

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
HELD JANUARY 26, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

A Work Session/Regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on January 26, 2010, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Reinboth at 7:00 p.m. The following people registered their attendance:

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were in attendance:

Kati Driban	Jane Schrader Lynch
Michael Hartline	Mark B. Miller
Thomas Hezel	Cynthia Mueller
Betty Huf	Thomas Reinboth

Dr. Pollock was absent.

The following Administration members were in attendance at the meeting:

Dr. Jennifer Foight-Cressman	Dr. Thomas Turnbaugh
Susan Klyman	Timothy Vail

Additional meeting attendees are listed on the attached sheet.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Reinboth noted that Dr. Pollock sent his regrets for not being in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Reinboth announced that the Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held the previous Friday. It was a nice evening, with four new inductees.

Mr. Reinboth also announced that the Operations Committee would now meet on the first Wednesday of the month, beginning on February 3rd, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

GOOD NEWS

Dr. Foight-Cressman presented the Good News Report (see attached.)

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- *Finance Committee – November 16, 2009, December 14, 2009*
- *Operations Committee – November 4, 2009, December 1, 2009*
- *Education Committee – October 26, 2009, November 23, 2009*

Mr. Reinboth noted that on the Finance Committee Minutes of November 16, 2009, Frank Schaffer should be changed to Bob Schaffer in the list of attendees.

The motion passed 8-0 (as revised.)

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Reinboth read a statement which Dr. Pollock had requested be inserted verbatim into the Minutes, as follows:

“Madam Secretary, Dr. Pollock, who is out of the country on vacation, would like the following statement, placed verbatim into the minutes.

“This is a response to a statement read into the minutes from Mrs. Mueller, Mr. Miller, and Ms. Driban at the January 12, 2010 meeting of the Board.

“Mrs. Mueller, Mr. Miller, and Ms. Driban have accused members of this Board of being *‘arbitrary and capricious, attacking a smaller group of School Directors, violating the Sunshine Law, and wanton disregard of District Policy.’*

“**ITEM I.** The members of this Board have never attempted to change the policy regarding the election of officers which took place in December 7, 2009. Rather, they have discussed amending future policy (per our attorney's suggestion) so that there will no longer be any controversy during future elections of the Board president and vice president. A majority of the Board agrees with Mr. Garton's previous opinion regarding the election of officers in 2009. It is Mrs. Mueller, Mr. Miller, and Ms. Driban who have threatened litigation which would result in the district's need to pay an attorney to defend

the position of a majority of the Board and its attorney. I fully recognize their right to pursue any legal action they deem appropriate, but resent being accused of *'attacking'* members of the Board or incurring unnecessary legal expenses. I have met privately with Mr. Miller and have twice requested a private meeting with Mrs. Mueller, who has yet to respond, to try and improve the working environment of the current Board. My goal is to have members discuss issues and vote as they individually see fit, and to *'agree to disagree'* when a majority of Board votes and there are other members who do not agree.

"ITEM 2. According to the Sunshine Law, *'A meeting is any prearranged gathering which involves the attendance or participation of a quorum of the members for the purpose of deliberating agency business or taking official action.'* I am stating emphatically that I did not meet with a quorum of members of the Board prior to the December 7, 2009, reorganization meeting in order to discuss the election of officers or any other Board business. To the best of my knowledge, no other group met to discuss the election of officers or Board business. I call upon Mrs. Mueller, Mr. Miller, and Ms. Driban to immediately offer any proof they have that the Sunshine Law has been violated. If they have no evidence, perhaps other members of the Board should turn the tables and *'expand our litigation to include investigation'* of why these three members choose to make baseless inflammatory statements at a public meeting. Again, it is their right to take any legal actions they deem appropriate, but they must in turn take responsibility for legal fees incurred by the district for any frivolous or vengeful litigation.

"ITEM 3. In regards to the naming of the Stadium and the *'wanton disregard of District Policy,'* I submit the following from minutes of previous Board meetings.

"As noted by Mrs. Mueller, Mr. Miller, and Ms. Driban:

"At the October 27, 2009, meeting:

" 'Dr. Pollock and Mrs. Huf, as the mover and seconder of the motion, respectively, agreed to amend the motion to read as follows: to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the naming of the William Tennent High School Stadium as 'Alumni Stadium' and waives all applicable board policy, including but not limited to Policies 4.1.1 and 1.2.' Motion passed 5-3.

"The motion clearly acknowledges the intent of the majority of the Board to waive policy.

"Interestingly, when Mrs. Mueller has made motions with *'exceptions to policy,'* she has no problem with *'violating policy.'* Reference the minutes of the following recent meetings while Mrs. Mueller was vice president of the Board:

"August 18, 2009. Five exceptions to Policy 7.18 were introduced by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock. Motions were passed 9-0.

"August 18, 2009. Two motions made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Dr. Pollock for exception of Policies 6.2 and 6.8. Motion passed 9-0

"September 8, 2009, Motion made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller for exception to Policy 6.8. Motion passed 9-0.

"September 22, 2009, Motion made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller for exception to Policy 6.8. Motion passed 9-0.

"October 13, 2009, Motion made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Hezel for exception to policy 7.18. Motion passed 8-0.

“November 10, 2009, Motion made by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Miller for exception to policy 7.18. Motion passed 8.0.

“It is clear to me that waivers/exceptions to Board policy are commonplace, and Mrs. Mueller, Mr. Miller, and Ms. Driban only feel the need to take legal action against the Board regarding *‘exceptions to policy,’* when the majority of the Board does not agree with them.

“I would request that these dissenting members review Board Policy 1.0, Item 2.b. under General Responsibilities of Duties and Obligations of Board Members:

“ *‘To work with fellow Board Directors in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during vigorous debate;*

(1) to focus on issues, not personalities

(2) to treat in confidence comments or positions made in private by individual Board members

(3) to accept the will of the majority vote in all cases and give support to the resulting resolution.’

“Further I would like to quote from the PSBA Code of Conduct for School Board Members. *‘Board members should work together in a spirit of harmony, respect and cooperation, despite differences of opinion.’*

“I also agree with our Board Policy 1.0 which states in part regarding Board Members Responsibilities ‘.. It shall establish education goals for the children of this District... and govern a program of education to meet those goals the Board Directors must look to the future, render decisions and actions which cannot always be accepted now, but which will set the right course of education for future years.’

“I believe this addresses all the issues raised by Mrs. Mueller, Mr. Miller, and Ms. Driban. My fervent wish is still that the members of the Board will move away from believing that where a Board member resides influences their vote.

“Sincerely,
Andrew M. Pollock, President
Centennial School District
Board of School Directors”

Mr. Miller stated that he had some questions about this and he wished Dr. Pollock was present. He also stated that this was not frivolous, but was a very serious matter. The Board had not addressed the fact that it had violated Policy 1.3 by not electing a Vice President from a different township as the President. With regard to Item 2, he stated that no accusation was made. It was simply stated that we might want to investigate as to whether or not a violation occurred and that the cause for that suspicion was the fact that six Board members arrived at the reorganization meeting with a plan in mind to deprive Southampton of any officer position on the Board. As far as the procedure or Mr. Garton’s opinion for voting, Mr. Miller felt that voting was not necessary for the position of Vice President because once a President was elected from Warminster, no Warminster Board member was eligible for the office of President. He cited the example of Mrs. Huf being elected by acclamation for the position of Assistant Secretary and felt that the same process should have been afforded to Mrs. Mueller for the office of Vice President.

Mr. Miller further commented that as far as the stadium, these were violations of policy. Policy 1.1 states that if you're asking for an exception to policy you need to request the exception in writing of the Superintendent and give a valid reason. This item wasn't on the agenda. Policy 1.2 requires that items be on the agenda unless there is a sense of urgency that items be on the agenda for that evening. Mr. Miller stated that he discounted the exceptions listed by Dr. Pollock entirely because Dr. Pollock didn't bother to list what the exceptions were for. These may have been exceptions that were granted with proper cause. He stated that Dr. Pollock was welcome to make this statement but he didn't put a lot of stock in it.

Mrs. Mueller pointed out that the motions that she made were listed for her to make as Vice President, not necessarily chosen by her to put on the table. She recalled two items for which Board members received backup in Executive Session, which she felt was much different than coming into a meeting and "being ambushed" with no backup or prior knowledge. She stated that she also wished Dr. Pollock was present and indicated that she would save her comments for when he was present to respond to this. She felt that if the Board was not following policy, it was hard to expect those who appeared before the Board to follow policy and there had been several occasions where this had occurred, including the naming rights for the stadium. She felt that the beautiful thing about the meetings was that they are now all archived and on video.

Mr. Hezel stated that all Board members had a right to their opinion as to how things went, how they should go, how policies are, but unless you have four other people on the Board that agree with you, it doesn't really matter what your opinion is. Board members are told to respect the decision of the majority of the Board and to accept it. He felt this should be laid to rest and the Board should move on.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she kept hearing over and over that the Board violated Policy 1.3. She felt there were several different viewpoints. The question was whether the Board could bring it all together. She agreed with Mr. Hezel that the Board should try to move on.

Mrs. Mueller pointed out that Dr. Pollock mentioned in his statement that he had tried twice to meet with her privately and she had not responded. She stated that she and other Board members had met with Dr. Turnbaugh for two hours after the election to try to amicably work something out, so she felt that Dr. Pollock's statement that she was unresponsive was incorrect.

Mr. Miller stated that when Dr. Pollock was back, he would ask him what he could repeat from his private meeting with him because this was absolutely not over.

Mr. Hartline stated that since they were probably looking at pending litigation, he felt they should probably instruct the Superintendent to look at which programs would need to be cut because the money was not in the budget. They would be hurting the students. He was in an Education meeting the previous evening and had come out smiling because he was hearing how successful our reading program has been. He asked if we would cut programs because nine adults can't straighten this out. He felt they should be able to settle this before it costs our students. He asked what example we are setting.

Mr. Miller stated that they were not looking to resolve this outside. They wanted to resolve it in the District but nobody would sit down and discuss it with them amicably. He stated that one thing was all that had to happen – to follow policy that had served the Board well since 1988 by putting a Vice President from Southampton in office. He indicated that the Board had the power to do that now.

Mr. Reinboth stated that the majority of the Board interpreted the policy differently than he did and that the decision had been made.

Mr. Miller responded that Mr. Garton had said in his opinion that he had not given an opinion as to whether or not the Board should have followed the policy. He asked why he didn't ask Mr. Garton.

Mrs. Lynch stated that we had this in 2004. The policy still contains the language "if possible." The majority of the Board member said it was not possible. She felt the Board could keep going over and over this but it wasn't going to change.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Final Approval of Trip by WTHS World Language Students to Diamond Ridge Conference Center, March 19-20, 2010

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for a trip by world language students at William Tennent High School to the Deutschfest at Diamond Ridge Conference Center in Jamison, PA, March 19-20, 2010. The cost to the District is approximately \$100.

The motion passed 8-0.

2. Final Approval of Trip by WTHS Key Club Students to Hershey, March 5-7, 2010

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Mueller to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for a trip by students from the William Tennent High School Key Club to the Pennsylvania Key Club State Convention in Hershey, PA, March 5-7, 2010. The cost to the District is approximately \$1,039.17.

The motion passed 8-0.

3. Approval of 2010-2011 District Calendar

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Centennial School District Calendar for the 2010-2011 school year.

Mrs. Mueller stated that this was on the agenda at the previous meeting but was pulled without explanation. She asked what had changed.

Dr. Turnbaugh responded that it was the scheduling of the in-service days. Dr. Foight-Cressman explained the details.

The motion passed 8-0.

4. Approval of Overnight Conference Requests

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following overnight conferences:

- A. *George Fischer, teacher-librarian at Stackpole Elementary School, Pennsylvania Educational Technology Conference Expo (PETCE) in Hershey, PA, February 22-24, 2010. There is no cost to the District.*
- B. *Robert Reed, Director of Technology and Information Services, and Amy Campbell, Data Processing and Web Specialist, Skyward Training and Updates, Orlando, Florida, March 17-19, 2010 at an approximate cost to the District of \$1,170 per employee.*

The motion passed 8-0.

5. Projects for PDE Approval

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mr. Hartline to resolve that the Centennial School Board hereby applies to the PDE (Pennsylvania Department of Education) for approval of the plans and specifications for the work described as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Building(s)</u>
<i>Door Replacement</i>	<i>Klinger Middle School, Log College Middle School</i>
<i>Replace Lockers</i>	<i>Klinger Middle School</i>

The Board hereby applies to the Department of Education for approval of the plans and specifications for the work described above. The Board certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, construction bid documents comply, or will comply, with applicable laws, regulations and policies, and the project will not pose a hazard to the health and safety of users. Specifications include all applicable statements set forth in the current PDE document entitled "Required Clauses for Specifications." Construction contracts will not be entered into prior to PDE approval. If the Board proceeds with this project, the lowest responsible bidder(s) will be selected. The Board also certifies that the above-described work will proceed whether or not additional on-site work that is subject to Act 34 of 1973 goes forward.

The motion passed 8-0.

6. Facility Use Waiver Requests

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

- A. Upper Southampton Park & Recreation requesting waiver of fees for usage of the Klinger Middle School pool from March 9 to May 11, 2010 for the community scuba program. The approximate cost to the District is \$217.50.*
- B. Cub Scout Troop 147 requesting 50% waiver of fees for usage of the Klinger Middle School pool on March 1, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the annual swim night. The approximate cost to the District is \$29.00.*
- C. Boy Scout Troop 147 requesting 50% waiver of fees for usage of the Klinger Middle School pool on April 9, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a swim test necessary for a future canoe trip. The approximate cost to the District is \$43.75.*

Mrs. Mueller noted that Section A stated that they were requesting a waiver of fees but didn't state how much waiver is requested.

Mr. Lasher indicated that the request was for a 50% waiver.

Regarding Sections B & C, Mrs. Mueller indicated that in the past any cub pack or troop that requested a waiver had been within our District. This troop was not within our District but was in Council Rock. None of our students were in this troop.

Mr. Lasher stated that he was not in favor of this. It was an oversight. It should have been stopped before it got to this level.

Mr. Hezel and Mr. Miller, as the mover and seconder of the motion, agreed to strike Sections B&C of the motion and to change Section A to provide for a 50% waiver.

The motion passed 8-0, as amended.

7. Accept 2008-2009 Audit Report

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Driban to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the 2008-2009 Financial Statements and Single Audit Report as submitted by Barbacane Thornton and Company for the year ended June 30, 2009 as contained in the attached supplement.

Mr. Reinboth stated that once again we have a clean audit. He thanked Mr. Vail and his staff for making that happen. Mr. Miller agreed.

Mr. Miller stated that several comments had been made at the Finance meeting which he felt should be repeated. First, the representative from Barbacane Thornton made a specific comment regarding the deficit fund balance of over \$1 million, which could be attributed to an interfund borrowing which had not yet been repaid. This had to do with the naming of the stadium.

The other issue was the Food Service Department. This is not treated with the same scrutiny as other areas of the audit. He asked the representative if they had seen the Amper report, which still had not been addressed after nine months.

Mr. Reinboth indicated that the audit team from Barbacane Thornton did review that report and did not feel that there were any significant findings that required addressing.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that Mr. Vail had advised that the deficit had been rectified.

Mrs. Mueller stated that the term “rectified” could be taken in more than one way. The Board had put money in the account not to take care of that but for other purposes. It appears that it has been taken care of, but it has not taken care of it per se. At some point this should be addressed. If there is no intention of repaying that with major partnerships and fundraising for the stadium then it needs to be brought out to the community that the majority of this Board does not support that and we are not going to be repaying it as such.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she didn’t remember the auditor specifying the stadium as part of the reason. She asked if it was addressed in the report.

Mr. Reinboth stated that was not the verbiage used by the auditor.

Mr. Miller stated that he read what was in the report he recommended and moved that we accept but there was discussion at the meeting specific to the stadium and that was what he wanted to bring forth to the public.

Mr. Reinboth stated that the books had been reviewed by an independent auditor who had given us an unqualified opinion, which is the highest opinion you can get. It has been many years in a row that we have gotten that and Mr. Reinboth thought it was a great reflection on the District. Of all the things discussed at that meeting, he felt that was the most important thing to bring out. If the public desired a copy of the audit, they could go to our website and request a copy.

The motion passed 8-0.

8. Appointment of School Physician

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board appoints Dr. Harris Cohen as school physician for the three

school years of 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 per the terms and conditions of the attached agreement.

Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Vail had drafted an excellent agreement.

The motion passed 8-0.

9. Authorization of Real Estate Tax Assessment Stipulation

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Driban to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes District Solicitor Jeffrey P. Garton to execute the stipulation of a negotiated agreement with the owner of Tax Parcels 49-9-28-4 and 49-9-32 per the terms and conditions of the attached supplement.

The motion passed 8-0.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Hezel 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; Tutors; Homebound Tutors; and Co-Curricular.

Mr. Miller asked if this was up to date. He thought there was a Change of Status that was not on here.

Dr. Turnbaugh replied that it was up to date as far as he was concerned.

Mrs. Mueller stated that at the last meeting she thought there was something that was not on, but that it was because it was the day before. But once again, it was not on here. There was a change of status with an employee and that would take Board action and it was still not before the Board.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that that action was being recommended by the solicitor in charge of that case and he was not recommending that any public discussion take place concerning that employee.

Mrs. Mueller asked if an Executive Session was needed. Dr. Turnbaugh stated that it would not change his comment. Mr. Reinboth stated that he did not think that an Executive Session was needed at this point.

The motion passed 6-1-1. (Mr. Miller opposed; Ms. Driban abstained.)

POLICIES

Initial Distribution:

Mr. Hezel noted the following policies under Initial Distribution:

- 4.8 – Disposal of Surplus Furniture, Supplies, Books and Equipment
- 4.10 – Video Surveillance
- 3.7 – Student Responsibility
- 5.8 – Guest Speakers for the Instructional Program
- 1.6 – Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications

Discussion:

3.10 – Contacts with Law Enforcement Agencies

Ms. Driban asked if all the solicitor’s comments had been included.

Dr. Turnbaugh responded that they were.

1.3 – Centennial School Board Organization and Board Director Responsibilities

Ms. Driban distributed the following suggestions, which she then read, as follows:

II. A. 4. The President and Vice President shall be from different townships, as long as at least one member of each township is willing to hold an officer’s position. In the case that a Director from one township is not willing to serve as an officer one year, the other township will fill both positions.

II. F. 2. g. In appointing committee members, President will consult with all standing Board Directors about their current assignments and the scope of their knowledge regarding their position. The President will then appoint committees based on the request of individual Directors, the knowledge of each Director and any benefits to the Board and district based on personal assignments, i.e., established relationships, concurrent appointments made by other organizations, etc.

Mr. Miller thought that these were good suggestions. He also thought it would be good to document the scope and nature of the committees since all it said now was that it was up to the discretion of the President, which clearly didn’t work well for some members of the Board.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that he had several comments from Dr. Pollock that he wanted to share with the Board. Many of the suggested revisions required six votes. The School Code specifies the voting requirements on items. He was concerned that this was not in compliance with School Code. He believed this was the result of a discussion between a PSBA attorney who also looked at this policy when there was a question about the appointment of officers. Dr. Pollock wanted to know whether or not there were any PSBA court decisions on that issue.

Mr. Miller asked if that opinion was in writing. Dr. Turnbaugh stated that we do not have it in writing. The attorney who was addressing this indicated that one of the comments he made about our policy was to have voting requirements that exceed the requirements in the School Code. Dr. Pollock's recommendation was that that line be stricken from that policy, removing the six vote/two-thirds Board approval. In addition, he indicated that he was aware there was still a dissenting opinion over what "if possible" means that would be rectified when the language was stricken that "the President and Vice President shall be, if possible, from different townships."

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that Dr. Pollock had also asked him to remind the Board that even though there are two townships, there are three regions and that this policy has never treated the regions fairly given the fact that the school district was formed with three regions, not two townships.

Mr. Hezel stated that he was for removing that line as well with the "if possible" phrase. It had caused problems since it was not clear. In addition, the change that is being requested by Ms. Driban to II.F.2.g. he felt started to get into a gray area. He would not be in favor of putting that in the policy.

Mrs. Mueller reminded Board members that changing policy now would not change what was in place at the time of the reorganization meeting in December. Also, the originators of this policy had "if possible" because it was in other policies with regard to election of officers. Clearly, whatever township was elected first was not eligible for the other. It appeared in two different policies. She felt that Ms. Driban's proposed wording gave clarity to the intent of the originators of this policy. She pointed out examples where it was important to have representation from all regions on the Board.

Regarding Ms. Driban's proposed II.F.2.g., Mrs. Mueller stated that she did not know if she would go there because she had concerns. She agreed with Mr. Hezel.

Mrs. Lynch felt that Ms. Driban did a good job on F.2.g. because it was a large gray area. She felt that when we have the Board reorganization and we go into different townships, that should be removed. She felt it violated Region 3. They were trying to protect townships, but what about her region? She felt there had to be a balance and the only way to do that was to remove it.

Mr. Reinboth felt that II.A.4. had been nothing but a cause of angst at least twice over the last five or six years and for that reason he felt it should be taken out. With regard to Ms. Driban's revisions to II.F.2.g., he felt that got into procedure. He also felt it was important to adhere to School Code with regard to changing the policy. He did not think there should be an exception to that. It should be the same as what School Code allows.

Mr. Miller stated that we need to show our children that we don't submit to bullies and we follow rules. He felt that this policy was used to bully three members of the Board to a very high degree. He was removed from the Executive Council of MBIT. Mrs.

Mueller was removed from the Labor Committee. He got a very clear message from Dr. Pollock. He felt that Mrs. Lynch had made a very good comment about the regions. When this District was formed there was a jointure document, which created three regions. If the requirement that the President and Vice president be from different townships, then the situation that exists now where the President and Vice President are even from the same region, along with the [Assistant] Secretary could never exist. Counsel was suggesting that something be removed from this policy that the architects of this policy felt so strongly about that they not only put the covenant in there that the President and Vice President should be from different townships, but over and above the School Code they wanted six Board members to vote to change this policy.

Mr. Miller distributed an article regarding the Trinity Area School Board. He read a portion of the article and stated that many School Boards around the state were watching what was going on about our policy. He stated that the Board President from Trinity had called him to tell him that his Board did the right thing and followed its policy.

Mr. Reinboth stated that it was the opinion of six members of this Board that it was not possible for the President and Vice President to be from different townships.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that counsel was not issuing an opinion or advice to the Board. In reviewing the policy he made the comment that the language in the policy was problematic because the School Code specifies the number of votes for a specific item. A Board can waive any policy at any time with five votes; therefore, it is problematic if there is a vote of six or more to change a policy when five votes can waive a policy. He was simply stating that it didn't align with School Code. PSBA attorneys do not give advice. They tell you to call your solicitor.

Mrs. Huf stated that she did not apologize for any votes that she had ever made on this Board. She felt that II.A.4. should be removed because it was alluding to Warminster and Southampton and she agreed with Mrs. Lynch that all three regions are not represented all the time. By a vote of six members of this Board, it was not possible in this reorganization meeting. She felt they were making a big deal out of nothing and it was causing a lot of dissension among Board members.

Mrs. Lynch stated that since her region was not in there and asked if she would be a better Board member if she threatened to sue to get her own way. She felt this whole thing was wrong and was prejudicial to different regions.

Mr. Miller stated that he would support discussion of Mrs. Lynch's points. Maybe it should be regions, not townships.

Dr. Turnbaugh asked for direction on what the Board wanted in the policy. It was decided to ask each Board member individually.

Mr. Hezel wanted to strike the two pieces Dr. Pollock had suggested.

Ms. Driban wanted a revision rather than striking even if revisions were slightly different than proposed.

Mrs. Lynch wanted to strike President and Vice President from different townships but wanted to adhere to Dr. Pollock's language on the vote but would not insert Ms. Driban's language into this policy.

Mrs. Mueller thought that Mrs. Lynch had a great point about the regions and equal representation. She would like to see at least the different townships represented.

Mr. Reinboth wanted to strike II.A.4. and to strike the requirement for six votes to modify policy.

Mrs. Huf agreed with Mr. Reinboth. She stated that she was on the Board in 2004 when both officers were from Warminster Township and at that time there were some good people on the Board. She supported the vote on this Board.

Mr. Miller stated that he would like to remove the words "if possible" and would like to continue discussion of substituting the word "region" for "township"; however, this could bring about the possibility of three people from different regions not being willing to serve. Ms. Driban's language addresses that. Other than that, he would like to see how this comes out in court.

Mr. Hartline wanted to strike II.A.4. and change six votes to five. He believed in the one vote/majority wins/we must move on. In PSBA training, they learned that nobody can influence the voting of a Board member.

Mr. Reinboth stated that five people supported striking language so that would be done.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Hartline stated that he had a conversation with the Chairman of the Warminster Republican Party, who asked if new sites had been selected for polling places, and where we stand in the procedure.

Dr. Turnbaugh indicated that this information would be in the Friday update and that these would remain as they were in the general election.

Mr. Reinboth stated that Dr. Pollock had requested that Mrs. Lynch be the legislative council representative.

REPORTS

Citizens' Policy – Mr. Hezel reported that the Administrative Policy Committee and Dr. Turnbaugh had been in attendance at this meeting. They discussed the PSBA policy service and how it would affect the two committees. It seemed to make sense to go in that direction. They

discussed how the committee members would play a role. Members of Administration could be assigned areas of the policies that they would keep updated and a citizen that they would work with on this. Several policies were also covered at this meeting.

Dr. Turnbaugh indicated that this would be on the agenda for the next Board meeting. He had reviewed the timeline with PSBA, who indicated that they would not be able to get to us for four to five months.

Mrs. Lynch reported that several Board members went to the football boosters banquet, which was great.

COMMUNICATIONS

Leigh Leiberman of 396 Byron Road, Warminster, stated that she had been trying to maintain the services in interscholastic math in recent years. The high school and middle schools used to have very strong programs with winning teams and winning individuals but she felt they haven't been able to keep them together since some of the teachers had retired. She hadn't been able to get information about the status of participation in some of the programs. She questioned why she hadn't heard from Mrs. Homel.

Dr. Turnbaugh responded that Ms. Leiberman should forward her request to Dr. Foight-Cressman.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary