

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
HELD APRIL 14, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on April 14, 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:

Betty Huf  
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

[Mr. Hezel was absent from the meeting.]

CEA/Teachers/Public:

Jessica Rodgers  
Dylan Noonan  
Kyle Hahn  
Logan Close  
Kara Foran  
Mike Manno  
Mark Koutsouradis  
Taylor Meacham  
Charles Solis  
Al Catarro  
James Sinclair

Rob Rothman  
D. Hark  
Becky O’Hara  
Jill Vassallo  
Barb Patrick  
Pat Traczykiewicz  
Cindy Mazzarella  
Janet Richard  
Michael Hanthe  
Sue Bednarik

**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 prior to this meeting to discuss legal matters.

Mr. Reinboth announced that Mr. Hezel was absent from this meeting due to work commitments.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **GOOD NEWS**

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

## **STUDENT REPORTS**

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Pat Traczykiewicz reported on current happenings at Tennent, including:

- The school musical, *Barnum*.
- The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade dance, “*Under the Sea*.”
- Upcoming Science PSSA’s.
- Math and Reading PSSA’s just taken.
- SADD Lockin coming up.
- Dinners for those who Serve coming up.
- Fine Arts Week and Junior Prom also coming up.

### **MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Logan Clare reported on current happenings at MBIT, including:

- Skills USA competition in Hershey April 1-3.
- Graduation Project presentations on April 8.
- The 2008-2009 National Technical Honor Society Induction on April 9.
- Senior Recognition Ceremony to be held June 9.
- The last scheduled day to be June 16.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Pollock stated that he felt the Board had made a hasty decision at its last meeting.

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Simpson that the Board direct Administration to apply for the land at Shenandoah Woods for the school use.*

Dr. Pollock read a report that the land was tested and there were no adverse environmental hazards. Samples were taken and bore holes were drilled. Ample testing was done for lead, asbestos and radon. There is nothing that would present hazards to us, the children, or the staff at that site. He felt some people had brought things up that were fictitious and that they did not know what the actual situation was; therefore, he felt the Board had made a mistake the previous month.

Mrs. Huf stated that she was disappointed with this motion. This was not on the agenda for this meeting. If the community knew this was coming up, they would be present. Also, regarding the testing, she was told by officials that there is a ground water problem. She indicated that she wanted to see the reports. As far as she was concerned, the land was not safe. The community did not want it. This was a sneaky thing to do; the community did not know about it.

Dr. Pollock responded that he resented that and pointed out that it was not on the agenda at the previous meeting either when it was brought up.

Mrs. Huf stated that she resented what was happening at this meeting. She did not support this motion and she stood by her actions. If she added it last time, it was because the room was full and the community was present. She stated that she would never, ever support a school on the Shenandoah Woods property.

Mr. Reinboth stated, as a point of clarification, that it was not on the agenda for the last meeting; it was added. The vote was 2-6. The two in favor were himself and Dr. Pollock. Dr. Pollock was now asking to revisit this issue.

Dr. Pollock stated that what the community objected to at the previous meeting was a mega school. That was what was voted down and what was on the agenda. The option of Shenandoah Woods was added to the agenda just as this was being added to the agenda. He stated that both of them are allowed – that you could add things to the agenda.

Mr. Miller felt that this was worth discussing. He would not like to see Administration going through all the effort they had for this land if it were not going to be used. One of the things that was very important to note was that in order to construct a school on the land, we would have to have approval through the Plan Con process and PDE would make very stringent research and testing to the property before they would approve a plan.

Mrs. Lynch indicated that she would like the following statement to be inserted in the minutes verbatim:

"I know there is a great deal of pressure to revisit the Shenandoah Woods Property! The community has a great deal of fear that the homeless will have the ability to get the 199 homes in Shenandoah Woods through the McKinney Act for surplus land.

“One must view also the community fear of pollution on this property. With the Navy releasing the packet on Shenandoah Woods describing the conditions on this property, there still remains an uncertainty as to the effects of this property. Many residents worked at the base and have cited ‘this property is not safe.’ To me this leaves an uncertain feeling that perhaps there are both sides to the pollution situation and it depends who you want to believe.

“Roberts Rules allow the option to revisit the decision of March 24th that was defeated by the Board by a 6 against using Shenandoah Woods and 2 for favored using this property. School Board members who voted for using Shenandoah Woods property can bring the subject up to the Board for a review as long as they have a majority of votes.

“I would like my question to be answered, the question being ‘If a majority of the Board wants to revisit Shenandoah Woods, is their reasoning being to build a new school or build a bus garage?’ Or would an answer be, ‘We are just looking as an option?’

“The Community hailed the decision not to build on Shenandoah Woods and felt secure this option was finished and the Board could move on to other options.

“The concept of ‘Community Schools’ is the mainstay of our community. Our residents purchased their homes to be around their neighbor schools. To close an existing elementary school and build a NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL on government land is just about as bad as the NAVY giving the so-called land for free.

“Will the Navy tear down the existing 199 homes?

“Will the Navy solve the water drainage problems?

“Will the Navy add new access road for the property and get the necessary permits from the State?

“Will the Navy guarantee this acreage will be checked for any pollution on this property for years to come?

“The Navy’s job is to get rid of this surplus land for free, then who ever receives this property my question is ‘WHAT IS FREE?’ “

Mrs. Mueller stated that the Board did not use Robert’s Rules of Order; the Board had its own policy. Any Board member can bring anything back. It is just a matter of whether it gets voted up or down.

Mr. Monaghan stated that, unlike Dr. Pollock, he believed the community was saying that they did not want a school on the Shenandoah Woods property. He had spoken to people and gotten e-mails that they do not want a school there. He had no problem with acquiring the property if it would be used for something other than a school. However, he had to wonder if someone was giving us something for free, what it would cost us.

Mr. Miller stated that prior to the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting he had agreed to attend a meeting with the Land Reuse Authority. Mrs. Lynch had asked some very good questions; however, when the intent to go after the land was taken off the table, all work was stopped. According to priority of grant for the land, a transportation center would not be high on the list. He did not know that PDE would give us approval if the land was not safe.

Mr. Lasher stated that they would not give us title to the property unless it was suitable for school use. He would advise the Board to do its due diligence and testing to verify that. He had no idea how much the testing would be.

Mr. Reinboth stated that his take on the vote the last time was more a vote against the type of school rather than the Shenandoah Woods property itself. He felt that one of the most important things the Board does is due diligence. He felt when there was land that was free or low cost, it was their duty to do that due diligence. If we can't prove without any doubt that that land is not safe, then we would be wrong to support this. But we should do our own testing at a reasonable cost. Currently, on that tract of land are several businesses, a public park and Ann's Choice, as well as the Navy housing that has been there for 40 years.

Mrs. Huf stated that she had talked to some people about this and they say that we would have to use 80% of this for education.

Mrs. Mueller explained that the only way we get the land free is if it is for educational use. If it is transportation, it is 80%.

Mrs. Huf asked if they were looking at Shenandoah Woods again with the idea of building an elementary center or a bus garage or administration building. She indicated that if the vote was for putting a school there, she was not in favor of it. She would not be convinced that it was safe.

Mr. Reinboth stated that it was his intent to explore building an educational facility on that land because that was the only way we would have a clear way to the land.

Mrs. Huf stated that a vote now would let the whole community down. This vote now was just not acceptable.

Mr. Miller stated that he did not accept the idea that people were being misled. He felt we had no business applying for the land unless we are going to build a school there.

Mr. Lasher stated that it would take about nine months to determine if we were successful in obtaining the land. There is a 30-year restriction on the property saying that you have to use it for educational purposes. Each year that you use it for educational purposes, you have paid down one year of the "mortgage."

Mr. Simpson stated that he did second the motion for discussion purposes. There were some suggestions that Mr. Miller and Mrs. Lynch brought up. We have some schools that we need to consolidate and now we are talking about building a new school. He felt that did not make sense and that we should do due diligence but if we can only use the land to build a school, he did not think it was worthwhile. If there were other opportunities there, he would like to explore them.

Mrs. Lynch stated that they all knew that a school would bring the property to us and a bus garage would not. She felt that at this point we are looking to build a school. In her mind, we are a community of community schools. She felt it should be kept that way.

Dr. Pollock stated that McDonald was not a satisfactory school right now since it needed a lot of work. It would cost as much to renovate as it would to build. If we get the Shenandoah Woods land and close McDonald, we could sell that land and use the profit to defray the building cost.

*Mrs. Mueller moved to call the question.*

*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>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Simpson</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*The motion failed 3-5.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 1-10**

*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 1-10 to attend Klinger Middle School for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years. The family will provide transportation.*

Mrs. Mueller stated that this had the support of Administration.

*The motion passed 8-0.*

### **2. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 11-15**

*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 11-15 to attend Davis Elementary School for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years. The family will provide transportation.*

Mrs. Mueller stated that this did not have the support of Administration.

Mr. Miller asked if the student would be paying tuition if this was granted. Mrs. Homel explained that the family was in the process of relocating and that they would be right inside our district.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

<i>Mr. Simpson</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. Monaghan</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>No</i>

*The motion failed 4-4.*

3. Approval of Overnight Conferences

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

1. *Donald Knapp, Director of Special Experience Room, MAPS 2009 annual conference, May 13-16, 2009, Owens Science Center and Goddard Space Flight Center, Lanham-Seabrook, Maryland, sponsored by the Middle Atlantic Planetarium Society. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$710.00.*
2. *Lindsay Konell, math teacher at William Tennent High School, Assessment as a Way to Monitor Understanding and Inform Teaching Practices, sponsored by the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation, April 16-19, 2009, San Francisco, California. There is no cost to the District since the Foundation will reimburse the District for the cost of a substitute.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

4. Permission to Accept a Federal Entitlement Grant

*A motion was made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves permission to accept the following federal entitlement grant for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount indicated:*

<i>Title III Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient Students</i>	<i>\$40,975</i>
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*The motion passed 8-0.*

5. Permission to Accept State Competitive Grants

*A motion was made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves permission to accept state competitive grants for the 2008-2009 school year.*

<i>HIV/STD Prevention Education Mini-Grant</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Inclusive Practices Performance Grant (Davis and Stackpole Elementary Schools, \$3,734 each school)</i>	<i>\$7,468</i>

*The motion passed 8-0.*

6. Appointment to Warminster Township Parks and Recreation Board

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the appointment of Steven Adams to the Warminster Township Parks and Recreation Board for a five-year term beginning May 1, 2009.*

Mr. Miller stated that he heartily endorsed Mr. Adams for the position. Mr. Reinboth agreed.

Mrs. Homel stated that they had a lot of confidence in Mr. Adams. She thanked Mr. Lasher for filling this position for the past 20 years. She felt that he left big shoes to fill.

*The motion passed 8-0.*

7. Approval of Auxiliary Pay Rate

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the auxiliary pay rate for Social Worker/Guidance Counselor at the rate of \$305.00 per diem. This increase will not result in any additional cost to the District.*

Dr. Pollock suggested that this be sent to Finance; then if they approve it, it could be brought back to the full Board.

Mr. Reinboth, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, felt that they would have a lot of other items on their agenda. He stated that he was fine with the Board voting on this now.

*The motion passed 8-0.*

8. Approval of Facility Use Waivers

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Facility Use waiver for the following:*

- 1. Bucks County Department of Health requesting use of William Tennent High School for the Public Health Preparedness Drill and requesting the waiver of all fees that may result in the use of the facility on June 25, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no cost to the District.*
- 2. The Wheeled Scotsman requesting a waiver of stadium rental fees on May 16, 2009 for the annual soccer fundraiser from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The group will pay the stadium manager fee and any custodial fees for cleanup. The cost to the District is approximately \$1,450.00*

*The group is also requesting the use of the concession stand and will supply their own food and some Coke beverages for the fundraiser event. The group will purchase additional beverages from the District.*

Mr. Miller stated that he did not know why these two motions were together. He had a problem with the concession exception. He supported both events but he could not support the exception without further definition.

Mrs. Mueller stated that the way it was written, she did not see that they were asking for a true exception. She could not support the exception to the concession either. She felt there were Department of Health issues also when they were using the concession stand.

*Dr. Pollock stated that as the motion maker he supported separating the two motions; Mr. Monaghan agreed. There was consensus of the Board to do so.*

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Facility Use waiver for the following: Bucks County Department of Health requesting use of William Tennent High School for the Public Health Preparedness Drill and requesting the waiver of all fees that may result in the use of the facility on June 25, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no cost to the District.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

Mr. Monaghan stated that this was one area where he was having difficulty with the new stadium. People in the community were doing fundraising and were being held to the same standard as the people who were using it for profit. This is a non-profit charity; they do wonderful work. He felt that we should stop looking at the stadium as a money-maker. He did not think the community felt the need to make money on every single event held there. This is a non-profit organization. By playing around with the vending,

he did not feel the people were being given a fair shake. He indicated that he would be in favor of the motion as it stood.

Mr. Miller stated that the stadium was run like a business activity of the District. Many charities use the stadium and they have told us that they have made out better by using our policy. He indicated that he was familiar with this organization and was in full support. By granting an exception, we would have to do it for everyone. He did not see how we could grant an exception without even knowing the details.

Mr. Reinboth stated that at this point, he would like to see this part of the motion broken into two parts.

Mrs. Mueller asked if there was a problem with holding this part until the next meeting in April. She didn't think anyone was questioning the organization. The concern was with the standards that we hold even our own groups to.

Mrs. Huf stated that we have been doing waivers for years. She was tired of seeing a waiver every time there was a Coke beverage in there. She agreed with Mr. Monaghan. Mrs. Mueller had some good points also. She felt that we should not be putting these organizations in this position and questioned why it was a problem every time a waiver appeared on the agenda.

Mr. Miller pointed out that the date on this was May 16<sup>th</sup>. They might need to know they have approval. That was why he didn't want to delay it.

Mr. Brown from the Wheeled Scotsman stated that they had no problem adhering to whatever the policy was but they needed to know what was required because they had teams coming in.

Mr. Miller asked if they would have a problem with eliminating the second part of the motion and then they could work with the committee on the second part. Mr. Brown indicated that that would be fine.

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Facility Use waiver for the following:*

*The Wheeled Scotsman requesting a waiver of stadium rental fees on May 16, 2009 for the annual soccer fundraiser from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The group will pay the stadium manager fee and any custodial fees for cleanup. The cost to the District is approximately \$1,450.00*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

9. Submission of PlanCon Part F: Construction Documents

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the submission of Plan Con Part F: Construction Documents.*

*The Board certifies that the attached materials were approved for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by Board action. This also certifies that the architect has been directed to insure that all plans related to this project conform to generally accepted codes or guidelines as set forth in Section 349.16 of the Department of Education Standards.*

*To the best of its knowledge and belief, the Board of School Directors certifies to the following:*

- 1. The Board will not enter into construction contracts until it has received written approval for PlanCon Part F, Construction Documents, from the Department of Education.*
- 2. The Board of School Directors has obtained, or will obtain, all necessary approvals from local, regional, and state agencies relating to health, safety, design, planning highway access, and freedom from flooding and subsidence, prior to entering into construction contracts.*
- 3. The Board acknowledges that failure to obtain the requisite approvals prior to entering into construction contracts may be sufficient cause for the Department of Education to revoke its approval for this project. If approval is revoked, the project will not be reimbursed by the Commonwealth.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

<i>Mr. Simpson</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Mr. Monaghan</i>	<i>Yes</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 6-0-2.*

10. Relocation of Alternative School Program

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves relocating the Dorothy Henry Satellite School program to the Administration Building, effective September 1, 2009.*

Mrs. Huf explained that there were only 30 students involved in this and that it had done wonderful over the years. She was disappointed that the Board was taking this as “saving money so we can spend money” and bringing these students to the Administration Building. She was not in favor of moving this back to the Administration Building. She thought it would be a shame for these students.

Dr. Pollock did not think this had been discussed enough and that the Board was acting too hastily. He felt that they needed to examine it and look at the implications. He was not in support of this at this time.

Mr. Miller stated we are limited to 30 students there. If we moved it, maybe we could take on more.

Mrs. Mueller stated that these children are not special education or discipline problems. They would still have their own community. Maybe we could offer a few more programs. Their curriculum is limited there. She felt that moving here would be a cost-effective move that would not hurt the program; it would help it.

Mrs. Lynch agreed with Dr. Pollock that this was hardly discussed at all. It was not fair to the children. She would vote no.

Mr. Reinboth stated that one of his proudest days as a Board member was when he went to the Dorothy Henry School. He felt it was a wonderful program and that it was best for the program that we eventually move it over to the Administration Building. It would provide more opportunities. However, he would like to see more development of specific plans and would like to see the pros and cons.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

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

*The motion failed 2-6.*

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Huf to have this added to the Education Committee agenda for further discussion.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

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

*The motion passed 6-2.*

*A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an elementary school planning task force as presented to the floor by Mrs. Richards.*

Mr. Miller stated that a task force was not needed to tell us that our revenues are not keeping pace with our expenses. He felt we did not need a two-year task force. Right now we have aging buildings. He did not want to keep old buildings. He hoped to keep programs. He stated that he did not want to fail our children. We need to keep schools open. The way to do it is to start consolidating schools. We can't afford the luxury of 65 unused classrooms. The task force is nothing more than a delaying tactic. We need to be realistic. We can't afford to keep six buildings open.

Mrs. Huf stated that, to her, it was not about money. It was about education and the students. She did not like the haste of this and felt the community needed to be involved.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she meant this with the utmost respect but she did not believe Mrs. Huf had ever supported a budget since she had been on the Board. With the numbers that were put before the Board, they were in a position of having options of what they could do before having to hit programs. In two years they would be going to referendum for budget. There was a majority that did not want that. There was a majority that did not have children in the schools and they don't want taxes raised. This was not being done in haste. It has been talked about for five years. A task force is an eloquent way of another delay. This has cost the District money by putting this off for five years. The Board was not looking at cutting programs.

Mrs. Lynch stated that no one was giving a delay tactic on something this important and that it had not been five years. A minority of the Board had been there for five years. She felt a community task force would be good. That would stop people thinking games were being played.

Dr. Pollock stated that three years ago (before he was on the Board) they started making program cuts to the detriment of the students by doing away with block scheduling. We saved \$1.2 million and we are hurting our students.

Mr. Monaghan pointed out that at least four Board members thought Option 10 had some validity but it was not looked into. The community has said the same thing and they were not listened to. The community wants neighborhood schools but yet a proposal was brought up for Shenandoah Woods which is nothing like a neighborhood school. He pointed out that the community wanted to be involved and he wanted to hear directly from the community.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he felt the document that they were voting on was a wonderful document. It was prepared by Janet Richard. The one aspect that gave him pause was the two-year time period. He felt that was too long but did feel the need to get the community involved.

Mrs. Mueller stated that the majority of the community had not been heard from, and that majority did not want taxes raised. They also did not want us wasting money on 65 classrooms that we do not use. She stated that she could not support a task force.

Dr. Pollock stated that he would need two things in order to be in favor of this. First, the community task force would have to be complete and have its report to the Board in six months. Secondly, 75% of the task force would have to be made up of senior citizens or people with no children in the schools.

Mrs. Lynch stated 75% was too much. She stated that this was not a stall tactic; it was to get the community's input.

Mrs. Huf felt that six months was a little short – she would compromise to a year.

Dr. Pollock pointed out that then it would take another year to implement.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

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

*The motion failed 3-5.*

Mrs. Lynch left the room at 9:02 p.m.

## **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/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Per Diem Substitute Teachers/Nurses; Substitute Support Staff; Homebound Tutors; Tutors; Mentors; Student Work/Study Employees; and Co-Curricular.*

*The motion passed 7-0.*

## **OPERATIONS AND POLICIES**

### Initial Distribution:

Mrs. Mueller noted the following policies under Initial Distribution:

4.9 – Care and Use of Equipment and Materials

3.14 – Sexual Harassment of Students

### Discussion:

#### 5.5 – Materials Selection

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

Mrs. Homel indicated that they had tried to say the same thing in fewer words and had updated some things.

Mrs. Mueller noted that this policy would be moved to the next meeting for a final vote.

#### 5.14 - Volunteers

Mrs. Lynch returned to the room at 9:05 p.m.

Mrs. Homel stated that the solicitor advised that we are at exposure the longer we delay in passing this policy.

Dr. Pollock asked who would be responsible at each school level to make sure each volunteer has the necessary clearances and to tell those who do not that their services are not wanted until they get them.

Mrs. Homel replied that the principals would know who complied. She would encourage them to keep this in the positive.

Mr. Miller pointed out that there was no mention about the tb test. He would like to see that addressed. Perhaps the county could provide that service.

Mrs. Homel stated that she would look into this.

Mr. Simpson left the room at 9:09 p.m.

Final Approval:

4.7 – Payroll

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 4.7, Payroll.*

*The motion passed 7-0.*

4.1 - Grants

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 4.1, Grants.*

*The motion passed 7-0.*

Mr. Simpson returned to the room at 9:11 p.m.

**FINANCIAL**

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

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

*and approves the:*

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

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

**MINUTES**

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

- *Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – February 24, 2009*
- *Regular School Board Meeting – March 10, 2009*

*The motion passed 8-0 as to the February 24, 2009 Minutes; and passed 7-0-1 as to the March 10, 2009 Minutes (Mrs. Lynch abstained.)*

## **BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT**

None.

## **REPORTS**

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Homel reported that our newsletter got special recognition. She thanked Steven Barth for the wonderful job that he does.

She also spoke about the following:

- Leary's site visit on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- *Barnum*, the high school musical.
- The Academic Hall of Fame was moving forward.
- The K-5 study is continuing.
- The Stellar-bration to be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Planetarium.
- The CEF Awards Breakfast on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Lynch reported that a meeting was held on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The new English textbook series was previewed. Dr. Foight-Cressman gave an update on changes to the GIEP process at the high school. The committee evaluated the high school modular schedule data that it had requested and decided not to pursue this option due to loss in core subject areas. The committee requested Administration to pursue a variety of other scheduling options, to be reviewed by the committee in September.

#### Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf reported that a meeting had been held the previous evening and it was business as usual. There was an executive session on negotiations. The next meeting would be held on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### Intermediate Unit

Mr. Monaghan reported that I.U. members' ballots should be distributed and returned to the I.U. prior to the next Board meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mr. Reinboth reported that a meeting had been held on April 6<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of enabling a review of the five-year financial plan. It was suggested that it would be reviewed once again, with adequate notice to the community, on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Mueller reported that this committee had met on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Much of what occurred had already been reported at this meeting and in the newsletter. The groundbreaking for the renovation should be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dr. Pollock stated that he had heard that at least four members of the Board wanted to discuss Option 10 again.

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock to discuss Option 10 at the next meeting of the Operations Committee.*

Mr. Miller stated that he was not sure if that was possible because the architects were not asked to move that ahead.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she would be happy to discuss why that was not a viable option.

Dr. Pollock stated that he felt it should be discussed again.

### Citizens Policy

No report.

### Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Lynch reported that everyone would get a \$200 tax break from the Taxpayer Relief Act that the Governor had just announced.

### PSBA

Mr. Miller spoke about the graduation competency assessments (Keystone exams.)

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Reinboth wished a happy birthday to Southampton resident Marion Benner, his grandmother, who was 94.

### **ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Janet Richard of 266 Hickory Road, Warminster, stated that she felt it would be short-sighted to toss out her proposal. She felt it did not have to be the bible; it could be batted around and changed. It would be nice to have something that the community could be involved in. She knew that we needed to move forward but she felt that there was some time. She was not saying it should be all parents. She has a father in the community. Everyone wants to do what is best. She felt that in six months we could do guiding principles.

### **SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mrs. Mueller 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 9:32 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie A. Detwiler  
Board Secretary