

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 25, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A Work Session/Regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on November 25, 2008, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mueller at 7:03 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Betty Huf
Jane Schrader Lynch
Cynthia Mueller
Dr. Andrew Pollock
Thomas Reinboth
Joseph Simpson
Mark Miller [arrived at 7:21 p.m.]

[Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Hezel were absent from the meeting.]

CEA/Teachers:

None

Administration:

Dr. Jennifer Foight-Cressman
Sandy Homel
Victor Lasher

Public:

Kyle Hahn
Megan Sanders
Jessica Rodgers
Mike Nanno
Andrew Dornblazer
Mark Koursouradis
Logan Clare
Taylor Meacham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Mueller announced that Mr. Miller had called and advised that he was running late for this meeting. Also, Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Hezel would not be present at this meeting.

Mrs. Mueller stated that Mr. Hezel had attended the Tennent play “Wake Up, Darling” the past weekend and that it was wonderful. He congratulated everyone involved.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

GOOD NEWS

Mrs. Homel presented the Good News Report (see attached.)

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Reinboth to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the Minutes of the:

- *Education Committee – October 22, 2008*
- *Finance Committee – October 20, 2008*
- *Operations Committee – October 7, 2008*

The motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Preliminary Approval for the WTHS Students' Trip to Jamison, PA

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary approval for a trip by the William Tennent High School German students to Jamison, PA for the Delaware Valley Deutschfest, March 13-14, 2009. The cost to the District is \$100.00 for bus transportation.

The motion passed 6-0.

2. Final Approval for trip by WTHS Girls' Basketball Team to Punxsutawney, PA

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for a trip by the William Tennent High School Girls Basketball team to the Holiday Tournament in Punxsutawney, PA, December 28 – 30, 2008. There is no cost to the District.

The motion passed 6-0.

3. Final Approval for Trip by WTHS Students to Germany

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Reinboth to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for a trip by William Tennent High School students to Germany, June 25, 2009 – July 16, 2009. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$150.00 for bus transportation to and from the airport.

The motion passed 6-0.

4. Final Approval for Trip by WTHS Marching Band to Florida

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Simpson to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for a trip by the William Tennent High School Marching Band to Orlando, Florida, February 13-17, 2009. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$100.00 for a substitute teacher.

The motion passed 6-0.

5. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Weather Vane Chiropractic

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the District and Weather Vane Chiropractic P.C. with respect to the Golf Cart Signage Rights for the William Tennent High School Alumni Stadium from November 3, 2008 through November 2, 2009 at the agreed upon fee of \$1,000.

The motion passed 6-0.

6. Permission to Accept State/Competitive Grants

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board requests permission to accept the following state/competitive grants:

Classrooms for the Future grant in the amount of \$188,223

Dual Enrollment grant in the amount of \$2,712.90

Title I Parent Involvement Mini-Grants in the amount of \$500 for each Title I elementary school for a total of \$2,500

The motion passed 6-0.

7. Permission to Accept Federal/Entitlement Grants

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board requests permission to accept the following federal/entitlement grants:

Title I grant in the amount of \$912,403

Title II-A Class Size Reduction grant in the amount of \$255,366

Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities grant in the amount of \$18,501

The motion passed 6-0.

8. Permission to Apply for Private/Competitive Grant

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board requests permission to apply for the following private/competitive grant:

Target Stores 2008 Field Trip grant in the amount of \$800.00

The motion passed 6-0.

9. Permission to Apply for State/Competitive Grant

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to resolve that the Centennial School Board requests permission to apply for the following state/competitive grant:

Inclusive Practices mini-grant in the amount of \$5,000 to \$7,500 per district for two schools – Davis and Stackpole Elementary

The motion passed 6-0.

10. Permission to Apply for Federal/Entitlement Grant

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to resolve that the Centennial School Board requests permission to apply for the following federal/entitlement grant:

Title III Language Instruction of Limited English Proficient Students in the amount of \$40,975

The motion passed 6-0.

11. Approval of Facility Use Waiver

A motion was made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the facility use waiver application for Warminster Soccer Club for Sunday use of William Tennent High School gym on February 8, 2009 for weekend indoor soccer tournament. There is no cost to the District.

The motion passed 6-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves all personnel recommendations, as follows: Resignations/Retirements/Terminations/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Substitute Support Staff; Substitute Bus Drivers/Trainees; Mentors; and Co-Curricular.

The motion passed 6-0.

POLICIES

Initial Distribution:

Mrs. Huf noted the following policies for initial distribution:

- 3.17 – Bullying
- 6.7 – Business Affiliations
- 3.6 – Student Records

Dr. Pollock felt that Policy 3.6 was one that the Board should move as soon as possible. Mrs. Mueller encouraged Board members to take a close look at this policy, as well as Policy 5.7, which would be coming up for final approval.

Discussion:

4.11 – Naming Rights

Mrs. Huf stated that this was a new policy.

Mr. Reinboth pointed out that the purpose was to summarize the policy.

Dr. Pollock stated that there were some things that had been named but had never come to the Board formally. He felt that the Board might want to have these matters appear so that they could formalize them.

Mrs. Homel stated that she had been doing some research on this and that she should have it complete before the next meeting. At that time, she would have full backup.

Dr. Pollock felt that this might be an agenda item for Operations.

Mr. Miller arrived at the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Mrs. Mueller pointed out that the agenda for the next meeting was already set but indicated that maybe it could be added to the agenda for the following meeting.

Mrs. Lynch felt that getting 25 signatures of employees or residents was not a broad enough scope but that maybe some officials from the community should have some input.

Dr. Pollock stated that he did not feel that 25 was enough. He felt that if something was going to be named, it should have wide support. A minimum should be 250 to 300 or more.

Mr. Reinboth felt that 300 would be a bit extreme and that anything over 100 was onerous. He did agree that it should be more than residents and employees.

Mr. Miller asked if there was an age requirement for being able to sign. Mrs. Homel stated that it should be adults. Mr. Miller stated that that should be stated in the procedure.

Mrs. Mueller pointed out that they must present a sound rationale to the Board.

Mrs. Huf felt that 100 or a few hundred was too much. She asked where the signatures came from.

Mrs. Homel responded that this came through the Administrative Policy Committee. They wanted to make sure that this was known publicly. They didn't want it to be isolated.

Mr. Reinboth felt that, in Section II. A. 2., the "sound rationale" should be documented in writing prior to the actual meeting where it is being voted on.

Mrs. Mueller felt that maybe this should be hashed out in the Operations Committee since this was dealing with facilities.

7.22 – Hostile Environment

Mrs. Huf pointed out the section on page 5, "Refer also to Policies". She indicated that she liked this. Mrs. Homel explained that this was something they wanted to start to do.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that this policy had been reviewed by the solicitor.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

REPORTS

I.U. – Dr. Pollock reported that there were no alternates to the I.U. According to state rules, you cannot have alternates because they are elected.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

Mrs. Mueller stated that the Board needed to meet in Executive Session after this meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Huf to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary