

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD MAY 12, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on May 12, 2009 in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Reinboth at 7:05 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

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

Administration:

Stephen Barth
Robert Reed
Sandy Homel
Victor Lasher
Timothy Vail

CEA/Teachers/Public:

Kara Foran
Logan Clare
Mike Manno
Jess Rodgers
Jesse Kolesnikovick
Bernice Miller
Theresa Hegel
Jacob Potterfield
Wayne McCulloch
Ron Schumann
Becky O'Hern
Debbie Witzel
Matt Temlinger

Mary Ellen Gilbert
Susan Klyman
Erin Howland
Barb Patrick
Jess Pettit
Liz Stanfield
Lenore O'Donnell
Jess White
Ana Brown
Janet Richard
Steve Stewart
Jenn Stewart

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 relative to legal issues.

Mrs. Mueller spoke about Fine Arts Week and thanked everyone involved for producing such a wonderful week.

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of JoAnn Zonderwyk, President of Centennial Education Foundation

Mrs. Homel spoke about Ms. Zonderwyk's service on the Board and to the Centennial Education Foundation. She then introduced Bob Schrader, who also spoke about Ms. Zonderwyk. He felt it was very appropriate that the School Board recognize her and presented her with a plaque.

Ms. Zonderwyk spoke about the Foundation and thanked everyone for the recognition.

GOOD NEWS

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

STUDENT REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Jessica Pettit reported on the following items:

- Mr. Tennent nominations had been decided.
- The Key Club Red Cross blood drive was being held that day and the next.
- Fine Arts Week went very well the previous week.
- The Life Skills picnic would be the end of May.
- Senior Prom would be later in the week.
- AP Testing was last week and this week.
- The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon would be the following day.

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

None.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Agreement for Web Filtering System

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves removing from the table the approval of an agreement for the web filtering system that was tabled at the April 28, 2009 meeting of the Board.

The motion passed 7-2.

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves entering into agreement with Trebron Company for the purchase and maintenance of the Sophos Web Security System commencing July 1, 2009. This agreement (attached) represents a 48-month term with payments totaling \$59,973.36 in the first three years. No payment due in year 4. Funds to be appropriated from the Technology Reserve Fund.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she would like to know if there was a 30-day trial.

Mr. Vail stated that the trial started on April 21st.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she was opposed to this because at the Finance Meeting there were so many things they needed to deal with and it was discussed that it had been in this building since the beginning of March. There was no recourse to get out of this if we don't like it. She was opposed to this because the trial was not even finished. Also, the 48-month term, when the usual life is three years. It will probably be obsolete in two years. She still saw large problems.

Dr. Pollock stated that it had been 16 days and we were supposed to have it for thirty. He had not seen any report on how the trial went.

Mr. Vail stated that that was addressed in the backup and that it had gone very well.

Mr. Miller stated that this contract does not let us out no matter what. It would be imprudent for us to go with this until the trial is over. If we are paying for three years, the fourth year is worth nothing. There are many things wrong with this contract. He questioned why we were changing from our current web filtering source.

Mr. Reed responded that the primary reason was that the cost of the Sophos product was less than half the original price we were quoted and this covers us for a great deal more. We have had the previous product for about three years.

Mr. Miller asked if it was now obsolete. Mr. Reed replied that it was.

Mr. Miller asked why the end-user license agreement was not attached.

Mr. Hezel noted that this was a pretty standard contract. If the hardware works in the first two years, it would probably work ad infinitum. It will probably get outdated and we will have to get something else. There are laws that require districts to have something like this. He noted that the contract and the end-user license agreement were standard contracts. He felt that going through everything like this was silly.

Mrs. Mueller stated that we were dealing with the finance company, not the manufacturer. With the way this was worded, we had no recourse. We need to do our due diligence. It was her feeling that other Board members did not want to deal with this. She was strongly opposed to it at this time.

Mr. Miller stated that there was no reason why we had to enter into a three-year agreement. He questioned why it could not be a two-year agreement. He felt that the deal was not being negotiated correctly.

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. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Simpson</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 7-2.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Release and Settlement Agreement for Student 14-22

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Release and Settlement Agreement for Student 14-22 to attend the Magnolia School, a/k/a Talk, Inc. for the 2007-2008 school year at the prorated cost of \$13,662.00, for the 2008-2009 school year at the cost of \$20,000, and for the 2009-2010 school year at the cost of \$20,000. The District is to offer an IEP for the 2010-2011 school year. The parent is responsible for transportation.

Programming provided by the Magnolia School, a/k/a Talk, Inc. shall constitute a FAPE, and the District is released of its liability to provide student 14-22 a FAPE as long as he remains at the Magnolia School.

The motion passed 9-0.

2. Approval of Letter of Agreement with Family Service Association

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Letter of Agreement between Family Service Association of Bucks County and the Centennial School District. This agreement would allow Family Services Association of Bucks County to provide pro-social skills, promote school success, increase home-school collaboration and reduce stressors experienced by at-risk youth and their families at McDonald Elementary School. The therapeutic social worker will provide all necessary clearances and there is no charge to the District.

The motion passed 9-0.

3. Preliminary Approval for a Trip by Longstreth Elementary School Students to Camp Canadensis

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary approval for a trip by students at Longstreth Elementary School to Camp Canadensis, September 16-18, 2009. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$765.00.

Mr. Reinboth stated that this was a wonderful trip. He wished all of our elementary schools did this.

Dr. Pollock stated that he had no problem with this trip. The only question he had was about the clearances.

Mrs. Homel stated that she would be meeting with the administrative team the next day and one of the items on the agenda was the volunteer policy and the clearances.

The motion passed 9-0.

4. Approval of Request for Vehicle Rental - VFW

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the request by VFW Post 6493 in Warminster to rent two District buses on Memorial Day, May 25, 2009, to transport parade participants during the annual Warminster Township Memorial Day Parade. All costs of the rental (estimated \$100) are to be reimbursed by the VFW. Approval is contingent upon receipt of acceptable certificate of insurance naming Centennial School District as an added insured.

Mr. Miller suggested that the buses be donated as a sign of good will. Mrs. Mueller and Mrs. Huf agreed. There was consensus of the Board that this should be done.

The motion passed 9-0.

5. Set 2009-2010 Proposed Final Budget Amount/Set Adoption Date/Authorize Public Display

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board, in conformance, with Special Session Act 1 of 2006, hereby authorizes a proposed preliminary general fund budget for FY 2009-2010 in the amount of \$93,316,347. Said budget to be put on display for public review beginning May 20, 2009. Administration is hereby authorized to advertise intent to adopt final budget at the Regular Board of Directors meeting scheduled for June 9, 2009.

Mrs. Huf felt that \$93,000,000 was out of sight, so she would not be supporting this budget.

Mrs. Lynch stated that under Act 1 it is the law that we must have a budget. However, she felt that this was a little much in the times that we are in so she would also oppose this budget.

Mr. Miller stated that he supported this but he felt the community had the right to inspect this for as long as possible.

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>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>No</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 6-3.

6. Board Committee Meetings

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves that all Board Committee meetings, including Operations, Education, Finance and Citizens' Policy, will meet at 7:00 p.m. effective July 1, 2009.

Dr. Pollock stated that one of the things that was supposed to be in here was that all committee meetings would end by 11:00 p.m. He felt that should be included in the motion.

Mr. Hezel indicated that he would like it to state that they would end no later than 11:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mueller stated that, as she had stated the previous evening, if they were in the middle of doing school business and they could end at 11:10, they should go until then. However, they should be mindful of the time. She felt it should be within the reason of each chairperson. She did not want to be limited by a policy. She felt they should use common sense.

Mr. Miller stated that he felt Mr. Monaghan had a good idea of not starting a new agenda item after 10:50 p.m.

Dr. Pollock stated that he could not support this without an end time of 11:00 p.m. After four hours, they were no longer effective.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she looked at this as a guideline.

Mrs. Huf felt that it boiled down to the agenda and that they should be more cognizant of it. She did not think they needed to add 11:00 to the motion.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he liked Mr. Monaghan's suggestion of not starting a new agenda item after 10:50 also.

Mrs. Homel suggested adding "if possible." Dr. Pollock stated that he could agree. Mr. Miller said no.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she wanted the motion as read.

A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

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

The motion passed 7-2.

7. Preliminary Approval for WTHS Students' Trip to Penn State

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary approval for a trip by the girls' volleyball

team at William Tennent High School to participate in a team competition at Penn State University, University Park, PA from June 24-28, 2009. There is no cost to the District.

The motion passed 9-0.

8. Use of Facilities Exception

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 the following: Sunday use of the William Tennent High School Auditorium by the Debate Team who is sponsoring a concert to raise money to commission a song in memory of former debate team member Eric Marinoff on June 7, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost to the District is approximately \$893.75.

Mrs. Mueller thanked the students and teacher for doing this. She thought it was wonderful and encouraged everyone to support this event.

The motion passed 9-0.

9. Grant - Warminster Township Police Department

A motion was made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the grant application for a surveillance system at the William Tennent High School to be submitted by the Warminster Police Department. Grant application will be done in partnership with the Warminster Police Department. The total cost is approximately \$150,000. The District will provide the 50% matching funds (\$75,000) needed to obtain the grant. These funds have already been included in the high school project budget.

Mr. Vail indicated that this was for the new high school project.

The motion passed 9-0.

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; and Substitute Support Staff.

The motion passed 9-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Discussion

4.12 - Reserve Funds

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

There was no further discussion.

7.6 – Gifts

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

Mrs. Homel indicated that the changes were basically for housekeeping purposes. The dollar value for gifts was changed from \$500 to \$1,000.

Mr. Miller suggested that this be cross-referenced with partnerships.

6.5 - Diplomas for World War II Veterans

Mrs. Homel explained that this policy had its basis in Pennsylvania law.

5.13 - Use of Calculators

There was no discussion on this policy.

7.5 - Staff Development

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

Mrs. Homel explained that this reflects current policy.

3.28 - Student Health Services

Mrs. Homel stated that this policy had careful review and was up to date.

2.24 - Communicable Disease in the Workplace

There was no discussion on this policy.

Final Approval:

4.9 - Care and Use of Equipment and Materials

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 4.9, Care and Use of Equipment and Materials.

The motion passed 9-0.

3.14 - Sexual Harassment of Students

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.14, Sexual Harassment of Students.

Dr. Pollock stated that he still felt the need to get this out to people somehow.

Mrs. Homel explained that they did have a conversation about this in cabinet. Administration meets with all their employees in getting ready to come back to school in the fall. Mrs. Homel indicated that she would be giving direction to Administration that this must be reviewed in their August meeting or at the September back-to-school meeting and that there must be a sign-in sheet at that meeting. In the event something goes wrong, we can show that a particular person attended the meeting where this was discussed by their signing the sign-in sheet, together with the agenda for that meeting.

Dr. Pollock stated that that was what he was looking for but he had two points of caution: one being not to let any employees slip through the cracks; and that new employees should have this reviewed with them.

Mrs. Homel assured Dr. Pollock that Mrs. Rollo meets with all new employees and this is part of the packet that is discussed with them.

The motion passed 9-0.

FINANCIAL

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

Schedule of Bills – April 2009

Investments – April 2009

Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – April 2009

*Student Activity/Clearing Funds – January 1 through March 31, 2009
and approves the:*

Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – April 2009

Budgetary Transfers – May 2009

The motion passed 8-1. (Mr. Miller opposed.)

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 Meeting of March 24, 2009.

The motion passed 9-0.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mr. Miller stated that he would like the Finance Committee to consider reviewing a standard practice when we receive a quotation for costs that include labor. We have had a disparity in certain cases where we were given a cost and told that labor was not a factor because the people were on the clock; and other times were told that the amounts were fairly significant when again the people were on the clock. He felt that if we were using the time, it should be charged to the event. Either way, there should be a uniform practice.

Mrs. Huf stated that she had been asked why the high school was not more involved in Dennis Quinn's walk through the Appalachians. She wondered if there was a possibility of getting some of our students to get more involved in tracking this.

Mr. Reinboth responded that Mrs. Homel was taking notes and would look into this.

Mr. Miller stated that he did not see why this could not be on the website.

Dr. Pollock reminded the listening audience that we have started to initiate an Athletic Hall of Fame, which is on the website.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Homel spoke about the following matters:

- The outstanding Fine Arts Festival – the audience turnout was wonderful and the music was fabulous.
- She thanked the CEF for over \$25,000 in grant money that they had contributed to the classrooms.
- She acknowledged Mr. Barth and Don Knapp, the planetarium Director, for a highly successful Stellarbration and 40th anniversary of the planetarium.
- Leary's Character Counts Program and 50th birthday.
- Academic Hall of Fame.
- On May 26th the outstanding employees would be recognized.

- The groundbreaking ceremony was coming up soon.
- The emergency preparedness drill on June 25th.
- Thank you to the Rotary for the grant they are donating for landscaping.
- Thank you to Carolyn Fisher for “Kiss your Cell Phones Goodbye” where students gave up their cell phones for ten days.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lynch reported that this committee had met the previous evening. There was an alumni student panel which discussed William Tennent High School. She felt it was very informative. The committee also discussed the Dorothy Henry School and the status of the technology project.

Dr. Pollock stated that one of the things the students thought that helped them at Tennent and would help them be successful in college was block scheduling. Dr. Pollock felt that this should continue to be examined in the future.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf reported that a meeting was held the previous evening. There were many inductees to the National Technical Honor Society.

Mrs. Huf reported that there was a discussion of Central Buck’s request to park buses on the Middle Bucks campus. Mrs. Huf indicated that she was outvoted five years ago and they parked the buses there. But they never came through with what was expected. This issue came up again to be approved but was tabled. This was supposed to be temporary but the buses are still there.

Mr. Simpson reported that an honorary inductee to the National Technical Honor Society was State Representative Bernie O’Neill.

Intermediate Unit

Mr. Monaghan reported that a meeting had been held at Log College Middle School the same evening as the Reading Olympics.

The next meeting would be held on May 20th.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Reinboth reported that the committee discussed several items that were voted on at this meeting, including the budget.

The next meeting would be held on May 18th.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mueller reported that the Operations Committee had not met but that the next meeting would be held on June 2nd.

Citizens Policy

Mr. Hezel reported that this committee covered some of the items now at the Board level and that there would be no more meetings this school year.

Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Lynch reported that HB850 passed the Senate and was going into the House. There were changes, cuts and program eliminations affecting special education, charter school reimbursement, early childhood and reform programs, teachers' professional development, high school reform, dual enrollment, Classrooms for the Future, and Science – It's Elementary. She urged the public to contact their representatives in Harrisburg because education was in danger with all of these cuts.

Mrs. Lynch also spoke about a group of representatives who wanted to allocate \$435,000 in federal stimulus money for the employee retirement fund. She felt this would be a large problem for the District and stated that the representatives in Harrisburg created the problem so they should fix it.

PSBA

Mr. Miller stated that a meeting would be held the following evening.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Miller spoke about a February 29, 2008 document from Mr. Reed regarding Mr. Dinkins' website that was not on the District's website because of its inability to carry it. He wanted to move his site to the District's site in mid-May. Prior to that time his schedule was busy with choral festivals and the Fine Arts Festival. We were to work with Mr. Dinkins on this conversion. It was now a year later and this was not done, nor was there even a link to Mr. Dinkins' website. Mr. Miller stated that since he was not able to discuss this at the Education Committee, he wanted to make it a matter of record at this meeting.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mrs. Mueller read the Schedule of Board Meetings/Calendar of Events. (See Schedule attached hereto.)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary