

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

A regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on September 8, 2009 in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Reinboth at 7:10 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

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

Administration:

Dr. Jennifer Foight-Cressman  
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 asked that everyone observe a moment of silence on behalf of Mark Neufeld, a student who had passed away in August. He expressed heartfelt sympathy to the family.

Mr. Reinboth announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting relative to labor issues.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **GOOD NEWS**

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

## **STUDENT REPORTS**

None.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Scott Randolph of 1440 Beaver Road, Southampton, stated that he was a filmmaker and had just completed a film about the Battle of the Crooked Billet. This battle took place on the line between Hatboro and Warminster. He felt that it was a great lesson and indicated that he would like to do a seminar with teachers and assemblies with students. He felt it was important for the students to know about this battle as it related to the birth of the nation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 1. Payment of Bills – CSD Cafeteria Fund

*A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves removing from the table the approval of the Payment of Bills – CSD Cafeteria Fund that was tabled at the August 18, 2009 meeting of the School Board.*

Mr. Miller asked if anything had changed since the meeting of August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Reinboth pointed out the large amount of backup in the Board book regarding this matter, indicating that there was more than when it was brought forward in August.

Mr. Miller stated that where they had left off in August was that there should be proof of delivery – that someone should sign off on these invoices before Dr. Foight-Cressman was asked to sign off. He indicated that that was the issue he had with these invoices and that this was a practice in the District that was improper.

Dr. Turnbaugh explained he had met with Mr. Vail and Ms. Kinzle and it was decided that the form and the procedure would be changed to comply with the audit report.

*Dr. Pollock moved to call the question.*

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

*The motion to remove from the table passed 8-1. (Mr. Miller opposed.)*

*The original motion, as moved at the August 18, 2009 meeting is noted below:*

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Miller 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)*

Check # 54743	6/24/2009	\$2,261.22
Cheek # 54744	6/24/2009	\$ 856.25
Check # 54843	6/30/2009	\$ 704.50
Check # 55145	7/22/2009	\$ 45.00
Cheek # 55261	7/29/2009	\$ 897.90
Check # 55367	7/31/2009	\$ 43.00

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

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

## 2. 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 \$603.24. 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.*

Dr. Pollock stated that he thought this had been brought up at the previous meeting and was voted down. This was now four people instead of three people. He stated that this was not done last year so why do it this year? Then what about next year? The Bucks County Board of Assessment was the one who made the mistake. He felt we could not do this unless we went back and fixed it for everyone.

Mr. Miller agreed that if this was done, we would also owe the people from last year.

Mr. Vail stated that seven other districts had given refunds routinely or credit through the reissue of tax bills.

Mr. Miller asked if there was any reason he could see that we should not do what everyone else was doing. Mr. Vail responded that he had recommended that on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Miller asked how many this would be. Mr. Vail replied that it would be about thirty.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she agreed with Dr. Pollock.

Mrs. Huf stated that this was not our money; that these people were entitled to a refund. She felt the money should go to the people who missed out on their Homestead exclusion.

Dr. Pollock stated that he would vote no on this as it was written unless the three people from last year were included, which would cost the District another \$450.

Mr. Miller stated that he would like to remove the language that we pay this back to the paying authority.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

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

*The motion failed 3-6.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Hezel that we pay to the taxpayers the four claims for this year in the approximate amount of \$150 per taxpayer and the three claims for last year in the approximate amount of \$160 per taxpayer, as requested by the taxpayers and as confirmed by the County Assessor's Office as is the practice in the remainder of the county.*

Mrs. Huf stated that she would support this as amended as long as the people who should be getting money back get it.

*Dr. Pollock stated that we have to make sure that the property owners to receive the refund have paid their taxes.*

*Mr. Miller agreed to that addition to the motion.*

Mrs. Lynch stated that she would vote for the motion but to her it was not clear. She asked what about the three taxpayers from last year? What if they sold their houses? She felt the Board did not know their situations.

Mr. Reinboth pointed out that at the time this pertains to, they would have had ownership.

*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>Yes</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>No</i>

*The motion passed 8-1.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Appointment to Citizens' Policy Committee

*A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board appoints Mrs. Daniella Blowitski to a three year term on the Centennial School District Citizens' Policy Committee. Such term shall begin effective September 9, 2009 and end June 30, 2012.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

2. Approval of Agreement with Modell's

*A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Sponsorship Agreement Addendum with Modell's.*

Mr. Monaghan indicated that this was a new partnership.

Mr. Miller explained that they were exercising their right to renew. However, they were getting a sign in the gym for items that they did not receive last year (sign in the gyms for March Madness.)

Mrs. Lynch stated that she would be voting against this.

Mr. Schrader indicated that this was a way to offer additional opportunities and that we should be in contact with other sponsors to see if they have an interest in something along these lines, which would include signage in the gym.

*The motion passed 7-2. (Mr. Reinboth and Mrs. Lynch opposed.)*

3. Approval of Agreement with E. Spearing for Physical Therapy Services

*A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the therapy services agreement between Elena Spearing, a licensed physical therapist and the Centennial School District for the 2009-2010 school year at the hourly rate of \$62.00 for sixty (60) hourly sessions to provide physical therapy services to student 1-8. In addition, therapist shall provide one hour per marking period for IEP or team meetings. Estimated cost: \$3,968.00. Student 1-8 is a medically fragile student needing specialized therapies.*

Mr. Miller stated that he had forwarded to Dr. Turnbaugh a suggested change.

Dr. Turnbaugh indicated that he had forwarded this to the Director of Special Education, who indicated that the agreement had been written and approved by the attorney.

Mr. Miller stated that he had concerns with Section 4.92 of the agreement. He felt that this should state that termination would be within 60 days from official proof of acceptance by the U.S. Post Office rather than 60 days from certified mail receipt. Since there is no other provision for termination, he also wanted to add that this agreement may be terminated by either party without notice if terminated for cause.

Dr. Pollock stated that he believed the courts had addressed this issue and as long as certified mail has been sent that is all we need to do; we don't have to prove that they picked it up.

Mr. Miller stated that he felt the language should be changed.

Mrs. Mueller felt that since this was time sensitive, the attorney should know that in the future we would like this worded differently.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

4. Approval of Relocation of Voting Sites

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the relocation of voting sites for voting precincts in Warminster Township #5, #6, #10 and #16 as noted on the attachment.*

Mrs. Lynch stated that her concern was the timing of this motion. It was very close to the election and was changing districts with little more than 60 days' notice. She stated that she would be voting against this.

Dr. Pollock agreed with Mrs. Lynch. He felt it was too soon for the November election. There was not enough time for things to be done.

Mrs. Mueller stated that if this change was going to be made for May, she would like to put up signs or hand out fliers in November to let people know this would be changed for May.

Mr. Monaghan asked if the Board of Elections would be working on this soon so that we could put up signs in November.

Mrs. Huf stated that she would not be supportive of moving these locations. She felt that the number of seniors that get out to vote was more important. She needed to know how accessible the new locations would be for seniors because they come out to vote. She felt that not enough information had been provided.

Dr. Pollock asked if it would be possible to have two separate votes on this: one for May and one for November and the future. He also requested that changes be brought up sooner in the future.

Mrs. Huf asked if these were to be permanent changes. Dr. Turnbaugh replied that it was meant to be during the construction period.

Mr. Lasher stated that he wanted to make sure that the Board was aware of how difficult the parking would be at the high school, and indicated that it was difficult enough now with the construction going on.

Mrs. Homel pointed out that there were not only a lot of additional vehicles, there was a lot of heavy equipment also.

Judith Braunston of 1455 Nancy Drive, Southampton, stated that Upper Southampton also had issues on voting day. She explained various parking problems at the three schools and suggested that they be addressed. She felt that voters had driven away in the past because there was not enough parking.

Ellie Jefferson of Reeves Lane, Warminster, spoke regarding the fact that there would also be a problem with McDonald.

After discussion on procedure the following motion was made.

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to amend the motion to remove "as noted on the attachment" and replace it with "for May 18, 2010."*

*The motion to amend passed 9-0.*

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

Dr. Pollock requested Administration to look at this for the future because it looked like we would have some schools that were polling places that would no longer be in existence.

Mrs. Homel indicated that she would notify the County that November 3<sup>rd</sup> would not be changed.

5. Permission to Develop a New Policy – Solicitor Review

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants permission to develop a new policy, Policy 4.15, Solicitor Review.*

Mr. Monaghan asked how we had been doing this for all these years so that we now need a new policy. He did not see the need for a 16-page policy when what we had been doing for so long had been working. He stated that he would not be supporting this proposal.

Mr. Miller explained that in suggesting that there be a policy, he was not suggesting that we adopt this policy. He agreed that it was too cumbersome. However, he did think there should be a policy.

Dr. Pollock felt the name of the policy was wrong and that it should be “Solicitor Review of Contracts.” He agreed that we should have a policy.

Mr. Reinboth asked if there was consensus to change the title of the policy. There was consensus on this.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

6. Approval of Overnight Conferences

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the overnight conference request for Agnes Romano, Supervisor of Special Education and Susan Klyman, Director of Special Education/Pupil Services to attend the Eastern Pennsylvania Special Education Administrator's Conference in Hershey, PA on the dates of October 28 - 30, 2009. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$1,300.00.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

7. Exception to Policy 6.8, Concessions

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 6.8, Concessions, for the William Tennent Marching Band Association for its fundraising bake sales at the Warminster Symphony Orchestra concerts to be held at the William Tennent High School auditorium on December 5, 2009, March 20, 2010 and May 22, 2010 as follows:*

*The Association will purchase Coke products from the District at retail in advance*



*of the event. Coffee, tea and hot cocoa will be supplied and prepared by the Association. The Association will not use the District's cash registers and will be responsible for tracking its own cash receipts. The Association may solicit donations and/or supply their own "prepared for retail" snacks and baked goods to be sold at the concerts. No "home baked" items will be offered for sale.*

Mr. Monaghan asked if the “prepared for retail” and no “home baked” items was something that was requested by the Marching Band. Mrs. Homel indicated that it was required by the Department of Health.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

8. Approval of Current Payment of Bills

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Hezel 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)*

*Check # 555848/19/2009      \$32.00*

- *Approves payment of the following Technology Reserve Fund check presently on hold in compliance with Policy 7.27 (payment of bills)*

*Check # 2390                      8/21/2009      \$17,250.00      SchoolWires, Inc.*

- *Approves payment of the following Cafeteria Fund checks presently on hold in compliance with Policy 7.27 (payment of bills)*

*Check # 4687                      8/21/2009              \$ 39.25      Betson Imperial Parts & Service Company*

*Check # 4690                      8/28/2009              \$145.00      Office Market, LLC*

*Check # 4691                      8/28/2009              \$ 46.74      Standard Stationary Supply Company*

*Check # 4692                      8/28/2009              \$ 82.49      TD Card Services*

*Check # 4693                      8/28/2009              \$240.00      Techlink*

*The motion passed 7-2. (Mr. Miller and Mrs. Mueller opposed.)*

9. Musical Instrument Bid

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Musical Instrument Bid No. 2010-01 and awards same to the following vendors for a total cost of \$15,027.00. This will be a 2009/10 general fund expenditure.*

<i>Washington Music Center</i>	\$ 987.00
<i>Jacobs Music</i>	<u>14,040.00</u>
	\$15,027.00

Mr. Miller asked why there was only one bid shown for this. Mr. Vail indicated that there was only one bidder.

Mr. Miller suggested rebidding this. After additional discussion, it was suggested that this be tabled.

*A motion to table was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Mueller.*

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

*The motion to table failed 3-6.*

The original motion was again up for discussion.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

*The motion failed 3-6.*

10. Food Service Equipment Bid

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Food Service Equipment Bid No. 2010-02 and awards same to the lowest responsible bidders in the amounts listed below:*

<i>Chef's Depot, Inc.</i>	<i>\$4,799.86</i>
<i>Don J. Urie Associates</i>	<i>650.00</i>
<i>Essbar Equipment Co.</i>	<i>1,662.00</i>
<i>Penn United Restaurant Supply</i>	<i><u>1,475.00</u></i>
	<i>\$8,586.86</i>

*Funds to be appropriated from the 2009-10 Cafeteria Fund as budgeted.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

11. Ambulance Quote

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves award of ambulance service for home football games to Medex Ambulance, Inc. of Feasterville for all 2009 home football games per the attached low quote submitted on August 25, 2009 at a total cost of \$750.00. Funds to be appropriated from the General Fund.*

Mr. Miller stated that he was concerned about not always having an ambulance on-site if someone was injured and the ambulance took them to the hospital; or if several people needed to go to the hospital. He felt that an ambulance needed to be on the field at all times.

Edward Hoffman of the Warminster Volunteer Ambulance indicated that he was trying to find out how this started and why they were not notified about this. He pointed out that they had served Centennial for many years. They are a volunteer organization and had been a community leader for fifty years. They were trying to understand why this was coming up.

Mr. Miller stated that the Board did not know about this until it came up in the packet.

Mr. Hoffman stated that they provided life support services. They also provide many services free of charge, such as community nights and career nights, since they feel it is a representation of what they can provide.

Dr. Pollock suggested that this be voted down and that new quotes be obtained from other organizations for the coverage we want.

Mr. Reinboth suggested accepting Warminster's quote. Dr. Turnbaugh agreed.

*The motion failed 0-9.*

*A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Miller to continue to use the services of Warminster Ambulance.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

12. Sample Letters Regarding Keystone Exams

*A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the attached sample letters regarding the Keystone Exams as follows:*

- A. Sample letter to parents containing an update on the Keystone Exams and suggested next steps*
- B. Sample letter to send to State Senators and State Representatives*
- C. Sample letter to send to the IRRC*

Mr. Miller stated that the request was for the idea of putting letters out and making them available. It might be that we don't use these exact letters.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

13. Approval of Changes to Transportation Policy

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the changes to Policy 4.14, Transportation, to include students who live on Street Road between Davisville Road and Centennial Road, as well as Walter Road, in the hazardous route list maintained by the Transportation Department.*

Mr. Miller stated that new information had come to the Operations Committee. The person who made this request was a bus driver. This may not have been a sincere need for changing our policy. He asked why we needed to go through this procedure rather than coming to the Board directly.

Mr. Robinson explained that whether or not a parent is an employee of the District or not, he did not view this as being an issue. If any parent brings an issue to the Board or Administration regarding a safety issue, he follows the procedure.

Mr. Miller stated that he did not want it to appear that we were making this change only because the parent was an employee of the District. He felt that it should have been brought to the Board as an urgent matter. He felt that a temporary change should be made and then have a study done.

Dr. Pollock asked when employees who live in the District became second class citizens. He felt that was what Mr. Miller was saying.

Mr. Robinson stated that no one had brought this up before. Policy was followed on any issue that was brought up in regard to safety. Whether the parent was an employee of the District had nothing to do with it.

Mrs. Mueller stated that safety was first and foremost so she would support this but she felt it was ironic that it was handled the way it was.

Mrs. Huf stated that it did not matter to her that this was an employee. This was a safety issue for the students. She felt that was the concern and she would be supporting this.

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

At this point in the meeting the MBIT students who were filming the meeting needed to leave, so Mr. Reinboth requested a short break (10:05 p.m.)

The meeting resumed at 10:10 p.m. (Mrs. Lynch had not yet returned to the room at this time.)

14. Selection of Johnsville Site

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the selection of the Johnsville site for a new elementary building and administration offices which will be bid as an alternate. The preliminary site survey, at a cost not to exceed \$60,000, which was approved on August 18, 2009, will not be done.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

15. William Tennent High School Change Order

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves a change order in the amount of \$93,579.85 to construct approximately 1700 sq. ft. of additional storage in the William Tennent High School. Funds for this are included in the contingency for the William Tennent High School Project.*

*The motion passed 7-1. (Mrs. Huf opposed.)*

16. Walking Zone Exception

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the exception to the Walking Zone for Our Lady of Good Counsel for the child of Tiffany Harris.*

Mrs. Lynch returned to the room at this time.

Mrs. Mueller pointed out that this was in Operations last year and was not approved.

Dr. Pollock stated that he was at the Operations Committee meeting last year. He indicated that he could not support this because if we did this for one, we would have to do it for other ones. He could not see any safety reason for this.

Mr. Miller stated that he had driven through this area and that he agreed with Dr. Pollock.

Tiffany Harris of 628 Cushmore Road, Southampton, stated that there was a problem. There were no sidewalks or shoulders. She indicated that there was a petition from the parents of 19 children who were expected to walk to school.

Mr. Robinson stated that last year when they evaluated this, they did not find that it warranted making a change.

*The motion failed 0-9.*

17. Advertise Vehicle Bids

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes Administration to begin the process for the bidding of three (3) new student transportation vehicles to be purchased as part of the 2010-2011 budget process as outlined in the attached supplement. Authorization is also given to budget for four full size vehicles as part of the 2010-2011 general fund budget submission, index permitting. Funds for these additional vehicles are to be held in reserve for a future purchase. Surplus buses will be sold on e-Bay or by a similar method.*

Mr. Miller stated that he thought we did not authorize setting aside budget funds until a budget came to the Board through the Finance Committee.

Mr. Reinboth indicated that it was his recollection that it was going to be done this way.

*Dr. Pollock, as the mover of the motion, moved to delete the second and third sentences of the motion. As the seconder of the motion, Mrs. Mueller agreed. There was consensus of the Board to do so.*

*[The modified motion reads as follows: A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes Administration to begin the process for the bidding of three (3) new student transportation vehicles to be purchased as part of the 2010-2011 budget process as outlined in the attached supplement. Surplus buses will be sold on e-Bay or by a similar method.]*

*The amended motion passed 9-0.*

18. Exception to Facility Use

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

- 1. Warminster Symphony Orchestra requests Sunday use of the William Tennent High School Auditorium for rehearsals and concerts on September 27, November 22 and 29, 2009 and May 9 and 16, 2010 and Sunday use of the Log College Middle School Auditorium for rehearsals and concerts on October 4, 2009 and March 7 and 14, 2010. There is no cost to the District*
- 2. Warminster Symphony Orchestra requests a waiver of all fees for the Annual Family Concert at the William Tennent High School Auditorium on Sunday, October 4, 2009 from 11:30 to 4:30. The concert is a way to introduce music to young children and families. The waiver of fees will allow free admission to all Centennial School District students. Cost to the District is approximately \$242.00.*
- 3. Centennial Aquatic Club requests a reduction of pool fees of 50% for the use of the William Tennent High School pool for the 2009-2010 school year beginning September 14, 2009 through March 11, 2010. Waiver will help keep costs down and ability to purchase equipment that will be used by both the Aquatic Club and William Tennent Swim Team. Also request Sunday use of the William Tennent High School pool for the "Odd Age Meet" on January 10, 2010. Cost to the District is approximately \$5121.37.*
- 4. Bucks County Department of Health requests a waiver of all fees for the use of the Log College Middle School for the annual county flu vaccination drill to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost to the District is approximately \$396.00.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

19. Bus Maintenance Facility

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves soliciting a proposal from Burt Hill to redesign our bus maintenance facility to accommodate 84 passenger buses.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

20. Permission to Apply for a Private/Competitive Grant

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Monaghan to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following permission to apply for a private/competitive grant for the 2009-2011 school year:*

*Milk Marketing Grant                      \$8,400.00*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

21. Waiver of Stadium Rental Fee – Soccer Team

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the waiver of the stadium rental fee and all other related fees ( i.e. stadium manager and custodial fees) for use of the William Tennent High School stadium by the William Tennent Soccer Boosters for the annual Special Olympic soccer game with William Tennent Boys Soccer Team on Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*

*The soccer booster organization will provide all workers for the event and concession stand.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

22. Waiver of Stadium Rental Fee – Archbishop Wood

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the waiver of the stadium rental fee for use of the William Tennent High School stadium by the Archbishop Wood High School Girls Soccer Team on Thursday, October 8, 2009.*

*Concessions will be covered by a Tennent booster organization and all other workers will be supplied by Archbishop Wood.*

*Dr. Pollock stated that he thought we said we would waive our fees for Wood the first time but not after that.*

*After discussion, it was agreed that they had already used the stadium. Also, we should make it clear that the stadium supervisor's fee of \$85 is not waived.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

**PERSONNEL**

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



*Absence; Authorization to Employ; Per Diem Substitute Teachers/Nurses; Mentors; Tutors; Homebound Tutors; Kindergarten Bus Aides; Saturday School Proctors; Co-Curricular; and Curriculum Resource Team Members.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

## **OPERATIONS AND POLICIES**

### Permission to Rescind Policy 7.1 – Adult Education

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the rescission of Policy 7.1, Adult Education.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

### Initial Distribution:

Mrs. Mueller enumerated the following policies for initial distribution:

- 7.3 – Emergency School Closing, Delayed Opening or Early Dismissal
- 7.22 – Hostile Environment

## **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 – August 2009*
- *Investments – August 2009*

*and approves the:*

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – August 2009*
- *Budget Transfers – June 2009*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

## **MINUTES**

None.

## **BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT**

Mrs. Lynch stated that her vote for Item #14 was No. (She was out of the room at the time the vote was taken.) She stated that maybe the public should have known about this. This was brought up while she was on vacation the previous week. She felt this was not discussed and was a mockery and an injustice to the community. She pointed out that there had been major discussion about amounts such as \$32 and \$47. She felt that the Board's legacy would be that

they took an almost debt-free school district and put it into major debt. She felt this was shameful.

Dr. Pollock responded that they did discuss this and spent a lot of time on it in Operations. Mrs. Lynch was not there but they did spend time on it. He agreed, however, that discussing amounts like \$32 were a waste of time and should have come to Administration first.

Mrs. Huf apologized that she had missed #14. She was in discussion with Mrs. Homel at the time the motion was made and did not realize it was being discussed. She was opposed to this.

Regarding the parent who was present discussing walking zones, Ms. Driban stated that she didn't know what the next step was. She asked if she could request Administration and the Board to look at the issue of walking zones.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that it would have to be the majority of the Board directing Administration to do so.

Mrs. Mueller clarified that Administration had looked at this.

Ms. Driban explained that her question was not limited to that particular situation. It was to look at all of the schools and the walking zones. Mrs. Mueller stated that they would all be looked at because we are consolidating down to three schools.

Mr. Miller indicated that the parent could now appeal to the state.

In response to Mrs. Lynch's statements, Mr. Miller responded that the issue was not about \$32, it was about food services following the proper procedure.

## **REPORTS**

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Turnbaugh reported that Mrs. Homel had been successful in getting a Health and Phys Ed teacher for Dorothy Henry School.

Opening day for teachers went very well.

It has been brought to his attention that the football boosters program appears to have several ads that are in violation of Policy 6.7 concerning alcohol and tobacco. It was his understanding that this was discussed previously and this will be referred back to committee.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that that was discussed in Stadium Committee last year. It was pointed out which ads and the type of ads that were not acceptable. She thought that booklet was supposed to be reviewed by the Administration before it went to print.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that he could not address that but he knew that some of the ads that the Stadium Committee had a concern over last year still appear in this booklet. They have spoken to the solicitor. The booklets have already been printed and the fees have been paid by these companies so we do not believe there is anything that can be done for this school year but there needs to be a procedure for someone to sign off on this prior to it being printed next year.

Mrs. Mueller stated that this was made extremely clear to them and that Administration would have to sign off on this before it went to print.

After discussion, Dr. Pollock suggested turning this over to Administration. Dr. Turnbaugh stated that it would come back to the Board on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Lynch reported that the first meeting would be held on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf reported that MBIT started back on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. She spoke about some of the improvements to the school and indicated that there would be a meeting of the Executive Council on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### Intermediate Unit

Mr. Monaghan reported that he had a copy of the Board Digest Review for July 21<sup>st</sup> and would pass it on to Dr. Turnbaugh for distribution to the entire Board.

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

Mr. Reinboth stated that the next meeting would be on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Mueller reported that this committee had met on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Many of the issues discussed then were voted on at this meeting. The next meeting would be held on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Citizens Policy

Mr. Hezel reported that the first meeting of this committee would be on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Lynch stated that we have no state budget and that we were the only state that did not have one.

### PSBA

Mr. Miller stated that there were 141 signatures on the petition against the Keystone Exams.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Kathleen Feudale stated that she had some concerns about fees that were waived in items 21 and 22. She indicated that she had an exception approved in August for the Celebration of Bands and prior to the 80/20 split, they must pay for the Stadium Manager and ticket takers. She wondered why everything was waived for them but not for the Marching Band.

Ed Hoffman stated that it was approved that there would be no fees for the other two groups. He stated that this was for the District's kids and we have to pay, where the other groups do not. He felt there was a problem.

Mr. Reinboth stated that #21 involved the William Tennent Soccer Team. This is for a charitable organization.

Mr. Miller stated that the Celebration of Bands was a more grandiose event. The needs of that event are far more costly to the District.

Megan Holt of Reeves Lane, Warminster, stated that she arrived at the meeting just as the vote for #14 was being taken. She had found it hard to get information about this over the summer. She asked the Board to consider making more information available to the public.

Mr. Miller explained that they recognized that they do need to make improvements to the District's communications and that there was a committee working on this.

Dr. Pollock pointed out that there were no Board meetings in July and one in August and that agenda was available on the website.

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

Mr. Monaghan 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 at 11:40 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Vickie A. Detwiler*

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