

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
HELD AUGUST 18, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on August 18, 2009 in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Reinboth at approximately 7:00 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

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

Administration:

Sandy Homel  
Susan Klyman  
Victor Lasher  
Dr. Thomas Turnbaugh  
Timothy Vail

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 to discuss legal and personnel issues.

Mr. Monaghan thanked everyone who sent get-well wishes during his most-recent hospital stay.

Mr. Miller reported on a letter that he had received from Senator Tomlinson, who represents the Ivyland portion of the District, which was very disturbing because he was supporting the Keystone Exams and cast a very crucial vote in the Education Committee to move it forward. It was now before the IRRC for final approval. The estimated cost to the District over the next six

years would be \$800,000. Mr. Miller encouraged members of Ivyland who were tuned in to call Senator Tomlinson's Richboro office to let him know that they did not appreciate this.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **GOOD NEWS**

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

## **STUDENT REPORTS**

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

None.

### **MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

None.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Ellie Jefferson of 673 Reeves Lane, Warminster, stated that at the last Operations meeting, it was indicated that three sites were going to be considered for the elementary schools. She questioned whether the building this meeting was being held in was one of them. Mrs. Mueller replied that there was nothing at the Operations Meeting but that there was something on the agenda for this meeting.

Judith Braunston of 1455 Nancy Drive, Southampton, noted that at a recent meeting of the Upper Southampton Board of Supervisors, the Operations Committee appeared and the Upper Southampton Board presented an offer to purchase back the ten acres of land that is now in possession of the School District. She questioned what had happened with this.

Mr. Miller stated that no offer had been received.

Leigh Lieberman of 396 Byron Road stated that the AP success of Shannon Martin had coincided with the restoration of the 180 days of single-period classes. We were less successful under block scheduling even with more time. She stated her concern that the 5<sup>th</sup> graders' performance had deteriorated and felt that a close look should be taken at this.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Reinboth requested the Board's consensus to move item 42 forward. The Board agreed.

42. Facility Use Waiver Application

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

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| <p><i>A. Warminster Park and Recreation</i></p>  | <p><i>Requesting 50% waiver of pool fees for the Fall, Winter, Spring &amp; Summer community aquatics programs at Log College Middle School. Approximate cost to the District for the year is \$1,160.00.</i></p>   |
| <p><i>B. Eagle Scout Project- Troop #400</i></p> | <p><i>Student, David Hyman, requesting waiver of fees for the use of the William Tennent High School pool on Friday, September 11, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for an Eagle Scout project. The cost to the District is approximately \$87.00.</i></p> |

David Hyman thanked everyone for granting permission for him to perform his project.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

After discussion, it was decided to group some of the motions.

1. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 20-13
2. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 10-7 and 11-7
3. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 5-25
4. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 4-13
5. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 4-13
6. Agreement for Professional Services – The Reading Connection
7. Agreement for Professional Services – The Reading Connection
8. Agreement for Professional Services – The Reading Connection
12. Approval of Buxmont Academy Act 48 Program Placement Agreement
13. Approval of Agreement with Lakeside Educational Network
14. Approval of UHS of Doylestown, LLC (Lifeworks Alternative School) Agreement
15. Approval of Nexus Agreement
17. Ann's Choice, Inc.
18. Conference Requests
20. Bucks County Superintendents' Retreat

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

- (1) Approves an exception to Policy 7.18 for Student 20-13 to attend McDonald Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year. The family will provide transportation.*
- (2) Approves an exception to Policy 7.18 for Student 10-7 and Student 11-7 to attend Leary Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year. The family will provide transportation.*
- (3) Approves an exception to Policy 7.18 for Student 5-25 to attend Davis Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year. The family will provide transportation.*
- (4) Approves an exception to Policy 7.18 to allow student 4-13 to attend Centennial's Autistic Support Class at Klinger Middle School on a tuition basis at an estimated rate of \$15,137.36 for the 2009-2010 school year. Parents are to pay 25% of the tuition prior to the start of school. Parents will receive an invoice for the balance of the tuition fee. (Rate subject to change) Transportation will be provided by the home district.*
- (5) Approves an exception to Policy 7.18 for Student 4-13 to attend Davis Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year. The family will provide transportation.*
- (6) Approves the Agreement for Professional Services between the Centennial School District and the Reading Connection for student 1-12. Student 1-12 is to receive 55 minutes daily in the Orton-Gillingham Reading Method at a rate of \$80.00 per session, not to exceed \$16,000.00 by June 17, 2010. The contract terminates either upon the last day of school or with a 30 day advance written notice to terminate.*

*These services are listed in the student's IEP.*

- (7) Approves the Agreement for Professional Services between the Centennial School District and the Reading Connection for student 1-18. Student 1-18 is to receive sixty 30 minute sessions in a multi-sensory reading method at a rate of \$40.00 per session, not to exceed \$2,400.00 by June 17, 2010. The contract terminates either upon the last day of school or with a 30 day advance written note to terminate.*

*These services are listed in the student's IEP.*

- (8) Approves the Agreement for Professional Services between the Centennial School District and the Reading Connection for Students 3-1 and 10-3. Students are to receive one hour 3 times per week in a multi-sensory reading method and scientifically based systematic approach to spelling at a rate of \$100.00 per session, not to exceed \$12,000.00 by June 17, 2010. The contract terminates*

*either upon the last day of school or with a 30 day advance written note to terminate.*

*These services are listed in the student's IEP.*

- (12) *Approves the Act 48 Program Placement Agreement between Buxmont Academy and the Centennial School District for the 2009-2010 school year at the per diem rate of \$104.01 (\$18,721.80 a school year) per regular education students and at the per diem rate of \$114.01 (\$20,521.80 a school year) per special education students.*
- (13) *Approves the Agreement between Lakeside Educational Network and the Centennial School District for the 2009-2010 school year for three (3) regular education slots at the rate of \$23,364.00 per slot and three (3) special education slots at the rate of \$27,412.00 per slot, with an initial deposit of \$30,465.60. The Centennial School District is not contracting with Lakeside Educational Network for transportation services for the 2009-2010 school year.*
- If additional placements are needed, the per diem rate of \$163.60 for each regular education placement would apply and the per diem rate of \$188.90 per special education placement would apply.*
- (14) *Approves the Act 48 Program Placement Agreement between UHS of Doylestown, LLC, hereinafter referred to as "Foundations" (the Lifeworks Alternative School) and the Centennial School District for the 2009-2010 school year at the per diem rate of \$152.00 for each student referred and accepted.*
- (15) *Approves the Agreement between Nexus School and the Centennial School District for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$58,000.00.*
- (17) *Agrees to the Affiliation Agreement with Ann's Choice, Inc. for the 2009-2010 school year to provide a school-to-career internship program for high school special education students as indicated. The School District will provide transportation to and from Ann's Choice.*
- (18) *Approves the following overnight conference requests:*
- Dolores McAdams and Judy Hoffman, teachers at William Tennent High School, 12th International Institute for Restorative Practices World Conference, Restoring Community in a Disconnected World, October 21-23, 2009, Bethlehem, PA, sponsored by the International Institute for Restorative Practices. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$580.00.*
- (20) *Approves the attendance of Dr. Thomas Turnbaugh at the Bucks County Superintendents' Retreat in Gettysburg, PA, from November 12, 2009-November 14, 2009 at a cost to the District of approximately \$565.*

Regarding item #4, Ms. Driban asked whether there was an IEP recommendation because there was no recommendation from Administration. She also asked where the tuition amount came from.

Mrs. Homel explained that this student was in the I.U. autistic class at Klinger but this school year we had assumed that class. The parents wanted to keep their son in a consistent environment and had offered to pay tuition. There was room in the class. Mr. Vail explained the formula for calculating the tuition.

Ms. Driban questioned Item #12, Page 2, section 5(c), which stated that we would supply lunch for the student. Since Buxmont Academy was located in Pipersville, she questioned how that would be done.

Mr. Miller explained that there were other such situations and that there were three alternatives, which included furnishing lunch to the student, paying to have lunch brought in from a local establishment or reciprocating with a local school district that had delivery.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

9. Approval of Vanguard School Agreement
10. Approval of Wordsworth Agreement

*A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board:*

- (9) *Approves the Agreement between the Vanguard School and the Centennial School District for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$42,000.00.*
- (10) *Approves the Agreement between Wordsworth Private Academic School and the Centennial School District to provide alternative placement for special education students for the 2009-2010 school year at a per diem rate of \$210.00 per student plus a per diem rate of \$125.00 for a one-to-one aide as determined by the student's IEP.*

Mr. Miller pointed out that in Section 3.2 of both Agreements, he had requested that this be changed so that we receive quarterly reports, and transcript information at the conclusion of the school year. Dr. Turnbaugh indicated that Mrs. Klyman had requested this change from both agencies and they had both agreed to do so.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

11. Approval of Agreement with Bancroft NeuroHealth

*A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the*

*Centennial School Board approves the Tuition Contract and the Residential Services Contract between Centennial School District and Bancroft NeuroHealth, an approved private school for the disabled in the County of Camden in the State of New Jersey, for the 2009-2010 school year at an estimated annual cost of \$245,199.00.*

Mr. Miller pointed out that this contract was filled with New Jersey State Code and that we would be sending the student out of state. He questioned if there was a legal opinion that this contract fulfilled our obligations under Pennsylvania Code for this child. Also, in the event there would be a dispute, there was no dispute resolution venue or governing law listed.

Mr. Vail explained that this contract had been in place for six to eight years and that we received 60% reimbursement from the Commonwealth on this particular student. At the time the reimbursement is requested, the contract is submitted with it and we have always been approved for reimbursement. There has never been a question from the Commonwealth on the legalities of anything in the contract.

Mrs. Homel added that we have also had this contract in previous years with our special education attorneys for review of the financial aspects. She felt that if it did not satisfy Code, it would have been pointed out. She felt comfortable with the contract.

Mr. Miller requested that the next time these agreements came around that the attorneys be asked if there should be governing law and jurisdiction attached to the agreements.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

16. Approval of Agreement with BCCADD

*A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Letter of Agreement between Bucks County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. and the Centennial School District for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$30,100.00 to provide services for students who exhibit high-risk behaviors related to the use of drugs, alcohol or dangerous controlled substances.*

Mr. Miller stated that he had the same comments regarding governing law, although he was not as concerned with this one since both institutions were in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Homel commented that the program was successful and she was very pleased with the results we get for the money we spend.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

19. Approval of Request to Attend Leadership Conference

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the*

*Centennial School Board approves the attendance of four (4) Centennial School District Board of School Directors and one (1) Centennial School District administrator at the PASA/PSBA School Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA, from October 14, 2009 – October 16, 2009 at a cost to the District of approximately \$4,000.*

Mr. Miller stated that although the Association was meeting at the Hershey Hotel and Hershey Lodge there was a three-star Marriott Spring Hill Suites two miles from the hotel that was \$54 per night cheaper. With four people going, there would be a savings. He requested that this be looked into.

Mrs. Huf stated that since she had a problem getting around, she requested that she stay at Hershey Lodge rather than having to be transported. Mrs. Lynch pointed out that she be nearby in case Mrs. Huf needed assistance of any kind.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she did not want to take anything away from Mrs. Huf, who was going to be honored at the conference, but she did not see enough on the agenda to warrant four Board members' attendance. She suggested that PSBA could come to the District, in addition to honoring Mrs. Huf at the conference, so that the entire District could be a part of it.

In the interest of saving the District money, Dr. Pollock offered that he could stay home. Dr. Turnbaugh commented that the networking that goes with this is important. He felt that the legal workshop that he would be attending was very important for the District. He also pointed out that everyone who went to this gave up their 24-hour day to do so. He felt that by attending, it could save the District more money in the future.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she would be willing to pay her share for lodging.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she felt it was important for the Superintendent to go but she questioned why four Board members needed to go.

Mr. Reinboth encouraged Dr. Pollock to attend and felt that this would be beneficial for the Superintendent as well as the Board members.

*The motion passed 7-1-1. (Mrs. Mueller opposed; Dr. Pollock abstained.)*

21. AASA Membership

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the membership of Dr. Thomas Turnbaugh with the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) at the cost of \$403.00.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*



22. Approval of Voting Delegates – PSBA Legislative Policy Council

*A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the appointment of Mark B. Miller, Jane Schrader Lynch, and Andrew Pollock as the Centennial School District's Voting Delegates for the PSBA Legislative Policy Council Meeting on October 15, 2009, as part of the PASA/PSBA School Leadership Conference.*

*A motion to amend was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Hezel to remove Andrew Pollock and insert Betty Huf as a Voting Delegate.*

Mr. Miller pointed out that the workshops would be interfering with this so he might be the only one attending this session.

*The motion to amend passed 9-0.*

*The amended motion passed 9-0.*

23. Approval of Mandate Waiver for Dorothy Henry Alternative School

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the mandate waiver for the Dorothy M. Henry Alternative School.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

24. Memorandum of Understanding – Warminster Rotary

*A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves a Memorandum of Understanding with the Warminster Rotary Club with respect to the placement of a rock and plaque at the site of landscaping at the main entranceway to the District's Alumni Stadium by the Rotary.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

25. Advertise Vehicle Bids

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to remove this item from the agenda and forward it to the Operations Committee.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

26. Payment of Bills – Professional Consulting Services

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves payment of the following General Fund checks to Lisa*

*A. Palmer presently on hold in compliance with Policy 7.27 (payment of bills.)*

<i>Check # 55479</i>	<i>8/12/09</i>	<i>\$2,500.00</i>
<i>Check # 55513</i>	<i>8/12/09</i>	<i>\$2,500.00</i>

Mrs. Lynch stated that she was under the impression that this contract had ended and these were both after the date of the contract. She questioned why.

Mrs. Homel explained that she had Dr. Palmer completing our crisis response work that Dr. Turnbaugh shared with cabinet which Administration would be receiving. There were some loose ends, which came about partly because of her schedule in late June so she needed to have Dr. Palmer come back to pull some things together so we would be ready to open school.

Dr. Turnbaugh requested that the Board support payment of these contracted services even though it might be after the contract. He was sure that it was necessary for Mrs. Homel to complete her duties as the Acting Superintendent with everything that she was dealing with.

Mr. Miller felt that this complied with the spirit of the agreement and he would support paying this.

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to call the vote.*

*The motion to call the vote passed 9-0.*

*The motion passed 8-1. (Mrs. Lynch opposed.)*

27. Payment of Bills - CSD Cafeteria Fund

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves payment of the following General Fund checks to the Cafeteria Fund presently on hold in compliance with Policy 7.27 (payment of bills.)*

<i>Check # 54743</i>	<i>6/24/2009</i>	<i>\$2,261.22</i>
<i>Check # 54843</i>	<i>6/30/2009</i>	<i>704.50</i>
<i>Check # 55145</i>	<i>7/22/2009</i>	<i>45.00</i>
<i>Check # 55261</i>	<i>7/29/2009</i>	<i>897.90</i>
<i>Check # 55367</i>	<i>7/31/2009</i>	<i>43.00</i>

*All payments are associated with catering services provided by the Food Service Department.*

Mr. Miller raised an objection to paying these invoices based on their form. He explained his reasons, based on the audit done by Amper.

Mrs. Mueller stated that this was not a new issue and questioned Administration as to when we plan to get in compliance and when backup would be supplied. She pointed out that this was an in-house issue.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that, if it was the desire of the Board, the invoices could be returned for the purpose of being properly completed since this was merely a transfer from one account to another. Once the Board was satisfied that the forms were properly completed, the transfer could be made.

*A motion to table was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Lynch.*

*The motion to table passed 8-1.*

28. Payment of Bills – PSBA Dues

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves payment of the 2009 PSBA Annual Dues presently on hold in compliance with Policy 7.27 (payment of bills) in the amount of \$12,300.00.*

Mrs. Mueller stated that she had pulled this bill since it was for a substantial amount of money and, therefore, by law it should be voted upon by the full Board. Also, she saw there were 14 subscriptions to the *School Leader News*, which is something that is online. She questioned why that was necessary.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he would be voting for this because he felt that what we got for our PSBA dues was worth the money and that what was spent for the 14 subscriptions was relatively minor and that he read it from the paper copy, not online. He felt that if the others who received this wished to continue doing so, he did not have a problem with that.

Mrs. Huf stated that she would be supporting this. She supported PSBA and felt that she would not be the Board member she was without listening and reading and paying attention to PSBA.

Dr. Pollock stated that he had been reading this document for at least the last 20 years or more and that it helps you to keep up with what is happening in the state, what laws were changing, what may be happening in the future, upcoming conferences, etc. He indicated that he has found it very useful. He indicated that he would be supporting this.

Mr. Miller stated that he would be supporting paying for it for anyone who does need it; however, with 14 copies, he questioned how many people actually read it.

Mrs. Mueller clarified that her point was not that she did not want to pay PSBA dues; it was that because of the amount, it should come before the Board. The second part of that was questioning the 14 subscriptions since it is available on the internet.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that he was not familiar with the policy that Mrs. Mueller was referring to but if the policy empowered the Board to make these payments and they wanted to hold \$10,000+ payments, then the policy would have to be modified.

Mrs. Mueller stated that it was School Code.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that it seemed that the remedy on this was a clarification in the policy.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

29. Homestead Exclusion Refunds

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves payment of refunds in the amount of \$150.81 to those property owners purged from the 2009 Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion list in error by the Bucks County Board of Assessment Appeals per the attached official notification. Refund shall be given only upon presentation of evidence that the taxes have been paid per the amount of the original tax billing and only to the party who has made payment on behalf of the property owner (actual property owner or property mortgage holder). Total cost to the District is \$452.43. This action shall not be construed to be precedent-setting for future years.*

*The Finance Committee reviewed this item at its August 10, 2009 meeting and has unanimously recommended against approval.*

Mr. Miller felt that this should be paid and that all of the restrictions should not be there. He pointed out that the exclusion was just that – a reduction in the tax bill. He pointed out that this wasn't our error but it also wasn't the error of the family. He felt these people should be paid.

Mrs. Huf agreed that this should be paid and that the families should not be penalized for a mistake that was not their fault.

Mrs. Mueller asked for clarification that the Finance Committee did not recommend this. She pointed out that this was recommended last year and it was not approved. She felt it should not be approved this year and she would not be supporting it.

Dr. Pollock stated that he would not be supporting this either.

Mr. Reinboth stated that the Board of Assessments was going through a software conversion. He did not want these three items to become 300 items and because we are establishing a precedent (even though the motion stated that we would not be) to be on the hook for a large amount of refunds that are not due to our mistake.

Mr. Miller stated that it was not our money, it was an exclusion we got from the state and

it was not to go to us unless it went through the taxpayers. It should not change our income. Secondly, we say in the motion states that the action shall not be precedent-setting for future years. If there are more claims than there is money available to distribute, then the money should be prorated. Third, if we do not distribute this money to the people who were innocently deprived of the exclusion, then we would be apportioning it over next year's pool; however, we don't know if there will be a pool next year. He felt there was no need for us to hold this money.

Mrs. Mueller asked Mr. Vail if this money was held whether it could be placed into next year's pool to be distributed to those who qualify. Mr. Vail indicated that it could.

Mrs. Lynch pointed out that this was not done last year but she felt that was an error. She felt there was an opportunity this year to fix an error by the county and it should be done.

Mr. Miller stated that both Council Rock and Central Bucks had similar situations and they had paid out the money.

Dr. Pollock stated that the only way he could support this was if we went back and also paid the people from last year.

Mrs. Huf acknowledged that she did not support paying for this last year because there was no money; however, this year this is homestead money so she felt it should be paid. She felt the money belonged to the homeowners, not to the District.

Ms. Driban pointed out that there could be people who did not come forward this year because the people who came forward last year were not paid. If the Board approved paying these people this year, then additional people came forward, how would they be handled?

Mr. Miller felt that each case would have to be handled separately depending on the situation at the time.

Joseph Ricciardi of 45 Lincoln Avenue, Ivyland, stated that he had been affected by this homestead issue. He indicated that they were approved by the list sent to the District and asked why they were penalized for someone else's mistake.

Mr. Vail explained that it was a complicated situation and that the law was convoluted. The list was required to come out from the county on May 1<sup>st</sup>. However, the official duplicate that the tax bills are based on does not come out until the end of May. If there are any changes in ownership during that four-week period, that property is not subject to the homestead exclusion.

Mr. Ricciardi stated that his deed was not changed and he did not see any reason why he or the other families should be penalized. The only thing he did was to refinance his mortgage.

*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>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</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 4-5.*

Mrs. Lynch left the room at this point in the meeting.

30. Amend Auxiliary Pay Rates 2009-2010

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves amending pay rates for all auxiliary positions for the 2009-2010 school year originally approved by the Board on June 23, 2009 to reflect the increase in the minimum wage rate effective July 24, 2009 per the attached supplement.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

31. Adopt 2010-2011 Budget Calendar

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the calendar for the formulation and adoption of the fiscal year 2010-2011 General Fund Budget as listed in the attached supplement.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

32. Permission to Apply for Competitive Grants

33. Permission to Apply for Entitlement Grants

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

*(32) Approves permission to apply for the following competitive grants for the 2009-2010 school year:*

2009-2010

*Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth –  
Buxmont Academy*

*To Be Determined*

<i>Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth – Delaware Valley High School</i>	<i>To Be Determined</i>
<i>Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth – UHS of Doylestown</i>	<i>To Be Determined</i>
<i>Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth – Lakeside Educational Network</i>	<i>To Be Determined</i>
<i>Healthy Farms and Healthy Schools (HF/HS) – McDonald</i>	<i>\$14,040</i>
<i>Target Stores</i>	<i>\$ 2,500</i>

(33) *Approves permission to apply for the following entitlement grants for the 2009-2010 school year:*

	<u>2009-2010</u>
<i>PA Pact Grant</i>	<i>\$799,424</i>
<i>Title I Supplemental Funding under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA)</i>	<i>\$384,844</i>
<i>Title I</i>	<i>\$791,725</i>
<i>Title II A Class Size Reduction</i>	<i>\$256,196</i>
<i>Title III Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient Students</i>	<i>\$ 60,505</i>
<i>Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities</i>	<i>\$ 17,303</i>

*The motion passed 8-0.*

34. Exception to Policy 6.2, Facility Use and Policy 6.8, Concessions

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

- A. *Exception to Policy 6.2, Facility Use for the William Tennent Marching Band Association for use of the stadium on October 17, 2009 as listed in the attached proposal from Kathleen Feudale, President of the William Tennent Marching Band Association.*
- B. *Exception to Policy 6.8, Concessions, for the Craft Fair on October 2 and 3, 2009 as listed in the attached proposal from Kathleen Feudale, President of the William Tennent Marching Band Association.*

Mr. Miller stated that it was his understanding that this was to have gone before the Stadium Committee. Mr. Reinboth stated that he was not aware of that.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that she had received a phone call from Mrs. Feudale regarding this while she was out-of-town, so she had recommended that she contact Administration. Since this was now at the Board level, Mrs. Mueller wondered if there was some wording that could be changed to keep this moving.

Mr. Miller stated that what he was going to ask at the Stadium Committee was that the fees that were paid out of the gate receipts should be paid before the split, not after the split. They were asking to split the gate receipts 80/20 and then deduct the fees for the staffing from our 20%. Mr. Miller felt that it should be that the salaries for the attendants get paid first, then if there was anything after that it would be split 80/20.

Mrs. Mueller felt that this was what was done last year.

The Vice President of the Marching Band Association confirmed that that was what was done last year and that would be fine with them.

Mr. Miller stated that the language be amended so that the payment of the stadium employees comes off the top before the split of gate proceeds.

It was also clarified that the retail price would be charged for open cases of soda, including partially used cases. Any unopened cases could be returned.

Mrs. Lynch had returned to the room at this time.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

35. Approval of Reynolds Construction Management Contract

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the attached contract with Reynolds Construction Management, Inc. for construction management services associated with the Elementary School Project.*

Mrs. Lynch clarified that this was for renovation to Willow Dale Elementary School, construction of a new elementary school at the McDonald Elementary School site or at a nearby location on District-owned property, and construction of a new elementary school in Upper Southampton.

Mr. Monaghan stated that he was not in opposition to Reynolds performing the service but was in opposition to the three-school option. Based on that, he would be voting against this.



*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>Yes</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>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*The motion passed 7-2.*

36. Approval of Reynolds Construction Management Contract Modification

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the modification to Agreement No. 1 for the Reynolds Construction Management, Inc. for the William Tennent High School Project.*

Mr. Miller thanked Reynolds Construction for the savings reflected in the addendum.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Monaghan</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. 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 7-2.*

37. Approval of Burt Hill Inc. Contract

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the attached contract with Burt Hill, Inc. for architectural services associated with the Elementary School Project.*

Mr. Monaghan stated that he had the same objection as he had for the other one – he would be in favor of it if it had up to four schools but since it was limited to three schools, he would be voting against it.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she did not see a cost factor in this packet.

Mr. Reinboth stated that Exhibit E included hourly billing rates.

Mr. Miller explained that the cost would be determined by a percentage so we did not know what the final cost would be but their compensation would be a percentage of that cost.

Mr. Preston pointed out that Exhibit D set forth the percentages due at the various phases of 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>Mr. Monaghan</i>	<i>No</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 6-3.*

38. Approval of PECO Energy Natural Gas Service

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the attached contract with PECO Energy for the installation of natural gas service to the William Tennent High School. There is no cost to the District.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

39. PlanCon Part G and H

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the submission of PlanCon Part O and PlanCon Part H as attached to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the William Tennent High School Project.*

*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>Abstain</i>

<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</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 7-1-1.*

40. Approval of Environmental Consultant

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Synertech, Inc. as the Environmental Consultant at a cost of \$5,000.00 (Task I, II & III) plus sampling charges in accordance with their July 29, 2009 proposal for the Willow Dale Elementary School renovation project.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

41. Elementary Project – Preliminary Study of Two Sites

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes Administration to perform a preliminary study of the Newtown Road site and the McDonald site. The study would consist of a limited survey, limited geotechnical study, Phase I environmental study, and a study of the easements at a cost not to exceed \$60,000. Burt Hill and Reynolds Construction Management will assist the District in this project.*

Mr. Miller stated that the resolution that came forward was slightly different than what was discussed at Operations. There was a stipulation that this service would not delay the submission of the ed specs for the project, and that they would move ahead on a parallel path. He wondered if we should continue protecting our edge by doing the same studies in Tamanend Park and on the Davis property in case we wind up not getting an offer from Southampton.

Mrs. Mueller felt that would be appropriate to discuss more fully at the Operations Meeting. There was concurrence on this.

Mrs. Lynch asked about whether the Administration Building would be a site to be looked at. Mrs. Mueller indicated that it was discussed but had been pulled.

Ellie Jefferson of 673 Reeves Lane, Warminster, stated that from what she heard yesterday from a representative at Centennial Station was that they were under the assumption that the Administration building was up for consideration as an elementary school.

Mr. Miller responded this was not a topic of discussion at that meeting and we are presently, through our new Superintendent, attempting to meet the request of the last group of residents that asked for a meeting with the entire association and that has tentatively been scheduled.

Dr. Turnbaugh clarified that there was a tentative date of September 16<sup>th</sup> but it had not been confirmed by the Board members.

Mr. Monaghan stated that because of Newtown Road being included and not this site, he would not be voting in favor of this motion.

*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>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 6-3.*

42. Approval of Facility Use Waiver Applications

[This item was handled earlier in the meeting.]

**OPERATIONS AND POLICIES**

None.

**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/Terminations/ Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Change of Status; Student/Summer Employees; and Co-Curricular.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

**FINANCIAL**

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

- *Schedule of Bills – June 2009; July 2009*
- *Investments – June 2009; July 2009*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – June 2009*
- *Student Activity/Clearing Funds – April 1 through June 30, 2009*

*and approves the:*

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – June 2009; July 2009*
- *Budget Transfers – June 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:*

- *Regular School Board Meeting – June 9, 2009*
- *Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – June 23, 2009*

Mr. Miller asked for a minor revision to the Minutes of June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*The motion passed 8-0-1. (Mr. Monaghan abstained.)*

## **BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT**

Mr. Hezel explained that Mr. Miller had spoken to him about the situation the District was in with replacing McDonald and possibly transferring the planetarium to the Johnsville Science Center. In those discussions, Mr. Miller spoke about an opportunity that the District could have for a possible business affiliation that would include the opportunity for this partner to fund the construction of the planetarium at the Johnsville Science Center and maybe some more educational opportunities.

Mr. Hezel stated that it was his personal belief that if we were losing McDonald, this would be a win/win situation for the District and our community. Also, if Mr. Miller could get this agreement set up with the oversight of the District and with the blessing of the Board and our Superintendent, Mr. Hezel felt it could be an extremely good opportunity. He pointed out that there was a policy against having a non-employee (i.e., Board member) of the District negotiate contracts or develop business affiliations. However, there could be an exception to policy made. He felt that in this instance, once more information was obtained, it might be appropriate for the Board to make an exception to this policy.

Ms. Driban stated that in a recent Principal's newsletter, there was an article about the Dorothy Henry School relocating. She was concerned because the Board was very specific when they moved the school to this site that these students would not be forced to go over to the high school but the article states that Dorothy Henry students would be scheduled for the same gym class at the high school if they needed to complete a physical education requirement. She requested that this be addressed.

Mrs. Mueller agreed that this was not the intent of the Board and that this did need to be addressed. Mrs. Huf agreed.

Ms. Driban stated that if this was merely a misunderstanding by Administration that a letter be sent to the students involved.

Mrs. Homel indicated that she would be meeting with the High School Principal the following day and would address this issue. She stated that some of the students might want to take advantage of some of the high school's offerings, such as golf or swimming, while others might not want to go over to the high school at all. She would discuss with Mrs. Poroszok what they could do for them but she was sure they could be accommodated.

Ms. Driban stated that she felt the Code of Conduct was not followed very closely in a lot of cases. For example, Mrs. Huf was affected by this when she was not given information about a meeting that affected Operations. Ms. Driban stated that she would like to propose that there be some additional policies added to the section of Code of Conduct. She read an example of proposed wording, a copy of which is attached hereto, entitled "Example of Proposed Committee Policy."

Mr. Miller requested Dr. Turnbaugh to do additional investigation into our secondary school yearbooks. He was more concerned each time he looked at this because of the disparity between the middle schools. He had additional concerns regarding the way Josten's was handling matters.

Ms. Driban stated that at the Finance Meeting there was discussion about allowing another insurance broker to procure an additional quote for insurance purposes for this year. She asked that this be noted for the record.

Mrs. Mueller asked why a motion was not brought before the Board regarding that matter since it was an agenda item at Finance.

Mr. Reinboth responded that the committee felt that there was no need to take a vote to bring this other broker in to provide a presentation at the next Finance Committee meeting. It was strictly for information. It probably should have been listed under information.

Mrs. Mueller felt this should have come forward for a Board vote.

Dr. Turnbaugh asked the Board's opinion on Mr. Miller's comments regarding the yearbooks.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she agreed with his comments, although she had not reviewed the yearbooks in as much detail as Mr. Miller had at this point.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he would like to get feedback from students, faculty advisors and administrators.

Dr. Turnbaugh asked what the Board was requesting Administration to do at this point.

Mr. Miller stated that the existing contract should be enforced and he did not feel that was happening, which was that there was a price established for the yearbook, including a DVD. He felt that Josten's website was being deceptive.

It was decided that Dr. Turnbaugh should meet with Mr. Miller to better define the problem, then to meet with Mrs. Homel and the principal, before returning to the Board.

Mr. Miller explained that part of the problem was that the money did not come through the District. It was paid by the students directly to Josten's.

Mrs. Homel asked for clarification on Ms. Driban's suggestion regarding the Code of Conduct. She needed direction from at least five Board members to go into that section to bring something forward. There were five Board members in agreement.

Dr. Turnbaugh explained that there was a difference between Code of Conduct and operational procedures of the Board. He felt that what Ms. Driban had proposed was really operational procedures, very similar to what he had expressed regarding how the committees were functioning and how it is impacting the overall Board. He indicated he would be coming back to the Board in the future after he had put some more time in and making some recommendations; that is where he would see this going.

## **REPORTS**

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Turnbaugh thanked the Board for their confidence in him in naming him Superintendent. He felt it was an honor and privilege to serve. He had met some wonderful people here and had been welcomed by all.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Lynch stated that the next meeting would be on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf stated that the summer renovation project concentrated mainly in the cafeteria. The Executive Council had met to discuss labor relations. Seventy-two percent of recent graduates had gone on to higher education.

#### Intermediate Unit

No report.

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

Mr. Reinboth reported that a meeting was held on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Most of the items were discussed at this meeting.

The next meeting would be held on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Mueller reported that most of the items discussed were handled at this meeting.

The next meeting would be held on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Citizens Policy

Mr. Hezel reported that no meetings were scheduled yet.

### Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Lynch reported that there was still no state budget.

### PSBA

Mr. Miller reported that his major focus was to see if we could stop the Keystone exams from being approved by the independent regulatory review commission.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None.

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

Mrs. Huf reviewed the schedule. (See Schedule attached hereto.)



**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Dr. Pollock to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Vickie A. Detwiler* \_\_\_\_\_

Vickie A. Detwiler

Board Secretary

*[The Board Secretary was not present at the meeting. The foregoing Minutes were prepared from tapes recorded at the meeting.]*