

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
HELD February 24, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A Work Session/Regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on February 24, 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
Jane Schrader Lynch
Mark B. Miller
Michael Monaghan
Cynthia Mueller
Dr. Andrew Pollock
Thomas Reinboth
Joseph Simpson

Administration:

Dr. Jennifer Foight-Cressman
Sandy Homel
Victor Lasher
Timothy Vail

[Mrs. Huf was absent from the meeting.]

Attendees:

Mark Koutsouradis
Mike Manno
Logan Clare
Kara Foran
Megan Sanders
Jess Rodgers
Jenn Daws
Tami Rubin-Tiger

Dylan Noonan
Jo Ann McLaughlin
Randy McDowell
Theodore Abel
Al Catarro
Jim Rice
Dave Fries
Barb Patrick

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 on February 17th regarding personnel, and would be meeting following this meeting regarding personnel.

Mrs. Mueller announced that the Centennial Education Foundation jackpot calendars were available.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

GOOD NEWS

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Randy McDowell, a teacher at MBIT, brought up an issue regarding teachers working without a contract. Mr. Reinboth felt that it was more appropriate for this to be brought up at MBIT, particularly since Mr. McDowell was not a member of the Centennial community; therefore, he was not permitted to speak at this meeting.

Mrs. Mueller pointed out that Mr. McDowell could submit information in writing to the Superintendent, which could then be distributed to Board members in the Friday update.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- *Education Committee – January 5, 2009*
- *Finance Committee – January 12, 2009, February 3, 2009*
- *Operations Committee – January 6, 2009, January 21, 2009*

The motion passed 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Preliminary Approval of FBLA Trip to Hershey

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary approval for a trip by the William Tennent High School Future Business Leaders of America to the state competition in Hershey, PA March 29 – April 1, 2009. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$7,300.00.

The motion passed 8-0.

2. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 12-2

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for student 12-2 to attend Stackpole Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year. The family will provide transportation.

Mrs. Mueller stated that Administration did not support this request.

The motion failed 0-8.

3. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 11-10

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 11-10 to attend Klinger Middle School for the remainder of his academic time in middle school.

Mrs. Mueller stated that Administration was in support of this motion due to the extenuating circumstances.

The motion passed 8-0.

4. Adoption of MBIT 2009-2010 Budget

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the proposed General Fund budget for the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology for fiscal year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$7,858,776. (Centennial's contribution is \$1,848,504) and the Lease Rental Debt budget in the amount of \$1,469,100. (Centennial's share is \$208,172). Total Centennial contribution for the year is \$2,056,676.

The motion passed 8-0.

5. Keystone Medical Coverage Amendment

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Administration notifying the District medical insurance carrier, Independence Blue Cross, that the District wishes to withdraw from the Keystone Affiliation to stand alone status effective July 1, 2009. This action is taken in recognition that rate increases quoted earlier this year for 2009-2010 would be in excess of 22.44% as a member of the Affiliation with a significantly reduced 9.31% increase by going stand alone status.

Mrs. Lynch thanked Mr. Vail for pursuing this and making the reduction.

Mr. Reinboth explained that this resulted in a savings at this point of \$388,000. Mr. Vail indicated that this was a ballpark figure.

Mr. Miller stated that although we can't rejoin the group for three years, it results in significant savings. He complimented Mr. Vail on making the information available.

The motion passed 8-0.

6. Approval of Time Management System Equipment

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the appropriation of Capital Reserve Funds in an amount not to exceed \$7,070 for equipment needed to complete the implementation of the employee time management system throughout the District.

The motion passed 8-0.

7. Refund Business Privilege Tax Overpayment Installment Payment

A motion was made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the refunding of \$71,004.83 to Tenet Health Systems for excess 2007 Business Privilege Tax payments in recognition of the sale of Warminster Hospital in July 2007. Per agreement with Tenet Health Systems, this refund is to be made in two equal installments of \$35,502.41 with the first payment to be remitted immediately upon approval and the second payment to be made in July 2009 as a fiscal year 2009-2010 expense. Further, the Board also accepts Solis Healthcare-Roxborough request to repay via Berkheimer the \$11,154.27 owed in 2007 Business Privilege Taxes from the same above referenced Tenet Health Systems transaction in four equal quarterly installment payments of \$2,788.57.

Mr. Reinboth explained that Tenet paid this after the hospital was sold to Solis but that Tenet paid the entire bill by mistake.

Mr. Reinboth indicated that he would be abstaining on this because of his employment by one of the parties.

The motion passed 7-0-1. (Mr. Reinboth abstained.)

8. Permission to Accept Competitive Grant

A motion was made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants permission to accept a competitive grant for the 2008-2009 school year, Learn and Serve America School Based Program, Year 2, in the amount of \$3,500.

The motion passed 8-0.

9. Permission to Apply for Competitive Grant

A motion was made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants permission to apply for a state competitive grant, The Department of Community Economic and Development Asbestos Removal at William Tennent High School in the amount of \$83,400.

The motion passed 8-0.

10. Approval of Facility Use Waiver

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Facility Use Waiver for Lauren Flowers, William Tennent High School alumni and a New York University student, for Sunday use of William Tennent High School gym on March 15, 2009 for an NYU School of Arts student film project. Also requests a reduction of custodial fees for use of the building on March 14 and March 15 to help with the project's limited budget. The cost to the District is 0 since the custodial staff is already assigned for other activities.

Mrs. Mueller stated that after reading the backup she was excited that Lauren thought to bring this project to our high school. Our students will be part of this project. Mrs. Mueller felt that it would be a wonderful educational experience. She requested the Board to waive the custodial fees, which would involve only about \$250. She felt this would be a good-faith gesture. *This would require a language change to: "The cost to the District is not to exceed \$250." Mr. Miller agreed.*

There was consensus of the Board to the language change.

The motion passed 8-0.

11. Stadium Use Waiver – Suburban One League Track Championship

A motion was made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the waiver of Policy 6.2, Facility Use, for the use of the William Tennent High School Alumni Stadium for the Suburban One League National Track Championship. The League will pay \$2,000 towards the cost of officials and game workers. The cost of the officials and game workers is \$2,630. The \$630 remaining will come from gate receipts with any additional gate receipts being paid to the Centennial School District. The concession stand will be operated by Centennial School District boosters with the normal 80/20 split with the District.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she had no problem with the way this was written and she would be supporting this.

Mr. Abel stated that historically the coaches in the league have had the final determination for the site of the meet. There has been no rotation sheet. It has been held at the site best equipped for the meet. Tennent has hosted it several times in the past. There is an advantage to having an 8-lane track over a 6-lane track.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she wanted to make sure the scoreboard would be working. Mr. Lasher indicated that he would check on this. Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Pacchioli was supposed to be researching the interface between the scoreboard and the timing system and making a recommendation for a future Board meeting.

The motion passed 8-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves all personnel recommendations, including: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Change of Status; Per Diem Substitute; Teachers/Nurses; Substitute Support Staff; Mentors; Homebound Tutors; and Curriculum Resource Team Members.

Dr. Pollock stated that there was a new Bus Driver position. He would like to pull this and send it to the Finance Committee for discussion.

Mrs. Mueller pointed out that the backup that was provided stated that it was an existing run. This was a part-time position with no benefits. There was no change in the budget. She asked if there was something within their own hierarchy that someone else should have been given this position.

Mrs. Homel responded that given the schedules everyone else had, no one else could have been given this.

Mr. Reinboth felt there was adequate backup for this.

The motion passed 7-0. (Dr. Pollock opposed.)

POLICIES

Initial Distribution:

Mrs. Mueller noted the following policies for initial distribution:

- 3.20 – William Tennent High School Driving and Parking
- 3.12 – Student Accidents

Discussion:5.1 – Homework

Mrs. Mueller noted that this policy had not been reviewed by the solicitor. Mrs. Homel stated that this was last reviewed in 2002 and that there were no changes to it.

Mr. Miller asked if there should be some obligation to enter into the student information system under Section C. He suggested "... including appropriate entry into the student information system" under item #7.

6.8. Concessions

Mrs. Mueller stated that Section III. B. should read differently since this pertained to indoor and outdoor and there is no Stadium Manager at an indoor event.

In Section III. E., Mrs. Mueller wanted to make it clear that Food Services does not have to provide the food, just that it must be ordered through the Concession Manager.

Mr. Miller suggested that Section III.E. could state "through the stadium account." This would apply to indoor or outdoor. Section III.B. could state "where the Stadium Manager is on duty, he/she will collect ..."

Final Approval:2.4 - Housekeeping

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval to the revisions to Policy 2.4, Housekeeping.

The motion passed 8-0.

2.16– Support Staff Education/Training Cost Subsidy

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval to the revisions to Policy 2.16, Support Staff Education/Training Cost Subsidy.

Mr. Miller stated that he had questions that he would like to ask in Executive Session. He asked if this could wait. Mrs. Homel indicated that it could.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she thought that this should be discussed with the contract next year. She did not think it was in the District's best interests to do this at this time.

Dr. Pollock asked if this could be deferred until a future date after that contract was negotiated.

Mrs. Homel suggested leaving the dollar figure as is for now (at the original amount) and making the other changes.

Dr. Pollock asked if this could be tabled and brought back at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock to table this motion. (No second required.)

The motion to table passed 8-0.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

REPORTS

Mrs. Mueller stated that there would be an Operations Committee meeting the following Tuesday at McDonald Elementary School. The architects would be presenting the feasibility study.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary