board Meeting – November 13, 2012
Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – November 27 2012
Reorganization Meeting – December 3, 2012
Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – December 11, 2012*

Motion passed 9-0-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mrs. Lynch made a request to the Board to extend the deadline of the Ad Hoc Committee for Land Usage until the end of November 2013. Mr. Miller seconded.

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Motion passed 9-0-0.

Mr. Adams stated that the committee was exploring vacant property, property not in use, the Hart School, tennis courts, and the future of the Administration Building within the District.

REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lynch reported that the Education Committee met on January 7, 2013. The highlights of the meeting included the Program of Studies, Diverse Learner, presented Dr. Klyman and her team, Everyday Math Parent Workshop, and Gifted Parent Forum. The next Committee meeting will be on Monday, January 28, 2013.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hartline reported that the last Finance Committee meeting was on December 17, 2012. The highlights from that meeting included updated PSERS rate information, budgetary calendar update which includes the preliminary budget being presented at the next meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Driban stated that the Operations Committee next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

BUCKS COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LIAISON

No report.

BUCKS COUNTY SCHOOLS INTERMEDIATE UNIT #22

No report. The next meeting will be on January 15, 2013.

PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Miller reported that Michelle Rhee, Founder of Students First, gave Pennsylvania a D+ grade.

MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Mrs. Huf reported that the next meeting will be on Monday, January 14, 2013.

COMMUNICATIONS

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 9-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Christopher M. Berdnik
Board Secretary

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