

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 24, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A Work Session/Regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on November 24, 2009, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Reinboth at 7:07 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

Board Members:

Kati Driban
Thomas Hezel
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
Robert Reed
Jean Rollo
Dr. Thomas Turnbaugh
Timothy Vail

[Mrs. Huf was absent from the meeting.]

CEA/Teachers:

Public:

See attached listing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Reinboth led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Reinboth announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting relative to legal and real estate matters. He also stated that Mrs. Huf was absent from this meeting, although she would be watching every moment.

Mrs. Mueller reported that she had attended Southampton Band’s Kid Crazy and was happy to see that Dr. Turnbaugh was the narrator for Peter and the Wolf. He did a wonderful job.

Mrs. Mueller also reported that the Madrigal singers participated in the Interfaith Thanksgiving service the previous Sunday, which was very much appreciated.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he had attended “All About Agatha”, the fall play at Tennent, which was wonderful. He also attended his first Powder Puff football game, which was a fun time.

Mrs. Lynch attended McDonald School’s Grandparents’ Day the previous week and reported that they had done a phenomenal job.

PRESENTATIONS

Technology Update

Bob Reed had prepared a report and did a presentation on Technology in Centennial.

Mr. Miller commented that this was extremely well-written and provided a lot of background. He asked Mr. Reed what impact there had been since this department had been moved to Facilities.

Mr. Reed felt that the greatest impact had been on the users. When something doesn’t work properly, people don’t know who to call.

An issue was raised as to having questions regarding this report answered at a committee meeting.

Mrs. Mueller questioned whether department heads would now be doing presentations at Board meetings rather than at committee meetings as they used to since then questions would have to be answered at the Board meeting. She suggested putting this on the agenda for the following week’s Operations meeting. She had questions about security which were not addressed in this report.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that Mr. Reed was present because he asked him to be here following what he thought was a consensus. Technology was more of an education issue than a finance issue. He asked Mr. Reinboth which direction he wanted to move as far as technology reports.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he felt that technology was a key component in education.

Mr. Hezel commented that in the spring the Director of Technology was put under the Director of Education so it would be beneficial to have this under the Education Committee.

Mrs. Mueller felt that questions should be entertained since the presentation was given and because the next Education meeting was a month away.

Dr. Pollock thanked Mr. Reed for presenting this. He felt it was very informative and the public received a lot of information.

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to move this to Education and conclude this discussion until the Education Committee meeting.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she did not think it was unique that this came under several areas. She did not see anything wrong with bringing this into Operations for operational questions and then having it go to Education for questions about educational issues.

A motion was made by Dr. Pollock to call the question.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to call the question, as follows:

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

The motion to call the question failed 5-3. (This motion requires a 2/3 vote.)

Mr. Miller stated that he would like to see this go to Operations. He did not think this was good use of the Board's time. He did not have education questions.

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

The motion passed 5-3.

Mr. Reinboth stated that further questions would be brought to the next Education meeting.

Mrs. Mueller stated that if there were Operations questions, they could discuss them there. She would put this on the agenda.

Mrs. Lynch stated that there was a Board motion and vote to move this to Education. Now there was discussion of placing it on the Operations agenda. She felt that should not be done.

Mrs. Mueller stated that technology would go to Education. Network security would be in Operations and that was not under Mr. Reed, it was under Mr. Lasher. That would be discussed in Operations.

Fred Montgomery of 1495 Beaver Road, Upper Southampton, stated that the presentation was very instructive and thrilling. He was involved in documenting what was put together years ago. What was started back then has put the District way ahead. That documentation all went into his doctoral dissertation.

GOOD NEWS

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- *Finance Committee – October 19 2009*
- *Operations Committee – October 6, 2009*
- *Education Committee – September 14, 2009*

The motion passed 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment to Citizens' Policy Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the appointment of Thomas Koch to the Citizens' Policy Committee as a representative from Region II for a three-year term effective November 25, 2009 and ending June 30, 2012.

Mr. Miller stated that he would like to have this person appear before the Board.

Ms. Driban added that she would like to invite the individual that was approved a few months ago also.

The motion passed 8-0.

2. Approval of Overnight Conference Request

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

Lou Pacchioli, William Tennent High School Athletic Director, Pennsylvania State Athletic Director's Conference, March 23-27, 2010, Hershey, PA. The cost to the District is not to exceed \$1,000.

The motion passed 8-0.

3. Approval of Course Additions to WTHS Program of Studies

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the inclusion of the following courses in the William Tennent High School 2010-2011 Program of Studies:

(A) *Business, Computers and Information Technology: Digital Production I (1.0 9-12)*

Fiscal Note: The cost to the District is not to exceed \$10,000 for equipment, textbooks and supplies.

(B) *Business, Computers and Information Technology: Digital Production II (1.0 10-12)*

Fiscal Note: No cost to the District.

(C) *Family and Consumer Sciences: Gourmet (0.5 10-12)*

Fiscal Note: The Gourmet course requires no additional funding.

(D) *Science: Genetics and Biotechnology (1.0 11-12)*

Fiscal Note: The cost to the District is between \$500-\$1,000 per section.

(E) *Social Studies: AP World History (1.0 10-12)*

Fiscal Note: The cost to the District is not to exceed \$4,000 for textbooks and other materials.

Mrs. Mueller commented that it was fortunate that these could be offered but the students could only have availability for so many courses.

Dr. Pollock stated the need for more periods at the high school. He felt that six periods were not enough and that this was a big disservice to the students. There are not many schools that limit their students to a six-period day. He felt this should be looked at.

The motion passed 8-0.

4. Permission to Rescind Policy 5.15, Secondary School Honor Roll

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Ms. Driban to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants permission to rescind Policy 5.15, Secondary School Honor Roll, pending final approval of Policy 5.7, Reporting Student Progress and Honors.

The motion passed 6-1-1 (Mrs. Mueller opposed; Mr. Miller abstained.)

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves all personnel recommendations, including: Resignations, Retirements, Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Change of Status; Per Diem Substitute Teachers/Nurses; Substitute Support Staff; Substitute Bus Drivers/Trainees; Mentors; Tutors; Homebound Tutors; and Co-Curricular.

Dr. Pollock thanked Mrs. Rollo for her years of service to the District.

Mr. Reinboth seconded Dr. Pollock's comments and stated that it was with regret that he saw her name on the list of retirements.

The motion passed 8-0.

POLICIES

Initial Distribution:

Mrs. Mueller noted that the following policies were included for initial review:

- 7.15 – Possession and Use of Tobacco by Students
- 7.31 – Purchasing Procedures
- 5.16 – English as a Second Language Program
- 5.7 – Reporting Student Progress and Honors

Discussion:

Policy 2.15 – Employee Leave of Absence

After minimal discussion, it was decided to move the policy along as it was.

Final Approval:

Policy 2.10 – Supervising and Evaluating Professional Performance

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 2.10, Supervising and Evaluating Professional Performance.

The motion passed 8-0.

Policy 2.20 – Support Staff – Evaluation and Rating

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 2.20, Support Staff – Evaluation and Rating.

The motion passed 8-0.

Policy 3.9 – Corporal Punishment/Reasonable Force

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.9, Corporal Punishment/Reasonable Force.

The motion passed 8-0.

Policy 3.27 – Retention

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.27, Retention.

The motion passed 8-0.

Policy 3.29 – District Financial Support for Student Trips to Competitive Events

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Driban to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 3.29, District Financial Support for Student Trips to Competitive Events.

The motion passed 8-0.

Mrs. Mueller questioned why Policy 7.27 was missing from the agenda. Dr. Turnbaugh indicated that he had it pulled because, after discussion with several Board members, he felt the way the language was drafted was problematic and was not practical. He indicated that he was revisiting the language so that we can have a mechanism for handling bills that is reasonable and fair to all Board members.

There was discussion regarding the procedure for changes to policy, including the Superintendent's role and the role of the Administrative Committee.

Mr. Miller stated that he had received a communication from Mr. Schaefer regarding policy indicating that he believed that the Board took action contrary to policy. He was disappointed that he had not received a response from the Board and indicated that if he did not, he would take this issue to the newspaper.

Mr. Miller stated that he had contacted PSBA and he suggested that PSBA make a presentation on their policy services. He distributed a copy of a letter from PSBA.

Mrs. Lynch stated that the proper venue was for Mr. Schaefer to address the Board, not to go through an individual Board member.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he had responded to him and had spoken to him at length on the phone.

Dr. Turnbaugh complimented Mr. Miller on his initiative but indicated that he had already made that contact with PSBA and had this proposal. This was one of the recommendations that he was going to be recommending to the Board.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

PSBA Conference Report

Mrs. Lynch distributed a report to the Board on the 2009 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference, which was held on October 13-16, 2009. She reported that there were many speakers and she visited many booths. The legislative platform was wonderful. She encouraged Board members to read the report.

REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Lynch stated that for the past four years she had enjoyed working with Mr. Monaghan. He was dedicated to the children and cared about the policies. She stated that she would miss him and wished him well. She thanked him for his service to the District.

Mr. Reinboth wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-1 (Mr. Monaghan opposed.) The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary