

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 15, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on December 15, 2009 in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pollock at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were in attendance:

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

Mrs. Huf was absent.

The following Administration members were in attendance at the meeting:

Dr. Jennifer Foight-Cressman	Jean Rollo
Sandy Homel	Dr. Thomas Turnbaugh
Susan Klyman	Timothy Vail
Victor Lasher	

Additional meeting attendees are listed on the attached sheets.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Pollock led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for Joseph Delucci, a Centennial student who passed away on December 9th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pollock announced that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting relative to real estate and personnel issues.

Dr. Pollock stated that Mrs. Huf was still recuperating from her accident.

Mr. Hezel stated that he had attended the Leary winter concert the previous week. It was a wonderful concert and there was a packed house.

Mrs. Mueller stated that this was a week of music in Centennial. She stated when the various concerts would be held and indicated that the public was always welcome.

Ms. Driban indicated that she had attended the Stackpole concert the previous evening, which was wonderful.

PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of New Citizens' Policy Committee Members – Mr. Koch and Mrs. Blowitski

Mrs. Homel introduced Daniella Blowitski from Upper Southampton and Thomas Koch from Warminster, as the new Citizens' Policy Committee members.

Dr. Pollock thanked them for volunteering and donating their time.

Mr. Miller stated that it was a very important job and that the policies are the by-laws by which the Board operates.

GOOD NEWS

Recognition of Warminster Tricentennial Logo Contest Winner

Mrs. Homel introduced Denise Wettstein, who served on the committee for the Tricentennial Logo Contest.

Ms. Wettstein spoke about the contest and the winner, Jimmy Mellio. She indicated that the previous week at Log College the committee had presented him with a plaque and an award of \$300. Jimmy was present to show his plaque to the Board.

Dr. Bucky Clark spoke about Jimmy and his accomplishment, stating that he was a real credit to Log College. He wished him luck.

Dr. Turnbaugh read the certificate and plaque to Jimmy from the Board and letter from the Superintendent.

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

STUDENT REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Pat Traczykiewicz reported on recent events at Tennent, including the following:

- Key Club Blood Drive

- Student Recognition Breakfast
- Financial Aid Night
- The School Play, “*All About Agatha*”
- The upcoming Academic Hall of Fame Induction
- Videoconference with Congressman Murphy
- Multicultural Week
- Upcoming Senior Sweethearts

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

No report.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Invalidation of the Board Reorganization

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board invalidates the Board Reorganization of December 7, 2009 based upon the assertion by the Upper Southampton Township Board members that there was a violation of Centennial School District Policy 1.3, “Centennial School Board Organization and Board Director Responsibilities.”

Mr. Miller stated that the basis of the concern and the alleged violation was on the fact that the policy very clearly states that the President and Vice President of the Board should be, if possible, from different townships. Mrs. Mueller offered herself as a candidate upon nomination. That created the condition of making it possible. Therefore, they felt that the Board reorganization should be invalidated. He stated that the townships did not need to alternate Presidents; however, the President and Vice President must be from different townships. He understood that there was an opinion from Mr. Garton dated December 10th, which was provided as backup. Mr. Miller read a large portion of the letter, as well as quoting from the December 13, 2004 letter from Mr. Garton which was also included as backup.

Mr. Miller pointed out that he had agreed with Mr. Garton that there was nothing in the School Code or that the Court could do to compel a Board member to vote one way or another. He stated that this was about who was eligible to be a candidate for office and that was the basis for this motion to invalidate the reorganization.

Mrs. Lynch quoted the first paragraph of page two from Mr. Garton’s December 13, 2004 opinion and stated that this was the opinion. She felt that the Board had to live with this opinion because it was the only one they had. The policy clearly states “if possible.”

Mr. Miller read his e-mail of December 9, 2009 into the record (which was attached as backup to the Board's packet.) He stated that Dr. Pollock had violated a number of policies. He felt the policies were the backbone of the District and needed to be followed.

Dr. Pollock questioned Mr. Miller about who on the Board, according to policy, should contact our attorney.

Mr. Miller responded that it should be the Superintendent or the Board President. Mr. Miller pointed out that he copied the attorney on an e-mail.

Dr. Pollock pointed out that this was contact and it was a violation of Board policy.

Mr. Reinboth stated that the opinion of the majority of the Board was that having the President and Vice President from different townships was not possible.

Mrs. Lynch agreed with Mr. Reinboth. Also, Mr. Miller's opinion was merely his opinion but was not a legal opinion. She stated that she would like the opinion of December 13, 2004 inserted into the minutes of this meeting. (A copy of same is attached hereto and made a part hereof.)

Mr. Hezel stated that it seemed that the whole problem with this issue was determining what "if possible" meant. He recommended that Policy 1.3 be brought up for review to clarify this.

Dr. Pollock stated that if he would like to bring this up as a motion under policies, a second would be required.

Mr. Reinboth pointed out the irony that this was reviewed recently and this was not brought up.

Kate Hendrickson of 331 Hogeland Road, Southampton, stated that she did not have a problem with Warminster. She had recently felt that Southampton Board members did not represent her in any way, shape or form. As a resident, she did not feel they had been representing her, particularly with their idea of building on park land. She took exception to the fact that they feel they somehow represent Upper Southampton in their interest in building on the park land. As a resident, she did not feel they had been representing Upper Southampton. She also pointed out that she had been on the policy committee for many terms. She noted that the wording "if possible" was in the policy for a reason. Board members represent all of the District's citizens, the senior citizens, the people with children, the people without children, the taxpaying citizens. It is not about where you live. She stated that "you have said that to me as an Upper Southampton resident so I take exception to the fact that you are then going to throw that in the face of other Board Directors that you represent Upper Southampton better than they do."

Mrs. Mueller stated that the policy continued on to state that the Board's action must look to the future and to setting the right course for future years. She stated that the majority of the Board felt that the best location for a Region one school was in the park, not just the Southampton directors. Dr. Pollock stated a point of order that the Board had not yet voted on this so the majority of the Board has not said where it should be. Mrs. Mueller pointed out that the majority of the Board agreed that the park was a viable option.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she had spoken to the originators of the policy and their intent was that if there was someone who was willing to do the position of President or Vice President, then it was possible. It was not intended as to whether it was possible to get five votes. She felt that as far as an opinion was concerned, it was only that until it was rendered by the Courts.

Mr. Hezel stated that the policy was not violated. It was an interpretation made by certain Board members. It was also brought to his attention by Joe Faust, a longtime Board member, that if you could get five votes, it was possible. Otherwise, it was not possible. Mrs. Mueller pointed out that Mr. Faust was not on the Board when this was originated.

Mr. Hezel pointed out that the one group that was not mentioned was the children and that was why he was here. None of this had anything to do with the children.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion failed 3-5.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pollock asked for the Board's consent to move up Item #10 of New Business. There was a consensus to do so.

10. Approve Deputy Tax Collector Appointment – Warminster Township

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the appointment of Tracy Costello as Deputy Tax Collector for the township of Warminster per the request of Barbara A. Loftus, Warminster Township Tax Collector.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 8-0.

1. Course Inclusions in the WTHS 2010-2011 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) *Mathematics: Independent Progress Mathematics (1.0 9-10)*

Fiscal Note: Materials needed for this class will be purchased through the curriculum renewal process.

(B) *Mathematics: Problem Solving (0.5 11-12)*

Fiscal Note: Materials needed for this class will be purchased through the curriculum renewal process.

(C) *Mathematics: SAT Prep Course (0.5 10-12)*

Fiscal Note: Materials needed for this class will be purchased through the curriculum renewal process.

Mrs. Mueller stated that, given the Finance meeting that was held the previous evening and how much we are in the hole already, we must be careful about adding programs. She did not want to put something in that we might have to take out at budget time.

Dr. Pollock asked if these would be out for next year if they were not approved at this meeting.

Dr. Foight-Cressman replied affirmatively, indicating that it was down to crunch time.

Ms. Driban pointed out that the last time this came up a question was posed about courses that were not getting a lot of attention. She asked if there were other courses that would be coming out that would make room for these.

Mrs. Homel confirmed that there were some courses that would be coming out.

Mr. Miller stated that he did not think there would be money for these in the budget. As much as he would like to vote for these, he felt it would be fiscally imprudent.

Dr. Pollock stated that he was happy to see the SAT prep course, which was helpful in preparing for college.

Mrs. Mueller felt there was not much room in the students' schedules for that type of course with a six-period day so there would probably not be many students. The courses being taken out were not Math courses so there would not be time opened up in students' schedules.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she was here to educate children – this was about education. She would rather cut a structure than something like this.

Mr. Hartline asked if Administration had a sense of how many students there might be in this section.

Mrs. Homel stated that this would not be known until course selection time. If there were not enough students, the course would not run. Two of these courses were half credit. We would rather have a student take a Math course than another elective just to fill a hole.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he would be supporting this. He did not feel the need to compromise the course offerings.

Dr. Turnbaugh asked if a staff member was being added to be able to provide these courses. Mrs. Homel answered in the negative.

Dr. Turnbaugh asked when the last time was that we did a curriculum audit.

Dr. Foight-Cressman explained that we do curriculum renewal, which runs from four to eight years. She thought that the last one was seven years ago.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that there were staff members that were able to provide this instruction. He did not think not offering these courses was the way to save money.

Mr. Miller stated that this was a computer-guided course so the bulk of the cost was not for the teacher.

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth to call the question.

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

<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion to call the question passed 8-0.

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

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

The motion passed 6-2.

2. Approval of WTHS Improvement Plan

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval of the William Tennent High School 2009-2010 Continuous School Improvement Plan.

The motion passed 8-0.

3. Approval of Partnership Agreements with Bucks County Community College

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Partnership Agreements, which commence January 1, 2010 and terminate on June 30, 2013, between Bucks County Community College and Centennial School District for the purpose of providing students with an opportunity to earn college credit in the areas of Accounting and Networking Technology. There is no cost to the District.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Abstained</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 7-0-1.

4. Relocation of the Willow Dale Special Education Classes

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Reinboth to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the relocation of the following classes due to the renovation of the Willow Dale Elementary School effective September 2010:

IU Autistic Support Class (Grades K-1) from Willow Dale to Leary Elementary School;

IU Multiple Disabilities Support – ABA Class (Grades 6-8) from Willow Dale to Log College Middle School;

IU Multiple Disabilities Support Class – ABA Class (Grades 6-10) from Willow Dale to Log College Middle School;

IU Multiple Disabilities Support Class – ABA Class (Grades 9-13) from Willow Dale to William Tennent High School or another district;

IU Multiple Disabilities Support Class – ABA Class (Grades 1-6) from Willow Dale to Davis Elementary School;

Centennial Operated Life Skills (Grades K-2) from Willow Dale to McDonald Elementary School.

Above is subject to PDE approval.

Mr. Miller asked how many total students this involved.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that this information was distributed at previous meetings but he did not have that information with him this evening.

Mr. Miller voiced his concern about committing to move these students if they were not going to need to be moved in the event we do not consolidate to three schools. He asked if we would be committed.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that Administration would be receptive to an addendum that would include that the classes would be moved in the event that the renovation of Willow Dale takes place with the exception of those classes where the grade-appropriate age levels are currently in the wrong building.

Discussion ensued regarding the advisability of moving these children due to age appropriateness regardless of the renovation.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Reinboth to amend the motion by the addition of the following language to the first paragraph: “.with the authorization that the Administration complete this task on a need-be basis.”

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 8-0.

5. Permission to Apply for State Competitive Grants

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Hartline to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves permission to apply for the following state competitive grants for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount indicated:

<i>Learn and Serve America K-12 School Based Program</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Title I Parent Involvement Mini Grant</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>

The motion passed 8-0.

6. Approval of Electrical Service Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the contract for new electrical service (Rate HT) with PECO for William Tennent High School.

The motion passed 8-0.

7. Use of Facilities Exception

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mr. Reinboth to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Facility Use waiver for the following:

Sunday use of the Log College Middle School Gym by the Warminster Girls Travel Soccer Teams U13 and U10 for fitness and skills practice from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning January 10 through March 21, 2010.

There is no cost to the District.

The motion passed 8-0.

8. Appraisal of Dorothy Henry Alternative School

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves obtaining an appraisal of the Dorothy Henry Alternative School in Ivyland Boro at a cost not to exceed \$2,500. Funds for this project will come from the General Fund.

The motion passed 8-0.

9. Change Order Approval

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves change orders 001, 002, 018, 024 and 034 in the amount of \$82,534.85 for the William Tennent High School Additions and Renovations Project.

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

10. Approve Deputy Tax Collector Appointment – Warminster Township

[This item was handled earlier in the meeting.]

11. Authorize Grant Applications 2009-2010

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Hartline to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes Administration to apply for all entitlement and discretionary grant applications for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 deemed to be appropriate in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools. The Board shall be informed of all approved grants.

Mr. Miller requested that the Board be informed of the status of all applied-for grants. Dr. Turnbaugh indicated that it could be part of the Friday update. Mr. Miller suggested a quarterly report as part of the Friday update.

The motion passed 8-0.

12. Ratification of Real Estate Tax Assessment Reduction Appeals

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board ratifies direction from Administration to Solicitor Jeff Garton to file tax assessment appeals for the parcel on the attached supplement. Also authorizes filing of an appeal for the grant of exemption status for Abington Hospital related to the parcels also on the attached supplement.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 8-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Hartline 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; Substitute Support Staff; Substitute Bus Drivers/Trainees; Mentors; Tutors; Homebound Tutors; and Co-Curricular.

Mr. Reinboth acknowledged the service of the Human Resources Director, who was retiring at the end of the month, and thanked her for her years of service.

The motion passed 8-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Discussion:

7.15 – Possession and use of Tobacco by Students

None.

7.31 – Purchasing Procedures

Mr. Miller stated that he had very serious concerns in a tight budget year. He did not understand why this had not come through the Finance Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to table this to be moved to the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Mueller asked for confirmation that this was not reviewed by the solicitor. Mrs. Homel confirmed this.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she did not want to touch this until then.

Mr. Hezel stated that if this was being moved to Finance, he would want to see what came out of Finance before sending it to the solicitor.

Mr. Reinboth stated his preference that it go to the solicitor first so the Finance Committee could have the solicitor's comments.

Mr. Miller felt it would be cheaper to have this go to Finance, then to the solicitor.

Mr. Reinboth disagreed. He felt Finance could better address this with the solicitor's comments.

Mr. Miller suggested sending it to the solicitor with a request for general comments.

Dr. Turnbaugh did not think it was a large expense to send this to the solicitor first.

Mrs. Lynch agreed with Dr. Turnbaugh and Mr. Reinboth, who was the Chairman of the Finance Committee, that this should go to the solicitor first.

Mr. Miller agreed to amend the motion so that it go to the solicitor for general recommendations rather than drafting.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Reinboth that before the Board consider this policy that it be sent to the solicitor for review with the instruction that he give general direction rather than redrafting the policy.

The motion passed 8-0.

5.61 – English as a Second Language Program

No discussion.

5.7 – Reporting Student Progress and Honors

No discussion.

Final Approval:

2.15 – Employee Leave of Absence

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 2.15 – Employee Leave of Absence.

The motion passed 8-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel to bring up Policy 1.3 for Board review. He stated that he would like to start the process of having this policy reviewed by the Board with regard to Reorganization meetings to see if the Board could resolve these issues.

Mrs. Homel stated that this was a Board policy. Before it would go to Administration, they would need very clear direction as to what they should be looking at. She asked that messages be sent to both herself and Dr. Turnbaugh as to what Board members wanted.

Dr. Pollock stated that comments should be sent to the Superintendent by the first of the year.

Mrs. Lynch felt that another policy that should be brought up was that dealing with a Board member not physically attending a meeting but being able to vote by phone.

Dr. Pollock requested that that policy be given to Dr. Turnbaugh for distribution to the Board and that the Board have their comments in by the beginning of the year.

Dr. Turnbaugh cautioned the Board about rewriting policies due to a current situation since these changes would affect not just this Board but also future Boards. Dr. Pollock agreed.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to invite PSBA to meet with the Board and policy committees to make a presentation as to what they offer and see if we can resolve policy issues.

There was discussion regarding which committees would be involved and the fact that this presentation would have to take place at a public meeting, which would be a special meeting of the Board.

The motion passed 7-1 (Mr. Reinboth opposed.)

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the:

- *Schedule of Bills – November 2009*
- *Investments – November 2009*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – November 2009*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer’s Report – November 2009*
- *Budgetary Transfers – December 2009*

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

MINUTES

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

- *Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – October 27, 2009*
- *Regular School Board Meeting – November 10, 2009*

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

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Nomination of Mr. Hartline to BCIU #22

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the nomination of Michael Hartline as the Centennial School District’s representative for the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 Board of Directors, filling the unexpired term of Michael Monaghan, effective December 15, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 8-0.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Distance Learning Lab/Planetarium at the High School

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that this had been the subject of a recent Operations Committee meeting and it was his understanding that there was some opposition from the high school to having this relocated to the high school. He was perplexed why there would be opposition to relocating a structure in the high school which could be used during the entire day to provide education to a multitude of students and they would also be gaining a staff member. Dr. Turnbaugh indicated that they had not understood that. They had thought they would be losing space and would have to provide a staff member. Since the Board had previously voted to have the planetarium remain in a School District building and the fact that there are two areas in the high school being constructed for which we may have no students, he felt that this was the most logical place for the planetarium, if the Board was still going to place it in a building in the District as opposed to pursuing the other options on the table. He asked Dr. Foight-Cressman to comment on her trip to Harrisburg.

Dr. Foight-Cressman spoke about the trip to Harrisburg to PDE to speak with the chief architect. It was PDE's preference that the planetarium be placed in the high school. She stated that it made more sense and that we would be creating a multi-purpose distance learning classroom which could be used for students, faculty and staff during the day and the community at night, and could be used year-round. It could provide a forum for students to access teachers and forums throughout the world.

Mr. Lasher stated that at the last Operations meeting Mr. Reynolds suggested that the most cost-efficient place to put the planetarium would be at the high school, with an addition onto the building.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that he felt this was the most educationally and economically sound way to do this. If we attempt to put this into a new elementary building, it would create issues with Act 34.

Mrs. Mueller was interested in keeping the planetarium but was concerned about the expense and felt more discussion was needed.

Mr. Miller felt that some type of endowment or sponsor was needed.

Mr. Hartline stated that he wanted to keep the planetarium but was concerned about under-utilization.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lynch reported that the next meeting would be held on December 21st.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Reinboth reported that at the Finance Committee meeting there was discussion about several items that were motions at tonight's meeting. The committee also discussed the preliminary budget for the 2010-2011 school year, which he has requested Board members to review closely. He commended Administration on the preliminary budget.

Dr. Pollock requested what savings would be realized in facilities and in transportation in a three-school versus four-school option. He requested this information within the next month.

Mrs. Mueller asked how we would be delivering equity in a four-school option.

Dr. Pollock pointed out that the video portion of the meeting would be ending in about two minutes (10:00 p.m.) but that the audio would continue.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Hezel stated that he was now the Chairman of this committee. He thanked Mrs. Mueller for her hard work for the past two years. He announced that the next meeting would be on January 5th. The main focus would be the high school project and the elementary project.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mr. Miller reported that there was no meeting in December.

Citizens' Policy

Mr. Hezel reported that there would probably be a meeting in January. He welcomed the new members.

PSBA Liaison

Mr. Miller congratulated Mrs. Lynch in taking over this position and indicated that the first meeting would probably be in February.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mr. Reinboth reviewed the schedule. (See Schedule attached hereto.)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Hartline to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary