

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD MARCH 10, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on March 10, 2009 in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Reinboth at 7:10 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Thomas Hezel
Mark B. Miller
Michael Monaghan
Cynthia Mueller
Dr. Andrew Pollock
Thomas Reinboth

Administration:

Sandy Homel
Susan Klyman
Victor Lasher
Jean Rollo

[Mrs. Huf, Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Simpson were absent from the meeting.]

Attendees:

Logan Clare
Kara Foran
Kyle Hahn
Matt Lawfer
Jesse Kolesnikovich
Mark Kontz
Jessica Rodgers
Mike Manno
Kati Driban

Dylan Noonan
Veronica Connelly
Diana Barban
Sara Crouse
Jessica Pettit
Barb Patrick
Al Catarro
Eileen Doyle Rosseljong
Janet Richard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Reinboth announced that Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Huf and Mrs. Lynch could not attend this meeting.

Mrs. Mueller announced that she was at the Westminster Choir College with the Madrigal Singers and that it was a wonderful experience. She also spoke about Black & White Night and congratulated the black team for their performance. She commended the teachers, parents and students involved for a job well done.

Mr. Monaghan stated that his mother, his family and he would like to thank everyone who sent condolences and good wishes.

Mr. Miller thanked the staff at McDonald for inviting him to read on Dr. Seuss Day.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

GOOD NEWS

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

STUDENT REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

The student representative reported as follows:

- The student government canned food drive, which had been held over the past two weeks, would end the next day.
- Black & White Night was a great success.
- The three-on-three basketball tournament was coming up soon.
- In swimming, two students were going to states to compete.
- The College Fair was coming up the next night.
- PSSA's for the Juniors would be the following week.
- *Barnum, the Play* would be April 2-4.
- The 9th and 10th grade dance would be held on Saturday.
- Twelve students from the Art Department received awards.

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

None.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS1. Final Approval of FBLA Trip to Hershey

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for a trip by the William Tennent High School Future Business Leaders of America students to the state competition in Hershey, PA from March 29 – April 1, 2009. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$7,350.00.

The motion passed 6-0.

2. Approval of Overnight Conferences

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following overnight conference requests:

1. Denise Wettstein, Principal, Willow Dale Elementary School, Penn State University Law and Education Institute, June 22-26, 2009 in State College, PA, sponsored by the Penn State College of Education and Law. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$1,425.00.

2. Susan Klyman, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services, PA Department of Education Annual Conference, April 14-17, 2009 in Hershey, PA. The cost to the District is not to exceed 770.00.

The motion passed 6-0.

3. Garbage and Trash Removal Services Bid

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Garbage and Trash Removal Services Bid No. 2009-13 and awards same to J&J Waste Services of Blue Bell at the lowest responsible bid amounts as follows:

2009/10	\$80,949.00
2010/11	\$88,940.00
2011/12	\$103,990.00

Mr. Miller stated that it looked as if this was done by the place, not the pound. Mr. Lasher confirmed this.

Mr. Miller asked if there was a provision that if there were fewer placed there would be a credit. Mr. Lasher stated that there would be, but it would not be proportional.

The motion passed 6-0.

4. Marching Band Storage Shed Bid

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board hereby approves the Marching Band Storage Shed Bid No. 2009-20 for William Tennent High School to be awarded to Pederson Construction in the amount of \$24,900.00 to be funded through the Capital Projects Fund.

The motion passed 6-0.

5. Exception to Facility Use Policy

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

- 1. Bucks County Boy Scouts, requesting a waiver of fees for the use of the William Tennent High School pool for a youth swimming activity on March 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cost to the District is approximately \$82.50.*

The motion passed 6-0.

6. Organizational Chart

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Organizational Chart as listed in the attached supplement.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Monaghan</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 5-1.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Terminations/

Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Substitute Support Staff; Substitute Bus Drivers/Trainees; and Co-Curricular.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Monaghan</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 6-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Initial Distribution

Mrs. Mueller noted the following policies for initial distribution:

- 4.7 – Payroll
- 4.1 – Grants

Discussion:

3.20 – William Tennent High School Driving and Parking

Mrs. Mueller noted that this policy was not reviewed by the solicitor.

Mrs. Homel indicated that the changes were basically for housekeeping purposes.

Mr. Miller stated that there had been disciplinary actions taken in the past that involved a car. He felt that in some way a penalty should be included. There should be some language in the policy stating that the students shall comply with the Motor Vehicle Code, local ordinances and District policy. Mrs. Homel indicated that some language could be added.

Dr. Pollock stated that if a student was suspended, he would like to see a penalty for a longer period of time, such as having their driving privileges taken away. That might help with the disciplinary problems at school. It might be a deterrent.

Mrs. Mueller felt there might be some language that addressed this in the handbook. Mrs. Homel confirmed that there was.

Dr. Pollock suggested that the Board be sent this information in the Friday update.

Mr. Reinboth asked if parking would be limited during the high school construction. Mr. Lasher indicated that there would be some reduction in parking for students but exact details had not been worked out yet.

3.12 – Student Accidents

Mrs. Mueller noted that this policy was not reviewed by the solicitor.

Mrs. Homel indicated that this was basically a housekeeping update.

Mrs. Mueller asked if Section I.B.1. included calling the Principal and the nurse. Mrs. Homel indicated that it did. Mr. Miller asked if there was an established order. Mrs. Homel stated that she would review this.

Final Approval:

2.16– Support Staff Education/Training Cost Subsidy

Mrs. Mueller stated that this policy had been tabled at the last meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves removing from the table the final approval of Policy 2.16 – Support Staff Education/Training Cost Subsidy. The motion to grant final approval was tabled at the February 24, 2009 meeting of the Board.

The motion to remove from the table passed 6-0.

Mrs. Mueller stated that the reason this was tabled before was that it was decided that reimbursement should wait until contract negotiation instead of changing it now.

The motion passed 6-0.

5.1 – Homework

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 5.1 – Homework.

The motion passed 6-0.

6.8. Concessions

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval to the revisions to Policy 6.8 – Concessions.

The motion passed 6-0.

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the:

- *Schedule of Bills – February 2009*
- *Investments – February 2009*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – February 2009*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – February 2009*
- *Budget Transfers – March 2009*

The motion passed 6-0.

MINUTES

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

- *Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – January 27, 2009*
- *Regular School Board meeting – February 10, 2009*

The motion passed 6-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Homel spoke about the following matters:

- Black & White Night
- The upcoming College Fair
- The Klinger musical, *The Music Man*, to be held the upcoming weekend
- PSSA testing the following week
- Planning for the groundbreaking ceremony for the high school on June 2nd. (Rain date June 9th.)

Mrs. Homel also stated that there was a very well-run Operations Committee meeting on March 3rd, where the K-5 program was discussed. Another meeting would be held on March 18th. Four models would be reviewed.

Mrs. Homel also indicated that she was waiting for final word on a stimulus package for the District.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Hezel stated that this committee had met the previous evening and saw a demonstration of a website created by two elementary staff members.

The next meeting would be held on April 6th.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mr. Miller reported that a group of students received their Oracle certification. Also, MBIT approved a device for creating OSHA labels.

Mr. Miller explained that there was a situation at MBIT where the faculty was operating without a contract. They have stepped up their efforts to make families aware of that. They are the sixth highest paid teachers in the state.

Intermediate Unit

Mr. Monaghan stated that the next meeting would be held on March 17th.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Reinboth reported that a meeting had been held on February 17th. The committee reviewed the following items:

- 2009-2010 budget
- District medical coverage
- Changes to the time management system
- Business privilege tax overpayment plan

Mr. Reinboth stated that the next meeting would be held on March 16th.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mueller reported that a meeting was held on March 3rd at McDonald for the architects to review the options for the six schools. The options were narrowed down to four. There will be another meeting on March 18th.

Citizens Policy

Mr. Hezel stated that the next meeting would be held on March 17th.

Legislative Liaison

No report.

PSBA

Mr. Miller reported that last year the Board passed a resolution in opposition to GCA's. Last week PSBA struck a deal without consulting the membership, which is an about-face in the policy of this District. There was a public meeting scheduled for February 13th at the Free Library of Philadelphia, at which Mr. Miller was requested to testify on behalf of the District. He had intended to do so but was unable to go at the time he was assigned. If someone wanted to go on behalf of the District, they could do so.

Mr. Miller reiterated that this action was in absolute defiance of the wishes of the membership of PSBA and would cost the District \$90,000 per year. We did not ask for this unfunded mandate.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Janet Richard of 266 Hickory Road, Warminster, addressed the Board regarding the future plans for the elementary schools. She had two requests. First, to consider including Leary remaining open as one of the options. She requested that one whole school population not be disregarded. Second, she asked that a little more time be taken to explore some options within the community. She indicated that she had sent the Board a letter with some ideas. She felt the taxpayers needed more ownership. She stated that she planned to attend the March 18th Operations meeting.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary