

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD JANUARY 13, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on January 13, 2009 in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Reinboth at 7:00 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Thomas Hezel
Betty Huf
Jane Schrader Lynch
Mark Miller
Cynthia Mueller
Dr. Andrew Pollock
Thomas Reinboth
Joseph Simpson

Administration:

Sandy Homel
Victor Lasher
Wayne Robinson
Jean Rollo
Timothy Vail

[Mr. Monaghan was absent.]

Meeting Attendees:

Taylor Meacham
Jessica Rodgers
Logan Clare
Dylan Noonan
Kara Foran
Kyle Hahn
Megan Sanders
Mark Koutsouradis
Donna Dunar
Kristen DeLia
Bobbie Loftus
John Loftus

Paul Rokuskie
Dan McClosky
Jessica Pettit
Dawn Prue
Christopher Croter
Ann White
Angelique Primus
Al Catarro
Joe Brown
Jack Diamond
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Franklin
Leigh Lieberman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Reinboth led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Reinboth announced that the Board had met in Executive Session the previous evening to discuss legal issues. He also announced that Mr. Monaghan was unable to attend this meeting.

Mrs. Homel announced that January was designated as School Director Recognition Month. Each Director received a certificate entitled “Opening Doors and Inspiring Generations.” She read a document which PSBA had prepared. Mrs. Homel stated that Board members gave up an average of 25 hours per week of their family time. Board service is never ending and it is a true labor of love to the community. She thanked each Board member for their service.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he had received many positive comments on the newsletter that had gone out in December. It was very well done. Kudos to all involved, including Mrs. Homel and Mr. Barth.

PRESENTATIONS

Leary Bell Choir

Mr. Reinboth introduced the Leary Bell Choir and Dr. Donna Dunar. Dr. Dunar spoke about the bell Choir and introduced Miss DeLia, who led the students in performing two selections for the Board and community members present.

GOOD NEWS

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

STUDENT REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Jessica Pettit reported on events at Tennent. She thanked everyone who had attended the Winter Concert, indicating that they had a good turnout. She congratulated the 15 students in FBLA who went to the state competition and did very well. The Senior Sweetheart Coronation will take place on February 7th; the skits start on February 3rd.

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

No report.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Leigh Lieberman of 396 Byron Road, Warminster, stated that she was pleased with the progress that had been made in AP Calculus. She cited some statistics from block scheduling to now in various subject areas. She felt that Mr. Grossi's information should be posted on the website and indicated that she used the same schools for her comparisons.

Jack Diamond of 299 Kent Road, Warminster, stated that he had approached the Board a while back regarding benefits situation with state employees and was told that all he could do was approach the legislators since it was out of the Board's hands. Recently, he found on the web the Board's objection to Act 1. He felt that if the Board could plead its case for that, then it should be able to assume a case for the taxpayers also. From this, he assumed that the Board's concern is for the employees, not the taxpayers. He felt the Board should be concerned for the taxpayers.

Mr. Diamond asked for an explanation of the contractor ordinance. It was his understanding that this was to be a law requiring that township-funded construction could use only union labor. That would mean that for the pending school project, they could only get union bids. He hoped that the Board would be sending a representative with an opinion. He asked if there was a Board consensus on this issue.

Mr. Reinboth asked Mr. Lasher to address this. Mr. Lasher stated that it was his understanding that this is township-funded construction. That would not include school projects.

Mr. Diamond stated that the article he had read stated "taxpayer funded."

Relative to the benefits issue, Mr. Diamond stated that there had been a flurry of articles in various papers. They were projecting doom and gloom increases in the contribution rate. He felt that the public should be made aware of the Board's best projections.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he would like to receive the materials Mr. Diamond had to share and indicated that the Board was well aware of the issue.

Mrs. Mueller stated that the public is always welcome to come to the committee meetings. They have been hashing out a lot of these matters. The calendar is in the newsletter or on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of 2009 General Obligation Bond Issue

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the issuance of general obligation bonds of the School District to provide funds to finance the cost of renovations and additions to William

Tennent High School in the approximate amount of \$75,830,000 consisting of approximately \$29,180,000 of new non-electoral debt and approximately \$46,650,00 from previously authorized non-electoral debt, awarding the Bonds to Janney Montgomery Scott LLC and RBC Capital Markets, and authorizing the necessary filings with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and related matters in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

Mr. Reinboth indicated that the bond advisors were present to answer any questions.

Randy Lawlace of Janney Montgomery Scott gave a brief summary of the issue.

Mike Lillys of RBC Capital Markets also spoke, indicating that we were fortunate that the interest rate levels had dropped recently.

Mr. Miller stated that the result of this was that we have not changed the amount of money we are raising because of the interest rate but the tax rate will be less than if we had done it a month ago.

Mr. Vail explained that when we first started talking about this project we were in the neighborhood of a \$70 million project. At that time we were projecting the cost to the taxpayer to be about 8.52 mills. This ended up being in excess of \$70 million dollars by about \$13 million but the impact on the taxpayers is less than 8 mills. Mr. Vail felt that that really puts this into perspective about how far we have come. These are very good numbers.

Tim O'Neill, Bond Counsel, stated that the rates are lower than anticipated. He indicated that the bond resolution was required to be adopted. He spoke about some of the requirements and papers to be signed, indicating that the closing was to occur on February 11th.

A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Simpson</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 6-2.

A recess was called at 8:00 p.m. The meeting resumed at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Miller asked for Item #8 to be moved up since a student was present for this matter. There was consensus on this.

8. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 10-19

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18 for Student 10-19 to attend Willow Dale Elementary School for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year. The family will provide transportation.

Mrs. Mueller stated that this did not have the support of Administration but she felt that there were extenuating circumstances and pointed out that the parents would provide transportation. She indicated that the Board had approved such items in the past. She asked that the Board support this.

Dr. Pollock agreed. He felt that the child had been through enough traumatic experiences during the past year and this would help the child adjust to circumstances at home.

Mr. Miller agreed and apologized to the family that they had to come out.

Mrs. Huf stated that she thought turning down this resolution would not be to the child's benefit. She would support this.

The motion passed 8-0.

2. Approval of Overnight Conferences

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following overnight conference request:

Al Catarro, Business teacher at William Tennent High School, Preparing Students for the Workforce of Tomorrow: An Education and Workforce Development Symposium, February 11-12, 2009 in Hershey, PA. The cost to the District will not exceed \$626.

The motion passed 8-0.

3. Approval of 2009-2010 District Calendar

Dr. Pollock suggested that this be dropped from this agenda and be moved to the next Operations agenda. This had not been discussed in committee and he felt that it should be.

Mrs. Mueller concurred. She indicated that the architects and engineers have asked that the school year be ended as soon as possible so they can start construction, so Mrs. Mueller felt this should be discussed. It was the consensus of the Board to do so.

4. Approval of Agreement with Bucks Physical Therapy

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the attached memorandum of Understanding between the District and Bucks Physical Therapy with respect to the Scoreboard Signage Rights to the William Tennent High School Alumni Stadium from December 30, 2008 through December 29, 2009 at the agreed-upon fee of \$5,000.

The motion passed 8-0.

5. Bid Award – Real Estate Property Tax Liens

A motion was made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the sale of all future 2008, 2009 and 2010 real estate property tax liens and filed for each of those years with the Bucks County Tax Claims Bureau to Plymouth Park Tax Services (XSPAND) at the bid offering at 95% of full redemptive value. Further, the Board hereby authorizes Administration to work with the successful bidder and District legal counsel to accomplish all necessary tasks associated with said sale per the terms and conditions detailed in the attached supplements.

Mr. Hezel stated that if this was approved we would have a firm number of what we could expect to have for the next three budgets. We don't usually account for this but if we have this done for the next three years, we can do that. He stated that he would like to see that happen. We could count this as income we would be getting.

The motion passed 8-0.

6. Real Estate Tax Collector Compensation

A motion was made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes the following compensation to the District's tax collectors. This compensation shall be subject to adherence to the procedures set forth in Exhibit "A" which is attached to this resolution.

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
<i>Warminster Township</i>	\$25,963	\$26,872	\$27,812	\$28,786
<i>Southampton Township</i>	18,729	19,385	20,063	20,766
<i>Ivyland Borough</i>	7,757	1,819	1,883	1,948

If the Tax Collector does not accept the procedures as set forth in Exhibit "A", then the compensation to be paid to the Tax Collector shall be as follows:

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
<i>Warminster Township</i>	\$12,982	\$13,436	\$13,906	\$14,393
<i>Southampton Township</i>	9,365	9,693	10,032	10,383
<i>Ivyland Borough</i>	879	910	942	974

Failure to comply with all legally mandated items shall result in suspension of compensation.

Interim tax bills produced and mailed by the tax collector during the above fiscal year shall be compensated at the rate of \$2.75 per bill payable with final annual payment in June.

Be it Further Resolved that the above compensation shall be due and payable on an annual basis as follows:

- 10% at the end of July*
- 40% at the end of August*
- 30% at the end of October*
- 10% in the payroll following receipt of notice from Bucks County that liens have been properly filed, or by the end of February, whichever comes first*
- 10% at the end of June*

Mrs. Mueller stated at the Finance Meeting the previous evening it was mentioned that there were some recent articles about districts changing the way they had done tax collections. She had asked our Business Manager if he could plug our number into Quakertown’s configuration. The Board had just received that this evening and there were still two more Board meetings before this needed to be done.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to table this motion.

A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Simpson</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion to table failed 3-5.

Mrs. Lynch stated that everything Mrs. Mueller said was correct and it looked interesting and that we would save money. However, she thought it was funny that only one school district in Bucks County was doing this. It looked good on paper but if it was so good, why wasn't everyone doing it?

Dr. Pollock stated that his problem with not approving this at this time was that there are 501 school districts in Pennsylvania. As far as he knew, Quakertown was the only one doing this. If this was a way for school districts to save money, more would be doing it. He couldn't see doing this at this time. It might lead to litigation. At this point, he was against it. In a few years, after other school districts had gone to court and worked out the issues, maybe then he would be in favor of it.

Mrs. Mueller stated that the reason she was asking for the due diligence was to see if legally it was something we should look at. She knew there were two other districts looking at it locally. She wanted to see numbers since we need to be cutting the budget. She did understand liability issues. She just wanted to be able to explore it. She felt that if it wasn't done now, it should be looked at over the next four years.

Mr. Miller pointed out that the proposal was given to Board members just before the meeting. He didn't know how they could vote on it intelligently.

Mrs. Huf stated that she supported the tax collector and her compensation. She thought she did a great job.

Mr. Hezel stated that he thought this was an interesting angle and that maybe we could save money. He thought it was too late in the game to do it at this point. He thought it should be looked at over the next four years.

Dr. Pollock stated that he agreed with Mr. Hezel and that it should be decided over the next two to three years so that we are not in the same position four years from now.

A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

<i>Mr. Simpson</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>No</i>

The motion passed 5-3.

7. Intent to Adopt 2009-2010 Proposal Preliminary Budgets

A motion was made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board, in conformance with Special Session Act 1 of 2006, hereby authorizes Administration to advertise intent to adopt a proposed preliminary general fund budget for FY 2009-2010 in the amount of \$93,657,057 and further authorizes said proposed preliminary budget to be placed on the agenda for adoption at the regular Board of Directors meeting scheduled for February 10, 2009.

Dr. Pollock asked what the millage increase would be based on this budget.

Mr. Vail replied that it would be in the neighborhood of 6½ mills but it would be adjusted for the debt service.

A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Simpson</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 6-2.

8. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 10-19

[This item was handled earlier in the meeting.]

9. Projects for PDE Approval

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board hereby applies to the PDE (Pennsylvania Department of Education) for approval of the plans and specifications for the work described as follows:

<u><i>Project</i></u>	<u><i>Building(s)</i></u>
<i>Door Replacement</i>	<i>Administration Building, Longstreth Elementary School, Willow Dale Elementary School, Klinger Middle School and Log College Middle School</i>
<i>Replace Chiller</i>	<i>Klinger Middle School</i>

Replace Cooling Tower

Log College Middle School

Install Floor Tiles

Leary Elementary School, Willow Dale Elementary School, Klinger Middle School and Log College Middle School

Marching Band Storage Building

William Tennent High School

The Board hereby applies to the Department of Education for approval of the plans and specifications for the work described above. The Board certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, construction bid documents comply, or will comply, with applicable laws, regulations and policies, and the project will not pose a hazard to the health and safety of users. Specifications include all applicable statements set forth in the current PDE document entitled “Required Clauses for Specifications.” Construction contracts will not be entered into prior to PDE approval. If the Board proceeds with this project, the lowest responsible bidder(s) will be selected. The Board also certifies that the above-described work will proceed whether or not additional on-site work that is subject to Act 34 of 1973 goes forward.

Dr. Pollock stated that he wanted to know why the tennis courts were not on this list.

Mr. Reinboth indicated that they were part of the high school renovation project. The March Band Storage Building was not part of that so it was on here.

The motion passed 8-0.

10. Telecommunications Services Bid 2009-03

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Telecommunications Services Bid No. 2009-03 for District telephone services be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Line Systems Inc., in the approximate amount of \$2,398.50 per month, not including taxes/fees for five years starting July 2009 through June 2014 funded through the General Fund.

Mr. Miller asked if this was e-ratable.

Mr. Lasher indicated that it was and that historically we have been getting 40% of this back.

The motion passed 8-0.

11. Use of Facilities Exceptions

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Facility Use waivers for the following:

1. *Warminster Soccer Club, Girls U10, requesting Sunday usage of William Tennent High School gym for team practice on January 18 and 25 and February 1, 2009. Applicant responsible for any custodial and operational charges. There is no cost to the District.*
2. *Warminster Soccer Club, Girls U12, requesting Sunday usage of Log College Middle School gym for team practice on January 18 to March 29, 2009. Applicant responsible for any custodial and operational charges. There is no cost to the District.*

The motion passed 8-0.

12. Permission to Apply for Competitive Grants

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves permission to apply for the following competitive grants for the 2008-2009 school year:

2008-2009

Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Programs at

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| <i>•</i> | <i>Buxmont Academy</i> | <i>\$ 4,656</i> |
| <i>•</i> | <i>Delaware Valley High School</i> | <i>46,560</i> |
| <i>•</i> | <i>Lakeside Educational Network</i> | <i>8,148</i> |
| <i>•</i> | <i>UHS of Doylestown (Foundations/Lifeworks)</i> | <i>8,148</i> |

The motion passed 8-0.

13. School Bus Bids

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the 2009-2010 transportation vehicle bids and awards same as follows:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>BID DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BID NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL BID AMOUNT</u>
<i>Rohrer Bus Sales</i>	<i>24-Passenger Buses (2)</i>	<i>2009-04</i>	<i>\$107,880.00</i>
<i>Rohrer Bus Sales</i>	<i>48-Passenger Buses (1)</i>	<i>2009-07</i>	<i>78,190.00</i>
<i>Rohrer Bus Sales</i>	<i>65-Passenger Buses (3)</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>242,070.00</i>
<i>Total Expense</i>			<i>\$428,140.00</i>

Funds to be appropriated from the 2009-2010 General Fund Budget.

Dr. Pollock suggested that the Board vote no on this because he had asked at least twice about a different fuel system, which could save about 40% over the life of the bus.

Mr. Reinboth pointed out that there was a bid for a compressed natural gas engine but it was about \$60,000 higher than the other buses.

Dr. Pollock asked how much we would save in fuel if we purchase that vehicle rather than the others.

Mr. Robinson stated that we did not get any bids back on the compressed natural gas vehicles; we got one back on the hybrid vehicles. It was about \$64,000 more.

Dr. Pollock stated that he knew that natural gas vehicles were out there and that other districts were using them. Over the course of the vehicle, there could be a substantial savings to the taxpayers. He could not vote on this. He felt it should be investigated.

Mr. Miller stated that his reservation was the fact that last year when the Board voted for the acquisition of buses, Dr. Pollock and he voted in favor of a plan for the following year that there was a contingency for a single bidder to get all of the purchases in order to get a lower price. However, once again we did not bid the bids as was requested last year and we are faced with the same situation. He stated that it must be done for next year and it should be done in sufficient time so that there is time to review it.

Dr. Pollock stated that if we do not get the new buses for the new school year, we could still use the old ones.

Mrs. Mueller stated that there are no other companies listed other than the three she has seen since she has been on the Board. She asked if any other companies had been solicited.

Mr. Robinson stated that we sent out bid specs to 14 manufacturers. Rohrer also provides compressed natural gas but they just opted not to participate in the bid. Mr. Robinson indicated that he spoke to Lower Merion School District to ensure that we had their bidder for compressed natural gas. The bid for compressed natural gas went out to nine different vendors. Seven were sent bids for the hybrid.

Mrs. Mueller stated that it was not that the Transportation Department did not pursue this. Mr. Robinson agreed.

Mr. Reinboth stated that in the future he would like to see what was pursued, whether we got responses or not.

Mr. Miller asked if there was something in our RFP that is causing people not to bid on buses for our District.

Mr. Vail stated that he thought they heard the Board loud and clear when they authorized going to bid for buses. They took great pains to design bid specs that were very clear. They separated things out into nine separate bid specs to make sure they were going to the right audience. They did investigations on the internet to find which manufacturers supplied hybrids and which supplied natural gas. There was a narrow window of opportunity. This was authorized in November. They had to advertise for three consecutive weeks. They had to get these to the Board by the beginning of January. Mr. Vail noted that the time frame was arbitrary since it was not crucial that the buses be received by the beginning of the new school year; however, that was the tradition at Centennial. He stated that they tried to tailor the specs so they were user-friendly. He did not know what else they could have done.

Mr. Miller stated that he thought it could have been started earlier at the committee level. The potential bidders could be spoken to in advance and asked if there is anything in the specs that would cause them not to bid. The high bidders/no bidders could be surveyed to find out how to get a better price next year.

Mrs. Huf asked how far back it would put us if we wanted to rebid.

Mr. Robinson stated that it would put us at the back of the line. The buses are on a seasonal schedule. He couldn't really specify how long it would take beyond the mid-August date.

Mr. Vail suggested bringing in a third party to review this. He thought having a potential bidder look at bid specs could be a conflict of interests. He would like to avoid that.

Mr. Miller asked if it would be a problem selling the old buses when we are ready if we did not get new buses by the beginning of the school year. His opinion at this point was that the potential sale of the buses outweighed what he considered a proper bid this year but he absolutely wanted to make certain that the requests being made were followed next year or there would not be a vote.

A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Simpson</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 7-1.

14. WTHS Design Development Recommendation

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves that Burt Hill Architects proceeds with design of the recommended project which is estimated at \$83,000,000.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she would be voting against this motion because of its price tag.

Mrs. Huf echoed Mrs. Lynch's comment.

The motion passed 6-2. (Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Huf opposed.)

15. WTHS Bid Alternates

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves that Burt Hill Architects proceeds with design of the attached list of bid alternates.

Mrs. Mueller stated that this was discussed at length in Operations.

The motion passed 6-2. (Mrs. Huf and Mrs. Lynch opposed.)

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Per Diem Substitute Teachers/Nurses; Substitute Support Staff; Mentors; Homebound Tutors; Student Work/Study Employees; Student/Summer Employees; and Co-Curricular.

The motion passed 8-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Initial Distribution:

Mrs. Mueller referred to Policy 7.24, Acceptable Use of Computer Technology.

Discussion:

2.2 – Professional Personnel Placement, Assignment and Transfer

Mrs. Mueller stated that this policy had not been reviewed by the solicitor.

Mrs. Homel addressed the changes and indicated that the policy had been brought up to date with the Board's wishes.

2.19 – Sabbatical Leaves

Mrs. Mueller stated that this policy had not been reviewed by the solicitor.

Mrs. Homel indicated that minor changes had been made to the policy.

Final Approval:

3.17 – Bullying

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the adoption of Policy 3.17 – Bullying.

The motion passed 8-0.

6.7 – Business Affiliations

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 6.7 – Business Affiliations.

Mr. Miller stated that at the last meeting someone had asked that a restriction be added that a Board member could not participate in negotiations, citing a legal reason. Mr. Miller indicated that he had checked with PSBA and gotten policies from other school districts, as well as having checked with the solicitor. There is no legal reason for a Board member to be restricted from participating in negotiations. Therefore, he requested that the addition to the policy be removed and that it go back to what was originally drafted by Mr. Hezel.

Mr. Simpson disagreed. He felt that this was why there is a business office. He felt that if the Board micromanages, it causes problems.

Mr. Hezel agreed with the change. He felt that the Board could always make an exception to the policy. He would be willing to accept the change that was already in the policy.

Mrs. Mueller pointed out that the solicitor said some Board members have expertise in certain areas. She felt we would be limiting ourselves by making this have to be an exception. She liked it the way it was originally written.

Mr. Hezel stated that although this language might slow things down a little, he felt it was in the Board's best interest to have it in.

Dr. Pollock stated that he did not like having a policy where we say we can make exceptions. We should not be making a lot of exceptions. He recommended leaving it the way it was. He indicated that he would vote no on the policy in its present form.

Mrs. Huf stated that she was in support of leaving it exactly the way it was.

Mrs. Mueller stated that because we are venturing into new areas and since we have Board members with expertise in those areas, we would be limiting ourselves too much by not taking advantage of this.

Mrs. Lynch indicated that she supported that this was in the policy and that it was there for a reason. She thought it was up to the Board member to tell someone about their idea and have them take it from there. She supported this.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he was hesitant to have Board members involved in negotiations like this. However, it was not an absolute. He would be adamant that a Board member who is active in a negotiation should abstain from voting on it.

Mr. Miller stated that the purpose of the business affiliation is to find another revenue source rather than having to go back to the taxpayer.

Mrs. Lynch called for the vote to be taken.

A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

<i>Mr. Simpson</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 5-3.

3.6 – Student Records

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.6 – Student Records.

Mrs. Mueller stated that this was reviewed by the solicitor.

The motion passed 8-0.

7.30 – Open Records Law

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 7.30 – Open Records Law.

Mrs. Mueller stated that this was recommended by Administration because of changes to the law in Pennsylvania. There are major changes to it.

Mrs. Homel indicated that this was ready to be voted on. The piece that she would be pursuing the following morning would be part two to this regarding archiving e-mails. It will be a separate policy, which will be in the Board books on January 27th. Mrs. Homel indicated that this was written by PASBO but we just tailored it to Centennial.

The motion passed 8-0.

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the:

- *Schedule of Bills – December 2008*
- *Investments – December 2008*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – December 2008*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – December 2008*
- *Budget Transfers – January 2009*

The motion passed 8-0.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Minutes of the:

- *Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – November 25, 2008*
- *Special Board Meeting – December 1, 2008*
- *Regular School Board Meeting – December 9, 2008*

The motion passed 8-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mrs. Mueller stated that she had received an e-mail regarding the concession committee agenda for the next day, which included an appeal by Mr. Abel for the 11th Annual Montgomery Memorial Meet. Her concern was that when it was turned down the first time, it should have been forwarded to the full Board. She would like to suggest to the Board an exception to

entrance fees at the track meet. It is not typical to charge an admission fee to a track meet. We have granted two exceptions in the past, one to band and one to wrestling.

Mr. Miller stated that what concerned him was that, because this was a track meet, they might want to have a special menu there. He suggested that we could say that the beverage sales would go to the District and the food sales would go to the organization. He suggested that we allow either/or but that they let us know within ten days.

Mr. Simpson indicated that he had spoken to Mr. Abel, who had voiced his concern about getting the usage fee waived, as well as the manager's fee and the ticket fee. He was not as concerned about the concession fee.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to resolve that the Centennial School Board grant an exception to the facilities use policy and that the admission fee to the stadium be waived and request that the organizing group pay the fee of the Stadium Manager, not to exceed \$115.

The motion passed 8-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants an exception to the concession policy allowing the Montgomery Track Meet to retain the sale of concessions except for beverages. The sale of all beverages shall go to the District.

The motion passed 8-0.

Dr. Pollock asked which schools have bell choirs.

Mrs. Homel replied that she would provide a report of which schools have them, which have chimers and which have both.

Dr. Pollock also asked what happened to them when they go to middle school.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Homel stated that a wonderful job was done with the newsletter. She reminded everyone that meeting dates appear in the newsletter. Also, the meeting agendas appear on the District website about 72 hours prior to the Board meetings.

Mrs. Homel commented on some of the other items which were discussed earlier in this meeting. She stated that we had a successful Act 34 hearing for the addition/renovation project at the high school. On January 31st the Hall of Fame induction would take place.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lynch reported that this committee met on January 5th and discussed Science, Reading and English at the secondary level.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf reported that a meeting was held the previous evening. The nominating committee gave a report. There is a new cookbook available for \$10, which supports the students.

Intermediate Unit

No report.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Reinboth reported that the December 15th meeting resulted in a number of issues which were voted on at this meeting (tax collector, tax liens.) The proposed budget for the 2009-2010 school year was reviewed. At the January 12th meeting, the 2007-2008 audit with the external auditor was reviewed. It was an excellent audit. Mr. Reinboth thanked the Finance Committee and Business Department.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee would be on February 17th.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mueller stated that almost everything that was discussed at the committee meeting had come before this meeting. The committee came through with design alternatives and development for the high school bus bids; reiterated that there were about two dozen parents from Davis who came to a meeting because a flier was put out but the matter was not on the agenda. She asked that everyone check the website or call to find out what is on the agenda for the meetings.

The next meeting of the Operations Committee would be on February 3rd. The school calendar and high school construction will be discussed.

Mr. Reinboth noted that Board members' e-mail addresses are available in the newsletter as well as on the website.

Citizens Policy

Mr. Hezel reported that the first meeting of the year for this policy would be on January 20th. The homework policy would be discussed.

Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Lynch stated that the General Assembly had just opened their session on January 6th.

PSBA

Mr. Miller stated that PSBA had just gone through reorganization and they promise great things in 2009.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Miller requested the status of the 501(c)(3) recognition being handled by the Business Office.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mr. Simpson reviewed the schedule. (See Schedule attached hereto.)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary