

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Work Session/Regular meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on February 23, 2010, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pollock at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Board members were in attendance:

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

Ms. Driban was absent from the meeting.

The following Administration members were in attendance at the meeting:

Dr. Jennifer Foight-Cressman	Robert Reed
Susan Klyman	Dr. Thomas Turnbaugh
Victor Lasher	Timothy Vail

Additional meeting attendees are listed on the attached sheets.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Pollock led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

11. Selection of Region 1 Building Site

Dr. Pollock stated that he would like to move New Business #11 up on the agenda if there was no objection by the Board. No Board members objected.

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board selects the current site of William Davis Elementary School located on Maple Avenue in Upper Southampton Township as the future site of the Region 1 elementary school. This is contingent on the satisfactory agreement to transfer the property rights to Tamanend Park currently held by the Centennial School District to Upper Southampton Township.*

Mr. Miller stated that he was concerned about the plans for the transition during construction.

Dr. Pollock indicated that once a site was picked, a meeting would be scheduled with Administration and the HSA's at Davis, Stackpole and McDonald, probably within the next month. This motion would be approving that the building would be demolished and that a new building would be built. The Board would not be selecting a timetable at this point. This was contingent upon final agreement with the township.

Mrs. Mueller stated that if this agreement went through with the township, we would give up our rights for remuneration for the park. The Board wanted to meet with the Davis families as they did for Willow Dale to find out what they want as far as where the children go and when and what happens. That had not been discussed.

Dr. Turnbaugh explained that several weeks ago a meeting had been held with the investment brokers, which included bond counsel, the investment bankers and some resource people. They were concerned over the District's not making a decision on the Region 1 and 2 site because of what they thought would be happening with the economy. They felt that the lowest construction rates we have seen in more than a decade would begin to go up as the economy starts to recover and also that the interest rates would begin to go up. They felt that the sooner we bid and construct the schools, the less it would cost and the less the borrowing would cost. It could equate to \$1 million to \$2 million. They felt that the Board should come together and make a decision.

Mr. Lasher pointed out that the high school project came in \$13 million under budget. They have been told that that market is still very low so the quicker we go out to bid, the better. If the Davis site was selected at this meeting, both the Region 1 and Region 2 schools would be bid concurrently. Assuming we have to go through the approval process with both townships, we would be looking to release bids the latter part of this year. The end of this calendar year would be the earliest that we could begin construction.

Mrs. Huf stated that the most important concern to her was the schools being in safe school zones. In Region 1 it seemed to her that it should be at the Davis site since that was the biggest site with the most room and was a safe school zone.

Mr. Miller asked about the plans for the school. Dr. Turnbaugh stated that the plans were complete enough that the architects could begin to develop the bid documents.

Eric Goldsman of 188 Hogeland Road, Southampton, asked if a new school could be constructed next to Davis while school was in session.

Mr. Lasher replied that the architect and engineer had looked at that and it was not feasible to do so at that site since it was a smaller site than Tennent where it is being done that way.

Vicki Francis of 1232 Hilltop Road stated that they were not prepared to close this year. Even though we would be getting great rates, they were not prepared to do this on four months' notice. She felt the Board should think this over.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</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>

*The motion passed 8-0.*

Dr. Pollock indicated that they would be setting up a meeting with the HSA, which would be announced on the website.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Huf announced that Middle Bucks had their induction ceremony for the National Technical Honor Society on February 17<sup>th</sup>. She was an inductee. Out of 17 inductees, nine were from Tennent.

Mrs. Mueller spoke about a project the Stackpole students had participated in called “Why We are Thankful” in which they used reading, writing and technology to learn and understand that we should be thankful for our armed forces. The project culminated in a web chat with a U.S. Army Private serving in Iraq. The students showcased their project at the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference in Hershey earlier in the day.

Mrs. Mueller also spoke about Modell’s Community Weekend on March 6-8 and the benefit for the Centennial Education Foundation.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### Paperless Board Meetings

Mr. Reed spoke about a presentation by PSBA which he had attended on paperless Board meetings.

Mr. Miller asked if this could be referred to a committee for evaluation, possibly Operations. There was consensus of the Board to do so.

Mrs. Huf asked if they would all need to have laptops. Mr. Reed stated that at home Board members could access this on their computers. At Board meetings, there could be either laptops or monitors, keyboards and mice. The information does not reside in the laptop. The hardware cost would be a onetime cost of \$5,000 to \$6,000.

## **GOOD NEWS**

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

## **STUDENT REPORTS**

Dylan Malitsky reported on the following items at Tennent:

- Senior Sweetheart
- Upcoming Black & White Night
- The school musical, *Footloose*, to be held on March 17-19.
- Mock trial court.
- January 27<sup>th</sup>'s Athletic Council Hall of Fame.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None.

## **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the Minutes of the Finance Committee of January 20, 2010.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 1. Board Reorganization – December 7, 2009

The following statement was made by Mr. Miller, which he requested be placed verbatim into the Minutes:

“This statement made for the record is to address several inconsistencies put forward in the statement of Mr. Andrew Pollock which was read into the minutes of our January 26, 2010 meeting of the Board of School Directors.

“I will address each in the order in which they were raised.

“Item 1. Our complaint, as raised, does not center on ‘changing’ Policy 1.3, rather the fact it was ‘violated.’ If the Board stoops to modify the policy for the future, it does not change the past acts in violation of the policy in force at the time. Further, there is no dispute regarding the only opinion provided by Mr. Garton, i.e. ‘there is nothing to compel a Board member to vote for any candidate.’ Our concern is that Dr. Pollock has continually refused the request of the Southampton Board members to allow Mr. Garton to provide an opinion whether the Board SHOULD have followed Policy 1.3 regarding the election of President and Vice-President from different townships since it was indeed ‘possible.’

“Dr. Pollock was very candid about speaking privately to Mr. Miller and wanting further private discussion with Mrs. Mueller. We would like you to repeat publicly the reasons you expressed in private for the action of the Warminster Board members and for himself upon seizing the Board Presidency by collusion of the Warminster Board members.

“Item 2. No accusation of Sunshine Law has been made by the Upper Southampton Board members. We have simply requested to investigate how all six Warminster Board members arrived to the Board reorganization meeting with the same predetermined slate of officers in a combination that violates Policy 1.3.

“Item 3. Dr. Pollock has failed to recognize the concern of Upper Southampton Board members is not the proper use of ‘exception’ to existing Board Policy. Our issue is with the self serving disregard for policy by granting exceptions which do not conform to Board Policy. Board Policy prescribes the method in which an ‘exception’ to policy be requested and approved by Board action. Each of the eleven examples cited by Dr. Pollock are not relevant because at the time Mrs. Mueller read the individual motions in her capacity of Board Vice President, they were properly requested, advertised publicly as part of the Board Agenda and had appropriate back-up submitted. NONE of these elements took place in the matter of Stadium Naming Rights which was done in open violation of several policies. To claim a waiver was in order is only flaunting this deviation from existing policy.

“In all this debate, there is an area where we seem to agree. You correctly quote a bedrock of PSBA's Code of Conduct for School Board Members in stating ‘Board members should work together in a spirit of harmony, respect and cooperation, despite differences of opinion.

“We ask Dr. Pollock if his failure to appoint Upper Southampton Board members to any responsible position within the District and to remove two Board members from their established roles with other entities is truly in keeping with this tenet of ‘Good Boardmanship.’ Governance by ambush does not accomplish anything good.

“Mr. Hartline made an impassioned plea for an end to the matter rather than risk great expense to the District in defending a lawsuit. We state once again, categorically, we are not looking to settle this in court. We would prefer to resolve this issue between us and request one final time that you have the courtesy to answer our questions about the unilateral action of the Warminster Board members voluntarily, instead of forcing us to seek relief in the courts.

“Respectfully,  
Mark B Miller  
Cynthia Mueller  
Kati Driban”

2. Referendum Exception Application – 2010-2011 Budget

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes the Administration to submit back-end referendum exception applications for school construction and retirement contributions to the PA Department of Education.*

Mrs. Mueller stated that she would be supporting these with the understanding that the Board was going to try to make some cuts in the budget.

Mr. Reinboth indicated that the next Finance meeting would be on March 15<sup>th</sup> and that the primary item on the agenda would be reducing the budget for the upcoming year.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</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>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*The motion passed 7-1.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Final Approval for Trip by FBLA to Hershey, PA, April 11-14, 2010

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants final approval for a trip by the Future Business Leaders of America students at William Tennent High School to the FBLA State Competition in Hershey, PA, April 11-14, 2010. The cost to the District is approximately \$7,300.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

2. Approval of PSBA Policy Maintenance Program

*A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves participation in the PSBA Policy Development Service at a one-time cost of \$7,900, effective the 2010-2011 school year.*

Mrs. Mueller stated that she would not be supporting this. PSBA worked with 501 school districts from small to large and their policies were pretty generic. This would take away the power of the Board and would not protect the District. She felt that a lot of work and thought had gone into the policies and that they needed to be specific to the District.

Mrs. Lynch stated that initially she was not for this but having listened to several policies over and over again, she felt there must be another way. She would like to have the policies simplified rather than having everything put into them as the Board tended to do. She felt this would streamline things and she would be supporting it.

Mr. Miller stated that he was in favor of a service that could assist us. The reason some of our policies were lengthy was because they contain procedures. If PSBA only writes our policies, that does not preserve our procedures. He felt the need to look at a proposal that provided procedures also that could be adopted simultaneously. He felt that the Board should let Dr. Turnbaugh select three or four policies and have PSBA show us what they would do with them and then we could decide if we want to have them do this. He felt we should do all or nothing.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he would be supporting this. He had heard that it was the job of the Board to write policies but he could not disagree more. He felt it was the Board's job to approve them, not to write them. He felt writing policies was the job of Administration. A number of school districts throughout the state have used this service. He thought that if it was not good, they would not be using it. It would save a lot of effort and costs for our lawyers.

Mr. Hartline stated that he would be supporting this. The Citizens' Policy Committee does a wonderful job but we need to do something.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<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>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*The motion passed 6-2.*

3. Reduction of Educational Program – Reading

*A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board reduces the Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade reading program, due to declining enrollment, from twenty (20) to nineteen (19) staff members.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

4. Approval of Overnight Conference Request

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following overnight conference request:*

*Karen Kinzle, Food Services Supervisor, PASBO Food Service Directors Conference, State College, PA, April 13-14, 2010. The cost to the District is approximately \$539.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

5. Approval of Facility use Waiver Request

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

*Use of the William Tennent Alumni Stadium and Concession Stand for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ken Montgomery Memorial Meet on Thursday, April 29, 2010, hosted by the Boys and Girls Track Teams as follows:*

- a. Waive the stadium fee and the stadium manager fee (no stadium manager required)*
- b. Waive the \$5.00 admission fee for spectators*
- c. Waive the following to the Concession Stand Policy, 6.8: a. All food will be the responsibility of the boosters and all sales will go directly to the organization.*

*All beverages will be purchased through the District and profits split according to policy.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

6. School Bus Bids 2010-09, 2010-10

*A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the purchase of two (2) 24-Passenger School Buses per the 24-Passenger School Bus Bid No. 2010-09 and the purchase of one (1) 48-Passenger Wheelchair accessible vehicle per the 48-Passenger School Bus Bid No. 2010-*

*10 be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Rohrer Bus Sales, in the amount of \$206,380.00.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

7. Approval of 2010-2011 Program & Services and Instructional Materials and Research Services Budget for Bucks County I.U.

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Hartline to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the 2010-2011 Programs & Services and Instructional Materials and Research Services Budget for the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 in the amount of \$1,896,000. Centennial School District's share to be \$72,572 per attached supplement.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

8. Adopt Middle Bucks Institute of Technology 2010-2011 Budget

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board adopts the proposed General Fund budget for the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology for fiscal year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$8,136,810 (Centennial's contribution is \$1,779,772) and the Lease Rental Debt budget in the amount of \$1,467,050 (Centennial's share is \$205,974) per the attached supplement. Total Centennial contribution for the year is \$1,985,746.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

9. Accept PA Auditor General Report

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the report from PA Auditor General Jack Wagner of the audit report of the Centennial School District for the years ended June 30, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 per the attached supplement.*

Mr. Reinboth thanked Mr. Vail and his staff for making sure this audit came through with no findings, particularly in light of the fact that this covered a four-year period.

*The motion passed 8-0.*

10. Transfer Concession Fund 2008-2009 End of Year Balance

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes Administration to transfer \$3,964.43 from the Concession Fund to the General Fund and posted as a partial offset to the WTHS stadium renovation outstanding loan payable account.*

*The motion passed 8-0.*

11. Selection of Region 1 Building Site

[This item was handled earlier in the meeting.]

12. Business Privilege Tax Audit Service Agreement

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves entering into agreement with McCarthy & Company, P.C. of Lafayette Hill, PA to provide audit services associated with the District's Business Privilege Tax per the terms and conditions of the attached supplement.*

Mr. Miller stated that this was to go out and get taxes that we are owed. He would like jurisdiction in Bucks County and would like solicitor review.

*A motion was made by Mr. Miller to amend the motion to include that this was subject to no major changes by our solicitor. There was no second to the motion.*

Mrs. Mueller stated that she was glad this was being looked into but she was opposed to this because she believed it was Berkheimer's responsibility to be doing this. She did not think we should have to be paying extra to have this done.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he was disappointed that the Board felt this was a necessity but they did feel that it was necessary so he would be supporting this. He thought it would be a test to see how Berkheimer was doing. He was curious to see what this audit would come up with.

Mr. Miller stated that if McCarthy found money that was owed to us, then we could go back to Berkheimer and show that we were damaged. We would have recourse to go back to them.

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

13. Authorization of High School Autistic Support Program

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board authorizes Administration to notify the Bucks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) of the transfer of the IU Autistic Support Program to an in-house District program effective with the 2010-11 school year.*

Mr. Reinboth stated that the estimated savings to moving this program in-house would be a little over \$14,000 per year.

*The motion passed 8-0.*

## **PERSONNEL**

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf 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; Tutors; Homebound Tutors; and Mentors.*

*The motion passed 6-2. (Mrs. Mueller and Mr. Miller opposed.)*

## **POLICIES**

### Initial Distribution:

Mr. Hezel listed the following policies for initial distribution:

- 2.2 – Professional Personnel Placement, Assignment and Transfer
- 2.16 – Support Staff Education/Training Cost Subsidy
- 7.22 – Hostile Environment

### Discussion:

#### 4.8 – Disposal of Surplus Furniture, Supplies, Books and Equipment

Mr. Miller raised the question of the inventory of items not being used going to the Director of Business Administration and why he would know how these should be disposed of. Mr. Miller felt this list should go to someone else in addition to the Business Manager.

#### 4.10 – Video Surveillance

No discussion.

#### 3.7 – Student Responsibility

No discussion.

#### 5.8 – Guest Speakers for the Instructional Program

No discussion.

Final Approval:1.6 – Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications

*A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Policy 1.6 – Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications.*

Mr. Miller did a presentation on this matter, including PSBA's position and the legality of speakerphone participation. He proposed that when the agenda came out, the Board look at allowing a Board member to ask to hold an item until they were able to be back with the Board. If there was not time to hold it, then it became an extraordinary circumstance and they might have the right to participate. He felt that this policy should be reviewed by the solicitor and this had not been done.

Mrs. Huf stated that she would like our policy to be read into the record for the audience. She participated in a Board meeting remotely in the past. She supported this policy.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she had also participated in a meeting remotely. She read PSBA's policy and stated that this was why we needed PSBA to do our policies. They were short, sweet and effective.

Mr. Hezel asked if we had the technology available to do this at the next meeting.

Dr. Turnbaugh responded that we did not have the technology to make sure that it was heard both ways.

Mr. Hezel stated that, given the time frame, maybe we would want to take small steps.

Mrs. Mueller stated that when this was done previously, it was by consensus of the Board. She felt that this should not be pushed through without the proper language. Our solicitors have not looked at this. This was for extraordinary circumstances.

Mr. Lasher confirmed that the phones were not capable of having someone from a remote location hearing what was going on in the room when they were speaking. However, you could do it by combination of phone and internet.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that he was comfortable that we would be able to incorporate the procedure through use of the phones. The language about gavel to gavel was taken out because if a Board member was present at a meeting there was nothing stopping him from leaving early or coming in late and the Minutes would show that. This was the same thing. He stated that he was comfortable with the policy.

*A motion was made by Mrs. Huf to call the vote.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

<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>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*The motion to call the vote passed 8-0.*

Mrs. Mueller stated that she could not support this as it was written. She did not feel the need to rush into this without getting it fine tuned.

Mr. Miller felt the technology should be tested before putting this into practice. It did not bode well that the Board had voted to accept PSBA policy service and was now changing one of their model policies. He felt this needed to go before our solicitor since it was not a routine policy.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

<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>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*The motion passed 5-3.*

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

*A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 1.3 – Centennial School Board Organization and Board Director Responsibilities.*

Mr. Miller stated that he had made a request that this be tabled in the interest of Board harmony. He felt there was no reason to look at the parts they wanted to change to this until December.

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

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

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

*The motion to table failed 2-6.*

Mrs. Mueller stated that the previous evening she had spoken with a Board member who was an originator of this policy. She wanted to make sure that Mrs. Mueller understood that the only way this was put in there was “if possible” if someone from Southampton or Warminster did not want to serve as an officer, not whether there were five votes or not. It was not intended that way. She was very upset that it was going that way. She had already spoken to Mr. Reinboth, who was the President, and let him know that before the vote occurred.

As far as this vote, Mrs. Mueller felt that of course six Board members from Warminster saw absolutely no problem with removing it because they always had a majority to do whatever they wanted to do to change policy. There were always only three from Southampton. What the previous Board member had said was that this was a unified community of Ivyland, Warminster and Southampton and when it came to officers it was a matter of having an officer from one of the other townships to make sure there was an information flow. She was disappointed that there was no one from Southampton as President or Vice president, but not even anyone on Labor or chairing any of the other committees. She wanted to know why.

Mrs. Lynch felt that the best thing to do was to remove this so no future Board would have to deal with it.

Mr. Hezel stated that he would ask the original Board member why they didn’t put all of that into the language if that was the case. It should have been more specific. He thought it was not put in because they wanted to give flexibility of interpretation. Also, he didn’t think this was a Warminster versus Southampton issue. There were three members from Southampton and he did not feel comfortable having them in a leadership position on this Board. That was why he voted the way he did. He voted what he thought was best. He felt it was his right as a Board member to interpret the policy and do what he felt was best. He did not feel at this time that it was “possible.”

Mrs. Huf stated that she did not want to hear that there are “three of us and six of you.” Her feeling was that if she felt strongly about an issue it was her job to get other Board members over to her position. It was their job to do the same. It was not territorial. She

was definitely supporting that language be removed. She thought that every Board member had the right to vote how they wanted. She felt it was time to put this to rest.

Mr. Miller stated that at the time this was implemented, the Board members felt six votes were needed. There was no reason this couldn't sit for a while. It did not have to be voted on now. He asked why it could not be held so that a legal determination could be obtained.

Mr. Reinboth indicated that he did not think it needed to fester. He felt they needed to get on with it. He kept hearing that the solicitor had not been asked for an opinion. In December 2004 he rendered an opinion on a similar situation. Mr. Reinboth read the opinion.

Mrs. Mueller felt that if the solicitor was not given the policy about election also, then the Board was not getting a full opinion. He needed to have both policies. It depended on what opinion we are asking for.

Mr. Miller stated that he thought they were afraid to ask the solicitor because they wouldn't like his answer.

Dr. Pollock stated that he was not afraid to ask. He felt it was not up to the solicitor to tell the Board what they should or should not do. It was up to him to tell the Board if it was legal or not and he had done so.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

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

*The motion passed 6-2.*

Mrs. Lynch left the room at 9:32 p.m.

## **MINUTES**

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

- *Reorganization Meeting – December 7, 2009*
- *Regular Board Meeting – December 15, 2009*

- *Special Board Meeting – January 8, 2010*

Mrs. Mueller requested a small revision on page 117 of the December 15, 2009 Minutes. Also, Mr. Miller requested that a copy of his e-mail to Mr. Garton be attached to the Minutes.

Mrs. Lynch returned to the room at 9:34 p.m.

*The motion passed 8-0.*

## **OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None.

## **REPORTS**

### Education Committee

Mrs. Lynch reported that there was discussion about Middle School Math and proficiency courses and staffing.

The next meeting would be on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Finance Committee

Mr. Reinboth stated that at the meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>, discussion centered on several items that were on this evening's agenda, including the I.U. Program & Services Budget, the MBIT budget, and the Auditor General Report.

The next meeting would be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>. There would be a review of the proposed budget.

### Operations Committee

Mr. Hezel reported that the committee had discussed the progress of the high school project and the fact that the weather had caused some slippage in the timeline. They also discussed the feasibility of putting the planetarium at the high school. Administration had been given direction to see if they could incorporate this project into the high school as a change order.

The next meeting would be on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be continuing discussion on the high school project and more details on the elementary projects.

### MBIT

Mrs. Huf indicated that she had given her report earlier.

Citizens' Policy

Mr. Hezel stated that they had covered the last four policies for the year.

PSBA Liaison

Mrs. Lynch reported that the state faced a \$1 trillion shortfall for retirement benefits. This would have to be paid over 30 years.

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Mr. Hartline stated that he had attended two meetings. In January they had a presentation by the WOW group (students learning life skills.) Other than that, it had been standard business.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Bobbi Loftus of 100 Villa Drive stated that she was appearing as a resident. She complimented the principal of Willow Dale Elementary for the job she did the previous two days with the students. She stated that the District was lucky to have her and that she had gone above and beyond.

Mrs. Mueller congratulated the Boys' Bowling Team – they all made it to the regionals individually and also as a team. One of the girls also made it to regionals.

Mr. Miller stated that he would be attending the Governor's Education Conference the next morning.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary