

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
HELD JUNE 23, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A Work Session/Regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on June 23, 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:

Kati Driban
Thomas Hezel
Betty Huf
Jane Schrader Lynch
Mark B. Miller
Cynthia Mueller
Dr. Andrew Pollock
Thomas Reinboth

Administration:

Dr. Jennifer Foight-Cressman
Susan Klyman
Victor Lasher
Timothy Vail

[Mr. Monaghan was absent.]

CEA/Teachers:

Public:

See attached listing.

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 matters.

Mrs. Lynch announced that Mr. Monaghan was in the hospital and asked everyone to pray for his recovery.

Mrs. Mueller reported that 20 high school students would be leaving for Germany later in the week. Mr. Reinboth wished them a wonderful trip. He also announced that Mrs. Homel could not be at this meeting as she was attending to a family matter.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

GOOD NEWS

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Jack Diamond of 299 Kent Drive, Warminster, stated that he was concerned about finances. He felt the most important question was whether the public would have a referendum say. It would be a disgrace if they did not. He felt that there was a problem in terms of consolidation. He did not envy the choice, but it could be done. He was upset that the Board had never done anything about the impending fund crisis. This was not the time to be thinking about spending serious money.

Steve Adams of 789 Bethany Circle, Warminster, stated that he wished people would be specific about how they thought problems should be handled, rather than just expressing their anger.

Sam Goodman of 5308 Centennial Station stated that he was discouraged by what he witnessed. He had taught for ten years. He gave examples of how children were not learning what they should know. They need basic teaching, which they were not getting now, more than they needed new buildings.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- *Finance Committee – May 18, 2009*
- *Operations Committee – April 7, 2009*

The motion passed 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mr. Miller to move up Item #23 of New Business so that it could be discussed at this point in the meeting.

The motion passed 8-0.

23. Elementary Three-School Option

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the three-school option which includes the renovation of Willow Dale Elementary School, a new elementary building on either the Tamanend Park or Davis site, and a new elementary building on either the McDonald or Newtown Road site.

Mr. Hezel stated that he was not in favor of this. There were a lot of options on the table. He was looking more to minimize our school closings and not to do major renovations. By closing one school, we could save some money and use it for renovations to other schools. While the Administration and the architects said that wasn't feasible, he never saw why – he would still like to see why.

Mrs. Lynch stated that, in her opinion, to have a special Operations meeting before a Board meeting was most interesting. On June 9th the budget failed. This evening, a budget would be passed. Some individuals would now vote for the budget because they will say we are now saving money with our schools. Hardly anyone from Centennial Station knew about this plan until this morning. These retirees moved into Centennial Station because they wanted quiet. They don't want this and she didn't blame them.

Mrs. Lynch questioned what would happen to the children of Willow Dale while their school was being renovated. The HSA's knew nothing about this - the schools were closed and people were on vacation. She felt this was a disgrace. She would vote absolutely no.

Mrs. Huf stated that this was about our kids. Years ago when we first started this discuss, it was about how to renovate our neighborhood schools, not close them. Now it is about building, building, building. She did not want to disrupt the kids and their education but could not support this in any way. To throw all these kids into two schools was not acceptable. She felt this was a done deal, that they already had the votes.

Mr. Reinboth stated that this, for him, had been an issue that involved much soul-searching because it had long-reaching impact. It was an issue that would be addressing a Sword of Damocles that had been hanging over the District. He had the opportunity to examine this from many angles. He supported this because it addresses the issues for many years. It would provide for a future for this school district where we are in a position to "call the shots" because there are other districts in this area that are having to close schools. We are in a position to address our aging schools and provide a positive learning environment for many years to come. We have the financial resources to do this. From a cost standpoint, it is beneficial to do this now. We were able to bring the high school project in approximately \$12 million under budget. This project will also provide for many programs, including full-day kindergarten. We are not locked into a specific location at this point.

Mr. Reinboth stated that any motion to move forward needs five votes in favor. He explained the makeup of the Board and explained that Mr. Monaghan was absent.

Mrs. Huf stated that she had spoken to Mr. Monaghan earlier in the day and he had asked her to tell them that he was not in favor of this.

Michelle Miller of 733 Boxwood Drive, Warminster, stated that at the previous evening's Operations Committee only one option was presented and it was the three-school option. This was the first time a lot of people heard this. She felt these were planned way before that meeting. She felt that this vote was crucial and asked that it be postponed until more information could be reviewed.

Michael Hartline of 1083 Log College Drive, Warminster, stated that he was a candidate for School Board in Region 3. He was opposed to the three-school option. He felt the Board had lost the community's trust at this point. The money came from the community. He felt that the Board had a difficult job. From a business standpoint, three schools made sense. However, we are dealing with children, who are not business entities. He questioned what would happen if there were a violent shift in population so that there were more young families rather than seniors. There was not enough fudge factor. He stated that he was for the four-school plan.

Joan Lukas of 8204 Centennial Station, Warminster, stated that she expected the Board members to represent some reasonableness. She felt that four schools were needed. She would like the Board to think this over sincerely before voting and that they not vote for three schools.

Charles Solis of 1548 Harris Lane, Warminster, pointed out that over \$80 million was being spent to renovate the high school and that the teachers' contract was coming up next year. He wondered what the outcome would be this time. He indicated that he lost a lot of money from his 401(k) and wondered when the Board would get hard-headed with the teachers' union, and when they would realize the economic situation we are in today. The seniors pay the majority of the taxes in this community. He asked Board members to use their heads.

Kate Hendricson of 331 Hogeland Road, Southampton, (representing the Southampton Girls' Club) stated that this was a surprise to a lot of people, including the Township Supervisors. No one was in favor of giving up park land in favor of a school. She felt that if we want to build a new school, it should be on the District's property. She was totally against this and was very disappointed in the Southampton School Directors.

Tom Koch of 1215 Jacksonville Road, Warminster, (also representing the Southampton Girls' Club) questioned what the Board thought the sports organizations were about that they could just eliminate one.

Mr. Miller responded that they did not intend to eliminate them. The first question was how they could effectively be moved. He indicated that they would be attending a meeting on July 7th with our architects regarding this.

Mr. Koch felt that another option should be found and that the girls deserved better than this.

Ellie Jefferson of 673 Reeves Lane, Warminster, stated that she was concerned about McDonald Elementary School, about taking parks away and that the Board was not concerned about what the residents thought.

Abe Kern of 1204 Centennial Station, Warminster, (President of the Centennial Station Condo Association) stated that he was opposed to the three-school concept. He read the responsibilities of the School Board Directors and the Superintendent and stated that nowhere did it say that there was any relationship to brick and mortar.

At this point, Mr. Reinboth indicated that Mr. Kern's time was up and that he wanted everyone to have a chance to speak. Mr. Kern stated that he would not be silenced. Mr. Reinboth attempted to have Mr. Cipriano, the next speaker, come up to speak. Mr. Cipriano refused to speak until Mr. Kern had finished. After several moments of confusion, Mr. Cipriano took his place at the microphone.

Jack Cipriano of 1371 Joan Drive stated that the people were very confused by the decisions made by the Board. The people did not agree with the three-school option. The Board was leading the people to believe that the schools in question were dilapidated but each year they voted for maintenance. He questioned where the money went. He suggested that instead of selling the schools off, why not rent them as other districts have done. Then when times were better and they were needed, we could use them. He asked that this be put off to another time and indicated that the community could be deal with another tax increase.

Judith Braunston of 1455 Nancy Drive, Southampton, stated that she was present for the previous evening's discussion of a school in Tamanend Park. She felt the public had not been notified. There were no sidewalks on Second Street Pike so more buses would have to be purchased because no one would allow their children to walk. She also pointed out that the State highway would be tied up at two separate times of the day. She questioned whether anyone had been asked how they felt about lights on the fields that would be on until 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. She felt that ADA was not being observed because Mr. Monaghan was not present at this meeting due to illness.

Lynne Lucot of 1387 Rosebud Road, Southampton, stated that one of the things parents did not like about a super-school was that kindergarten students did not get to interact with older children. She suggested having two wings with half of the population mingling.

Bruce Richie of 718 Fairfield Drive, Warminster, stated that at first he thought the Board was listening to the community. He had attended the June 2nd meeting, where he thought the Board said they would not be looking into a three-school option. He agreed that something needed to be done. On a three-school option, compared to a four school option, he asked how long it would be before we would have to go to referendum.

Doris Oniskey of 688 Jakob Place, Southampton, (a former Centennial teacher) stated that she thought that in large schools children tend to get lost, especially at-risk children or problem children. The cost of playing fields has to be added on to the cost of the schools.

Janet Richard of 266 Hickory Road, Warminster, urged Board members to vote no on the three-school option. She felt this process had lacked transparency and community support from the beginning. The public's valid concerns had been ignored. The Board would be irrevocably ripping apart our neighborhoods without any true dialogue.

Mrs. Huf stated that she heard everyone and appreciated their coming to this meeting. Her concern was for the students also and she hoped that the Board would reconsider voting on this at this meeting and let the community get involved.

Mrs. Mueller called for the vote.

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>No</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 5-3.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Release and Settlement Agreement for Student 13-3

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Release and Settlement Agreement for Student 13-3 to attend the Pathway School as a residential student for the 2009-2010 school year. The District is to fund 40% of this cost which equals \$25,400.00. The District will reimburse the student's Trust Fund for residential services for July 2009 at a cost of \$4,600.00. The District will further reimburse the student's Trust Fund for residential services provided during the 2008-2009 school year at a cost of \$7,500.00. The District

and/or its insurance carrier will pay attorney fees to the McAndrews Law Offices in the amount of \$30,000.00 of which the District’s portion will be a maximum of \$10,000.00. This Release and Settlement Agreement releases the School District of its liability to provide Student 13-3 FAPE as long as the student remains at the Pathway School.

The motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Reinboth called for a short break in the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:14 p.m. (Mrs. Lynch was absent from the room.)

2. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 7-6

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants an exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 7-6 to attend Stackpole Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year.

Dr. Pollock stated that this was not recommended by the Acting Superintendent; therefore, he would be voting no.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion failed 1-6.

3. Approval of Secondary Reading Program

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the adoption of the secondary reading program in grades six through twelve in the 2009-2010 school year. The fiscal note is not to exceed \$251,846.00.

The motion passed 7-0.

4. Approval of Overnight Conferences

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

- A. *Dr. Donna Dunar, principal at Leary Elementary School and Leanne Hibbs, Debra Dougherty, Laurie Schenfelt, Lisa Stecklein, and Deborah Walker from Leary, to attend the Character Education Partnership National Forum in Washington, D.C. October 29-31, 2009. The cost to the District is \$5,150.*
- B. *Karen Kinzle, Food and Nutrition Supervisor, to attend the PA School Nutrition Association conference in Seven Springs, PA August 4-6, 2009. The cost to the District is \$622.*
- C. *Amy Campbell, Webmaster, to attend the Schoolwires Academy in State College, PA, July 28-30, 2009. The cost to the District is \$1,470.*

Mrs. Huf stated that “her Leary” had been awarded National School of Character and for that it would be closed.

The motion passed 6-1. (Mr. Miller opposed.)

5. Close 2008-09 Books and Authorize Audit

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes Administration to close the 2008-2009 Centennial School District books as of June 30, 2009, incorporating all accruals therein; that all bills that arrive and are due by June 30, 2009 are approved for payment provided the Administration reviews the bills and is satisfied the same are just and proper obligations of the School District, and provided said expenditures are within the budget; that the transfer of budget amounts necessary for the processing of budgeted expenditures are approved subject to review and ratification by the Board in September, 2009; and that the School District auditors be directed to proceed with conducting the necessary audit for the close of the fiscal year 2008-2009.

The motion passed 7-0.

6. Auxiliary Pay Rates 2009-2010

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves pay rates for all auxiliary positions for the 2009-2010 school year and accepts the PIAA Athletic Officials pay rates and game worker rates as per the attached supplements.

The motion passed 6-0-1. (Mr. Miller abstained.)

7. Delegate Appointment – Bucks County Tax Collection Commission

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board resolves that the following individuals are appointed as

delegates to the Bucks County Tax Collection Commission for the Centennial School District per the terms and conditions of the attached resolution:

<i>Primary voting delegate</i>	<i>Jane Schrader Lynch</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>First alternate voting delegate</i>	<i>Cynthia Mueller</i>	<i>Board Member</i>
<i>Second alternate voting delegate</i>	<i>Timothy E. Vail</i>	<i>Business Administrator</i>

The motion passed 7-0.

8. Facility Rental Agreement – Bucks County Head Start

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the attached agreement with Bucks County Head Start Agency for the 2009-2010 school year for the rental of 4 classrooms in the Johnsville Administration Building at a total annual cost of \$24,172. The Board recognizes the contribution the Head Start Program makes toward preparing students for entering the school system and therefore provides in-kind contributions in the form of reduced rates from the set fees of \$18,635 per classroom charged per the Use of Facility rate schedule.

The motion passed 7-0.

9. Reserved Fund Balance

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the reservation and transfer of \$4,833,752 in surplus general fund monies in keeping with Act 48 of 2003 as follows:

- Transfer \$2,416,876.00 (or 50% of the audited fund balance over the Act 48 maximum 8% unreserved/undesignated fund balance) to the Capital Reserve Fund to be held in reserve for any future capital or building project(s) in order to reduce the amount that would potentially need to be borrowed to fund the work.*
- Creating a fund to be known as the Centennial School District Retirement Escrow Fund and transfer \$2,416,876.00 (or 50% of the audited fund balance over the Act 48 maximum 8% unreserved/undesignated fund balance) into that fund to assist in offsetting the financial impact of the anticipated spike in the employer share of retirement through the PSERS. All interest earnings on the dollars deposited into this Fund shall be retained within the Fund to further reduce the financial impact of this spike on future budgets.*

Actual transfer of funds as outlined above is contingent upon the actual availability of funds as all accrued expenses for the 2008-2009 fiscal year are posted and processed, and authorization is hereby given to the District's Business Administrator in consultation with the Superintendent to move the funds when this is accomplished to their satisfaction.

Dr. Pollock explained that you can only keep 8% over and above anything not designated for something as a reserve for things that go wrong. We have a little more than that. We are moving half of that into a fund to help offset some of the construction costs for the elementary and the other half into a fund so that when the PSERS fund spikes in the future, we would have some money so we would not have to make a large increase in taxes.

Mrs. Lynch returned to the room at 8:25 p.m.

Mrs. Huf stated that she could not believe we were in such dire straits that we don't have enough money and we'll be poor in a few years. She questioned why this money wasn't attributed to keeping our tax increase down. She would rather have seen this money go into lowering the tax increase in the community. She stated that she would not be supporting this since she did not agree with what was being done.

Mr. Miller stated that this was being done against the PSERS tax burden.

Mrs. Huf indicated that this was money that had already been taken out of the taxpayers' pockets.

Mrs. Lynch stated that there was extra money, which was being called "surplus." She agreed that something had to be done with the teachers' pensions but felt it was the state's problem.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</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 6-2.

10. Milk/Juice Bid for 2009-2010

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the milk/juice bid for 2009-2010 and awards same to low bidder Cream-O-Land Dairy. Estimated cost for milk/juice for 2009-2010 is \$222,217.

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

11. Approval of Ed-Flex Waivers

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves filing for Ed-Flex Waivers with the Pennsylvania Department of Education which will qualify Longstreth, Davis and Klinger as Title I schools for the 2009-2010 school year. These waivers will provide Title I tutorial services, but would not reduce any of the programs or services to any of the District's other Title I buildings.

The motion passed 8-0.

12. Approval of Agreement of Sale – Hart School

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Agreement of Sale to Warminster Township for the Hart Elementary property as per the attached agreement.

Mrs. Lynch asked what the zoning was around the school. Mr. Lasher responded that he believed it was G, which is Government-Use District.

Mrs. Lynch asked what that encompassed. Mr. Lasher indicated that he did not know.

Mrs. Lynch asked that Mr. Lasher find out what government use is prior to proceeding with the agreement. She requested that this be postponed until this information was ascertained. Also, she indicated that she had seen that they were going to apply for open space funding but that was not included. She questioned why.

Mr. Miller asked if his understanding was correct that as the arrangement stood, this did not change what they could currently do with the school. Mr. Lasher indicated that the reverter clause would be removed.

Mrs. Huf stated that she felt this was a great deal with Warminster Township. Her concern was that if there were questions on the agreement, then she would hold back her vote. However, she was going to vote in favor.

Mr. Miller stated that he did not think this was the right venue to decide these issues since we were simply a landlord.

Mrs. Lynch pointed out that it was our place to make sure any contract we enter into is clear.

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>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 5-2-1.

13. Developer’s Agreement with Warminster Township

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the attached Developer’s Agreement with Warminster Township for the William Tennent High School project.

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

14. Approval of Funds to Elementary Projects

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves that the \$727,858 that the District receives from Warminster Township from the sale of Hart School be allocated to the Elementary School Building projects.

Mrs. Huf stated that since she was opposed to the elementary school building projects, she was opposed to this.

The motion passed 5-2-1. (Mrs. Huf and Mrs. Lynch opposed; Ms. Driban abstained.)

Ms. Driban left the room at 8:43 p.m.

15. Plan Con F Certification

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board hereby certifies that the information provided on the Plan Con F form accurately describes the actions taken by the District/CTC prior to contract execution on the William Tennent High School project. Failure to fully disclose any information pertinent to the following may result in the denial of reimbursement for this project: award to the lowest responsible bidder for any prime contract; issuance of permits and approvals by local, state and other governmental agencies; computation of reimbursable capacity, architectural area and scheduled area; and compliance with Act 34 of 1973, the 20 year rule and the 20% Rule of Alteration Costs used in determining the eligibility of building renovations for reimbursement.

Mrs. Huf stated that since she was opposed to the elementary school building projects, she was opposed to this.

Mrs. Lynch stated that it was \$71 million down the drain. She would vote no.

Mr. Reinboth responded by stating that having attended that school, he would disagree.

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. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 5-2.

16. Approval of Testing Company for WTHS Project

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board hereby agrees to award David Blackmore and Associates the contract for testing/inspection for William Tennent High School at their low price of \$114,472.00. Funds to be appropriated from the Capital Project Fund.

Mr. Hezel pointed out that this stated that it would come from the Capital Project Fund. He asked if it would come from the high school funds. Mr. Vail indicated that it would.

Mrs. Lynch stated that although she was against the high school, she would vote for this because the testing was important for the children.

Ms. Driban returned to the room at 8:46 p.m.

Mr. Hezel stated that he was really glad to be investing this type of money into this because we would get a quality high school for our money. He felt it was money well spent.

The motion passed 7-0-1. (Mrs. Huf abstained.)

17. Approval of Request for Transportation by Upper Southampton Fire Company

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the request by the Upper Southampton Fire Company in Upper Southampton to rent a District bus on Independence Day, July 4, 2009, to transport parade participants during the annual Southampton Days Parade. All costs of the rental (estimated \$125) are to be reimbursed by the Fire Company. There will be no charge to the Upper Southampton Fire Company. Approval is contingent upon receipt of

acceptable certificate of insurance naming Centennial School District as an added insured.

The motion passed 7-0-1. (Ms. Driban abstained.)

18. Permission to Apply for Mandate Waiver for Advertising

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants permission to apply for a Mandate Waiver from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to waive 24 P.S. §8-807.1(a) which would allow the District to advertise, in lieu of newspapers of general circulation, all public meetings on the District's official Internet website and through group e-mail lists.

Dr. Pollock stated that this was an attempt to hold costs down and still inform the public.

Mr. Miller explained that this was a rule that was on the books long before the internet or computers.

Ms. Driban asked if it were possible to amend that we could post in public places, such as the library and here at Johnsville so that people who did not have computer access would have somewhere they could go to find out.

Mr. Miller stated that this information could also be put on the cable channel but the question then would be whether it would cost just as much as what we are currently doing.

Dr. Pollock stated that he lived in one of the retirement communities and indicated that most people there get the Inquirer rather than the Intelligencer, so they don't know what is happening.

Mr. Miller suggested that notices be faxed to each of the schools for posting.

Mr. Hezel questioned how much would be saved. Mr. Vail responded that it would be about \$4,400.

Mrs. Lynch stressed the importance of communication, pointing out that it was seen tonight that communication was very poor.

Mrs. Mueller suggested that the courier could post these when they were delivering the Board's Friday packets.

Bruce Richie questioned how the community would be notified that we were no longer advertising in the newspaper. Dr. Pollock suggested that it could be put in the next newsletter.

Mr. Miller suggested that a line could be added in the newspaper ad stating where notices would appear in the future.

Mr. Richie asked what the timeframe would be. Mr. Miller responded that we would still be bound by legal requirements.

Lynne Lucot asked if we really wanted to take away the senior citizens' most important way of finding things out.

The motion passed 8-0.

19. Approval of Bids

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

Having resolved to advertise for and receive bids for the construction of the William Tennent High School Project; and

Having received such bids on or about June 9, 2009; and

Having considered the bids received and having consulted with Special Construction Counsel, the Project Architect and the Project Construction Manager;

Now, therefore, the Board of School Directors of the Centennial School District hereby resolves as follows:

1. *The Board resolves to award contracts, on the terms and conditions herein stated, on the basis of the multi-prime contract format based upon advice received from the Project Architect and Project Construction Manager that the lowest responsive bids including accepted alternates received for the contract categories of the multi-prime contract format (Contract No. 's 1 – 10) are less than the lowest responsive bids including accepted alternates received for the two prime contract format (Contract No. 's 1A and 2).*

Subject to: (i) the satisfactory execution and submission of written Contracts for Construction, surety bonds and insurance certificates, all as required by the contract documents for the Project and in such form as may be approved by Special Construction Counsel, and (ii) the approval of the Project by all authorities having jurisdiction thereof, the Board intends to accept the following bid proposals totaling \$59,545,905.00 and:

- (a) *Award the following accepted alternates for each of the ten (10) trade contracts that are identified hereinafter: Alternate No. 's 1 (Paint Clouds), 2 (Paint Auditorium Walls), 5 (Replace Lower Seats), 6 (Replace Upper Seats), 7 (Stage Curtains), 8 (Replace Auditorium Carpeting), 9 (Ceramic Locker Rooms),*

10 (Relocate Skylights), 11 (Clerestory at Entry), 12 (Clerestory at Café), 13 (Replace Existing Roof), 14 (Terrazzo Main Corridor), 15 (Terrazzo Classroom Corridor), 18 (Library Windows), 19 (Brick Panels), 20 (Teacher's Desks), 21 (AV Upgrades), 22 (Fiber to Stadium) and 26 (Lightning Protection), and,

(b) On the basis of such accepted alternates and the base bids submitted by the bidders, award the:

- (1) General Trades Construction Contract #01 to E. R. Stuebner, Inc., at a price of \$20,998,000.00; and the
 - (2) Demolition Construction Contract #02, to Neuber Environmental Services, Inc., at a price of \$2,189,000.00; and the
 - (3) Site Construction Contract #03 to J. L. Watts Excavating, Inc., at a price of \$3,300,000.00; and the
 - (4) Masonry Construction Contract #04 to Boro Developers, Inc. d/b/a Boro Construction, at a price of \$6,163,000.00; and the
 - (5) Roofing Construction Contract #05 to Mike Kobithen Roofing & Insulation, Inc., at a price of \$2,228,265.00; and the
 - (6) Food Service Construction Contract #06 to 11400, Inc., at a price of \$926,000.00; and the
 - (7) Plumbing Construction Contract #07 to Jay R. Reynolds, Inc., at a price of \$3,901,500.00; and the
 - (8) Fire Protection Construction Contract #08 to Affordable Fire Protection, Inc., at a price of \$1,020,000.00; and the
 - (9) HVAC Construction Contract #09 to Boro Developers, Inc. d/b/a Boro Construction at a price of \$8,900,000.00; and the
 - (10) Electrical Construction Contract #10 to Phillips Brothers Electrical Contractors, Inc., at a price of \$9,920,140.00.
2. The Board further authorizes and directs the Administration, Project Architect, Special Construction Counsel and Construction Manager to take all such actions as may be necessary to give notice of its actions as herein resolved to all parties in interest in such form and manner as they may deem appropriate.
 3. The Board further authorizes and directs the Administration, Project Architect, Special Construction Counsel and Construction Manager to take all other actions that they may deem necessary and proper to execute the foregoing resolutions of

the Board, including the execution of appropriate Contracts for the construction work awarded herein and the preparation and submission of all documents required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education under Plan Con, Part G.

Mr. Hezel thanked Burt Hill Architects, Reynolds Construction and our Administration for getting us this far in the project.

Mr. Reinboth stated that this would be coming in \$12,463,000 less than our original budget. We were able to add a lot of alternative items to the project.

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>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 6-2.

20. Agreement with MBIT to Broadcast Board Meetings

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the agreement with Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (MBIT) to provide broadcasting services of Board meetings for fiscal year 2009-2010 at a fixed annual cost of \$11,000 per the terms and conditions of the attached supplement.

Dr. Pollock stated that he appreciated the excellent job they had done the past year. They added to the community interest. He felt this was worthwhile.

Mrs. Mueller thanked the students. She felt this was definitely a service to the community, which they were thankful for.

Mrs. Lynch thanked the students also, stating that if it weren't for them there would be no video.

The motion passed 8-0.

21. Relocation of Dorothy Henry Alternative School

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves moving the program located at Dorothy Henry in Ivyland to the Administration Building effective September 1, 2009.

Mrs. Lynch stated that this program was very successful and that we had to make it successful here or we would lose the students who needed this program.

Mrs. Huf stated that because Administration had convinced her that this would not disrupt the students, she would be supporting this. However, she indicated that she would be watching.

Mrs. Mueller stated that they were looking to be able to enhance this program so the students would have more opportunities.

The motion passed 8-0.

22. Reynolds Construction Management Fee

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revision of the contract with Reynolds Construction Management to increase their fee by \$250,000 for the William Tennent High School project since the scope of their services has changed to include management of ten (10) prime contractors.

Mr. Reinboth explained that it became more labor-intensive for the construction management firm to manage all these vendors rather than a single vendor so there was an increase in their cost. Overall, there was quite a substantial savings over what we anticipated with this project.

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

23. Elementary Three-School Option

[This item was handled earlier in the meeting.]

24. Reynolds Construction Management Project Fees

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes the engagement of Reynolds Construction Management for the elementary building project at the following fees:

<i>Willow Dale Renovation</i>	<i>\$600,000</i>
<i>First New Elementary Building</i>	<i>\$733,000</i>
<i>Second New Elementary Building</i>	<i>\$667,000</i>

This engagement is subject to the preparation of a professional services agreement reasonably satisfactory to the District's special construction counsel and submitted to the Board of School Directors for approval.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</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 6-2.

25. Change Order Approval Authority

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board provides authority to Victor Lasher to authorize changes up to \$25,000 per each change management item until the total change orders exceeds \$300,000. At this point, the Architect and Construction Manager will file Plan Con Part I submissions for all change orders over \$10,000, which will require the Board of School Directors' authorization. After the total change orders approved exceeds \$300,000, it is further recommended that Victor Lasher be authorized to approve change management items under \$10,000. The Board of School Directors reserves the right to provide further limits or modifications to the authority provided during the course of the project. This authority is limited to the William Tennent High School Additions and Renovations Project.

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>Abstained</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 6-1-1.

26. Burt Hill Elementary Project Fees

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board agrees:

1. *To engage the firm of Burt, Hill, Inc. to perform professional architectural and engineering services for the design, bidding and construction of the renovation of the Willow Dale Elementary School, construction of a new elementary building on either Davis site or Tamanend Park and construction of a new elementary building on either the McDonald or Newtown Road site at the following fees:*

<i>Willow Dale Renovation</i>	<i>6%</i>
<i>First New Elementary Building</i>	<i>5½%</i>
<i>Second New Elementary Building</i>	<i>4½%</i>

If all projects are done at the same time, the fee for all three is 5%.

Pursuant to the terms of a professional services agreement to be hereinafter prepared that is reasonably acceptable to the District's Special Construction Counsel and that is submitted for approval to the Board; and

2. *In order to allow for the timely performance of the services described in Par. 1 hereof, to engage Burt, Hill, Inc. to commence activities on the Project immediately upon enactment of this resolution, provided that: (a) prior to the execution and approval of a professional services agreement, such services shall be invoiced monthly on an hourly basis in accordance with the hourly rate schedule that is in effect for the William Tennent High School Project; (b) the total fees and reimbursable expenses charged for such services shall not exceed the sum of \$100,000.00; and (c) appropriate credit for such services, and payments, shall be provided in the professional services agreement described in Par. 1 hereof.*

Mr. Reinboth stated that 5% was quite a savings; 6% was the average.

Lynne Lucot asked if her proposal would even be considered if this were approved. Mrs. Mueller stated that the drawing was a prototype. What she proposed would be given consideration.

Mr. Miller asked when this would be ready to go to the Planning Commission.

Mike Preston of Burt Hill stated that they would have to go through a process. Hopefully they would finish the schematic design in September; then move on to design development and construction documents; then go out to bid in late spring/early summer.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</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 6-2.

27. Exception to Policy 6.8, Concessions

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 6.8, Concessions, for the 2009 Perlini tournament to permit them to set up their own concession stands on school property with the provision that all beverage products are bought through the District account with our preferred supplier.

The motion passed 7-0-1. (Ms. Driban abstained.)

28. Approval for PDE Conference

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves three District representatives attending a summit in State College, PA titled, Best Practices in Early Childhood Education: The Kindergarten Year, on August 13 and 14 as guests of the Pennsylvania Department of Education which includes conference registration and meals. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$750 for two nights of lodging.

Dr. Pollock stated that he supported this. He was in support of full-day Kindergarten. He felt it was very advantageous to the students in the District. He would like to be one of the people attending this conference.

Mr. Miller stated that we could potentially get funding to start full-day Kindergarten in the District and get funding for three years.

The motion passed 8-0.

29. Compensation for Unused Vacation Days

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves awarding Acting Superintendent, Sandy M. Homel, her current per diem rate for 13.5 unused vacation days with 10 additional days to be carried forward to the 2009-2010 school year at a cost to the District of \$9,227.00.

Mrs. Lynch stated that in the past 5½ years she had been on this Board she had not seen this before so this was precedent setting.

Mr. Reinboth stated that our policy with administrators was that they could carry forward days to the next year. Mrs. Homel asked that there be some special consideration since she was acting as Acting Superintendent and there had been very little opportunity to take days off.

Mrs. Mueller stated that, to make sure this was not precedent-setting, she did not recall a time where there was a person being Acting Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.

Mrs. Huf stated that in her 16 years on the Board this had never been done so she would not be supporting this.

Mrs. Mueller stated that there was a policy.

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

30. Elimination of Position

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

WHEREAS, the School Board is desirous of maintaining a thorough and efficient public school system for the residents and taxpayers of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School Board desires to reduce costs and keep taxes to a minimum level believed necessary for a thorough and efficient public school system; and

WHEREAS, one method of reducing costs is to eliminate certain administrative positions;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the position of Public Relations Specialist be eliminated effective at the close of business June 30, 2009 and that Stephen Barth be terminated from employment as a result of the elimination of his position effective at the close of business on June 30, 2009. Be it further resolved that the Acting Superintendent, or her designee, shall notify the employee of this action and take such further action as deemed necessary to effectuate the intent of the School Board as expressed in this motion.

Mrs. Huf stated that she felt Mr. Barth had done a good job and had gotten recognition out there. She felt there were far better ways to save money in the budget and that this was unfair to him. She would not support this.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she felt sorry for anyone losing their job but in this particular case, although it was sad, it needed to be done.

Mrs. Mueller stated that this was a pilot position. It was no reflection on how he did his job. It was a financial decision.

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

Dr. Pollock thanked Mr. Barth for his services. The newsletter was one example of his work. What the Board did was no reflection on him.

Mr. Miller asked if they were still subject to the 10:00 curfew. Mr. Reinboth confirmed that they were.

OLD BUSINESS

Adopt 2009-2010 General Fund Budget

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the Final General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010) in the amount of \$92,647,017 as presented and all applicable local taxes necessary to fund said budget per the attached full resolution. Authorization is given to implement the spending plan as set forth therein during the Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Mr. Hezel explained that at the end of each fiscal year, there was an excess of monies that needed to be transferred to other accounts. The reason for this was that more revenues were brought in than were needed to operate the District on a yearly basis. While he appreciated the cushion, he would like to see this reeled back in a little bit. He would like to take \$2 million and reduce the tax increase needed to fund this budget. There would still be a cushion but taxes would not be increased as much.

Mr. Reinboth stated that that could be done but then it would mean that down the road we would just have a larger tax increase. It was better to have steady tax increases.

Dr. Pollock stated that this budget dealing with expenses and revenues was an estimate. The actual budget would not be known until next June. The state has not passed a budget yet. Right now they have a deficit. He was afraid they were going to reduce that on the backs of education.

Dr. Pollock felt that if what was being said happened five years ago, he would not have a problem with it but now we live under Act 1.

Mrs. Lynch complimented Mr. Hezel for coming up with this solution. No one had ever come up with this during the five years she had been on the Board. She felt that if it could not be done this year, maybe it could be done next year.

Mrs. Huf stated that she saw the millage increase and unprecedented spending. She heard from everyone in the community about taxes and she just wanted to stop it. She could not support this increase. She agreed with Mr. Hezel.

Bobbi Loftus addressed the Board regarding when tax bills would be going out and that they would not be going out on July 1st.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she would not vote for this budget. She felt it was excessive spending and a huge tax increase. There were people who could not pay it. She would be voting absolutely no.

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>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 5-2-1.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves all personnel recommendations, as follows: Resignations, Retirements, Leaves of Absence; Change of Status; Substitute Support Staff; Lead Teacher Centennial Summer Academy Enrichment Program; Centennial Summer Academy Enrichment Program; Mentors; Centennial Academy Elementary Summer Academic Program; Student/Summer Employees; Co-Curricular; and Award of Tenure.

The motion passed 8-0.

POLICIES

Discussion/Final Approval:

7.25 – Adult Smoking

There was no discussion on this policy.

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 7.2 – Adult Smoking.

The motion passed 8-0.

4.13 – Integrated Pest Management

There was no discussion on this policy.

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 4.13 – Integrated Pest Management.

The motion passed 8-0.

2.5 – Prohibiting Discrimination in Employment

There was no discussion on this policy.

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 2.5 – Prohibiting Discrimination in Employment.

The motion passed 8-0.

2.10 – Supervising and Evaluating Professional Performance

There was no discussion on this policy.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval to the revisions to Policy 2.10 – Supervising and Evaluating Professional Performance.

The motion passed 8-0.

1.4 – Centennial School Board Superintendent Evaluation

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 1.4 – Centennial School Board Superintendent Evaluation

The motion passed 8-0.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the minutes from the following: Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – April 28, 2009; Regular School Board Meeting – May 12, 2009; Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – May 26, 2009.

The motion passed 7-0-1. (Ms. Driban abstained.)

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mrs. Huf asked when Mrs. Homel would be evaluated. Mr. Reinboth replied that they would need to make a determination.

Ms. Driban asked if they were going to do two separate evaluations. Mrs. Huf stated that it would be under the Superintendent evaluation. It had not been done in years. She felt it was time to be getting back to the procedure.

Mr. Hezel stated that they had to make sure that it was based on the old policy since this was done in the past year.

Dr. Pollock questioned Dr. Foight-Cressman regarding the 2009 preliminary PSSA results. He asked if the 5th grade Reading was compared to last year's results. Dr. Foight-Cressman indicated that it was. Dr. Pollock felt that that was comparing apples to oranges since it was not the same children. He would like to see a longitudinal study of the same students to see how they were progressing.

Dr. Foight-Cressman stated that when the final results were received in July, she could do that.

Mrs. Lynch clarified that there was a letter dated May 20, 2009 from John Van Luvane indicating that Warminster Township was applying to Bucks County for open space money. She indicated that she would be watching this.

REPORTS

Mrs. Huf reported that there had been a meeting at MBIT earlier in the evening. A settlement with the Middle Bucks Education Association for their new contract had been approved. The salary matrix remained intact; the savings were on benefits.

Mrs. Mueller stated that the Upper Southampton Township Supervisors were in the process of arranging a workshop to discuss possible use of Tamanend Park for a new school.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he had the pleasure of presiding at the high school graduation, which was very rewarding.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Huf to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary