

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
HELD SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

A Work Session/Regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on September 22, 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:

Katie 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  
Jean Rollo  
Dr. Thomas Turnbaugh

CEA/Teachers:

See attached listing

Public:

**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 personnel and legal issues.

Mrs. Mueller announced that there would be a fundraiser for the Tennent Chorale Department on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to Test Drive a Ford. Twenty dollars would be donated for each test drive.

Mr. Monaghan announced that there would be a “Run for Nunn” fundraiser on October 4<sup>th</sup> to raise money for Melissa Nunn, who was paralyzed last year while on vacation in Hawaii.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **GOOD NEWS**

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

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Megan Holt of 631 Reeves Lane, Warminster, addressed the Board regarding the three elementary buildings. She asked if a feasibility study would be done regarding the Johnsville site.

Mr. Reinboth responded that it would not be done.

Mr. Miller explained that the feasibility study that had been discussed was not for the purpose of building the school, but was an ecological study in terms of the ability to physically build on that site; however, this site already has a building standing on it. One of the sites that was previously being looked at, Centennial Station, would have needed an ecological study but this one does not.

Ms. Holt asked what would be done to address traffic concerns.

Mr. Miller explained that we would have to submit a plan to the Department of Education, which would require that a traffic study be completed.

Ms. Holt asked about the cost of demolition of existing buildings.

Mr. Reinboth explained that if there were buyers who might want to use the existing facilities, demolition might not occur.

Ellie Jefferson of 673 Reeves Lane, Warminster, stated that she understood that the taping of Board meetings stops at 10:00 p.m. She asked about having an adult do the taping after 10:00 p.m. so that the entire Board meeting could be videotaped.

Mr. Reinboth explained that the previous meeting was the first meeting that went past 10:00 p.m. since the students have been taping the meetings. He indicated that the taping stops at 10:00 p.m. because the students need to get home. Also, it is their equipment so they must take it with them when they leave. After 10:00 p.m., we revert to just audio.

## **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 – June 15 2009*
- *Operations Committee – June 2, 2009; June 22, 2009; August 4, 2009*
- *Education Committee – May 11, 2009; June 8, 2009*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Preliminary Approval of WTHS Students' Trip to Italy, March 30 – April 5, 2010

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary approval for a trip by students at William Tennent High School to Italy from March 30 to April 5, 2010. There is no cost to the District.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

### 2. Preliminary Approval of WTHS Girls' Basketball Team Trip to Punxsutawney, PA, December 28-30, 2009

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary approval for a trip by the William Tennent High School Girls' Basketball team to Punxsutawney, PA, December 28-30, 2009. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$1,620 for transportation.*

Mr. Miller pointed out that the boys were going to State College on the same day and wondered whether the trips could be combined. Mrs. Homel indicated that she would look into this.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

### 3. Approval of Overnight Conferences

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

- A. Donna Dunar, principal at Leary Elementary School, and Lisa Stecklein and Deborah Walker, teachers at Leary, to present a workshop at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeastern United States Conference on Character Education in Albany, New York on November 5, 2009. There is no cost to the District.*

- B. *Attendance, mileage, and overnight accommodation expenses for Larry Hannon, bus driver, to attend the PASA/PSBA School Leadership Conference Breakfast Buffet in Hersey, PA, from October 15-16, 2009. The cost to the District is approximately \$300.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

4. 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 High School Girls’ and Boys’ Cross Country teams for the William Tennent Cross Country Invitational scheduled to be held on October 10, 2009 to allow them to sell food items donated by families at a concession off-site. All beverages will be purchased from the District.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

5. Permission to Apply for Competitive Grants

*A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves permission to apply for the following competitive grants for the 2009-2010 school year in the amounts indicated:*

<i>Special Education Performance Grant</i>	
<i>School Based Behavioral Health</i>	<i>\$39,723</i>
<i>Special Education Performance Grant</i>	
<i>Transition from School to Community-based</i>	
<i>Employment for Students with Autism</i>	
<i>Spectrum Disorder</i>	<i>\$28,075</i>

*The motion passed 9-0.*

6. Approval of Payment of Bills on Hold

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

<i>Check #4700</i>	<i>9/11/2009</i>	<i>\$ 498.39</i>	<i>Crystal Chemical Company</i>
<i>Check #4709</i>	<i>9/11/2009</i>	<i>\$1,049.50</i>	<i>Philadelphia Warehousing</i>

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

7. Approval of Senior Privilege at William Tennent

*A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the practice of awarding senior privilege at William Tennent High School and directs that it be made permanent effective the 2009-2010 school year.*

Mr. Miller pointed out that if the Keystone exams were enacted into law, they prohibited senior privilege.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

8. Approval of Facility Use Waivers

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Facility Use Waiver applications for the following groups:*

- A. *Our Lady of Good Counsel Swim Team – Requesting a waiver for 50% reduction of fees for use of Klinger Middle School pool from September 29, 2009 through February 11, 2010 for swim team practice. The cost to the District is approximately \$935.25.*
- B. *U.S. Navy Squadrons VR-52/VR-64 – Requesting a waiver of fees for use of Log College Middle School auditorium for the bi-annual Willow Grove Naval Air Squadron’s safety program on November 7 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost to the District is approximately \$264.00.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

**PERSONNEL**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Driban to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves all personnel recommendations, as follows: Resignations, Retirements, Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Per Diem Substitute Teachers/Nurses; Substitute Support Staff; Mentors; Tutors; Substitute Bus Drivers/Trainees; Kindergarten Bus Aides; and Co-Curricular.*

Mrs. Mueller requested that Item #8 of Authorization to Employ be pulled since the Board did not get to discuss this.

*The motion passed 9-0 (for everything except Item #8 of Authorization to Employ.)*

At 7:31 p.m., there was a break so that the Board could meet in Executive Session to discuss Item #8 of Authorization to Employ.

The meeting resumed at 7:47 p.m.

*A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Item #8 of Authorizations to Employ.*

Mrs. Mueller stated that there was no financial impact to the District.

*The motion passed 9-0.*

## **POLICIES**

### Initial Distribution:

#### 1.3 – Centennial School Board Organization and Board Director Responsibilities.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that this policy would be discussed at the next meeting.

### Discussion:

#### 7.3 – Emergency School Closing, Delayed Opening or Early Dismissal

Mrs. Homel indicated that this policy had been reviewed by the Administrative Policy Committee.

Mrs. Mueller stated that this would be voted on at the next Board meeting.

#### 7.22 – Hostile Environment

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

Mrs. Homel indicated that Attachment A had been added, which was why the policy was back. There were no other changes.

In Section II.C. 4., Ms. Driban recommended adding “...*which, if proven, would constitute a violation of this policy.*”

Dr. Pollock stated that he would like to see this reviewed by the solicitor because if something happened, there would be a lawsuit involved.

Mrs. Homel stated that she would check but she thought it was already reviewed by the solicitor last year.

Mr. Miller stated that he would also like a solicitor’s review because the law changes so frequently. If we are making an addition to the policy, then we should have it reviewed by the solicitor.

Ms. Driban felt that there should be a place on the form to show that it was received by the particular person that it was submitted to.

## **OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mrs. Mueller stated that she had received a flyer from the high school regarding the yearbook prices, which seemed to have different prices than what our contract called for. She passed the papers on to Dr. Turnbaugh and asked that this be clarified.

Dr. Turnbaugh commented that Josten's would have to comply with the terms of the contract.

After discussion, it was decided that there would be an announcement regarding the yearbooks at back-to-school night the following evening.

Ms. Driban questioned the procedure if there is a Board member who feels that a Board policy is not being followed by other Board members. She felt that there were matters regarding the public perception of the Board that needed to be addressed.

Mrs. Lynch responded that she felt the perception of the people would be what it would be. But if this needed to be discussed, it should be discussed.

Mrs. Mueller asked if Ms. Driban was looking to change something or enforce something.

Ms. Driban responded that she wanted to enforce something. She felt there were some things that were not being followed and that the policy was well-written.

Mrs. Mueller asked what policy she was referring to.

Ms. Driban responded that it was the policy regarding Board Code of Conduct.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he felt a Board retreat would be a more appropriate place to discuss this.

## **REPORTS**

Mrs. Lynch reported that she, Mrs. Mueller and Mr. Vail met with the Pennsylvania Association of School Board Officials on September 9<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the video of what Act 32 would be. They have a proposed budget but this will be a lengthy process.

Mr. Monaghan reported that a display of 60 years of art had been hosted by Dr. Belli at the I.U. They would like to get art back into the schools. Following that, an I.U. meeting was held. There was a resolution authorizing a revenue anticipation note of \$15 million through TD Bank. This was done in the event the budget does not get passed.

Mrs. Mueller reported that an Operations Committee meeting would be held on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Miller reported that we are up to 161 co-sponsors on House Resolution 456 (Keystone Exams.)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie A. Detwiler  
Board Secretary