

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD MARCH 9, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on March 9, 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:

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

Mrs. Lynch participated in the meeting by speakerphone from a remote location.

Mrs. Huf was absent from the meeting.

The following Administration members were in attendance at the meeting:

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

Additional meeting attendees are listed on the attached sheets.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Miller announced that tickets would be on sale the following day for *Fiddler on the Roof* at Klinger Middle School.

Mrs. Mueller reported that several Board members had attended the transportation banquet and had a wonderful time. She also announced that Centennial Education Foundation jackpot calendars were on sale.

Mr. Hartline announced that the William Tennent Marching Band would be having a breakfast fundraiser on April 7th at Applebee's.

Mrs. Mueller also reported on the community weekend at Modell's.

PRESENTATIONS

Student Presentations from PETE&C

Ms. Alexander's 4th and 5th grade class at Stackpole made a presentation regarding their pen pal program with a soldier in boot camp in Iraq. The culminating activity was a chat with Private Alexander on Skype. The class was invited to Hershey to make a presentation in the Capitol Rotunda.

Dr. Dunar, Mike Scancellia and Miss Ellis of Leary made a presentation regarding working with wikis and how the children posted their essays about Roanoke, Plymouth and Jamestown to wikis.

GOOD NEWS

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

STUDENT REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Sawyer Waugh reported on the following happenings at Tennent:

- The canned food drive for needy families the previous weekend.
- The Senior Sweetheart and Dance.
- Key Club fashion show on March 11th.
- Black & White Night events the previous week.
- The Music Department's production of *Footloose* on March 25-27.
- The College Fair.

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Liz Camacho reported on the following items at MBIT:

- Skills USA District Competitions were held recently.
- The student-built house was for sale.
- Salon Extreme and Aspirations Restaurant were open.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Ellie Jefferson of Reeves Lane, Warminster, expressed concern that McDonald School would be open while the new school was being built. She questioned where there would be fields for the children to come outside after the new school was built.

Dr. Turnbaugh replied that they would be built where the current McDonald was. However, there might be some disruption to the fields during construction.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Miller stated that they continued to ask for a legal opinion as to whether Board policy was violated during the reorganization meeting on December 7, 2009.

Dr. Pollock responded that he believed he had told Mr. Miller a number of times that there was a legal opinion from Mr. Garton.

Mr. Miller stated that the only opinion he had from Mr. Garton stated that he took no position as to whether or not the Board should have followed the policy. Therefore, he was asking for a legal opinion as to whether Board policy was violated on December 7, 2009 during the Board Reorganization meeting.

Dr. Pollock stated that if Mr. Miller had four other Board members who supported that, they would do that.

Mr. Miller stated that he would continue to ask for this.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Organizational Chart

Dr. Pollock stated that he had been asked to move this to the end of New Business so he would like a consensus of the Board to move this to the end of Minutes and there would be an Executive Session then.

Mrs. Mueller requested that it be at the end of New Business.

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

Mr. Miller stated that he felt this would be an excellent opportunity for Dr. Turnbaugh to get a 9-0 vote on something if the Board had an opportunity to get its questions answered on this. It would not come into play until July 1st and there were some questions that needed to be answered.

Mrs. Lynch questioned why this would be moved behind the Minutes.

Mrs. Mueller responded that there were some questions for Executive Session so she asked that this be moved to the end of New Business. Ms. Driban had some questions that could not be asked at Executive Session.

Mr. Miller asked if Mrs. Lynch was not able to hear properly. Dr. Turnbaugh explained that there was a 25-second delay. Mr. Miller stated that maybe this was a violation of Policy 1.6.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she was in a quiet room with live streaming on her home computer with a speakerphone. She stated that she could see and hear everything.

Mr. Hezel asked for an explanation of any reason not to table this.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that they needed to recruit for the positions that were on the organizational chart. Three of the positions had been vacated. In the event there were no internal applicants, it would require external applicants who might be required to give sixty days' notice to current employers.

Mrs. Mueller asked what the harm would be to doing this at the next meeting.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that he was comfortable that he could answer any questions on the chart. If they needed to be done in Executive Session, that could be done. If they could be done in public session, that could be done.

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

<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>No</i>
<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>

The motion to table failed 3-5.

Dr. Pollock asked if anyone had a problem with moving this to the end of New Business. No one voiced an objection.

2. Digital Piano Bids

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Digital Piano/Dolly Bid No. 2010-03 and awards same to Jacobs Music Center for a total cost of \$13,177.00.

Mr. Miller commended Mr. Vail for his perseverance in reducing the original estimate for this product.

Dr. Turnbaugh acknowledged Mr. Miller's involvement in this project, pointing out that he was instrumental in getting newer models at no additional cost.

The motion passed 8-0.

3. Approval of Change Order 038

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Ms. Driban to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Change Order 038 in the amount of \$38,407.75 for the William Tennent High School Additions and Renovations Project.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<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>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 8-0.

4. Approval of Change Order 047

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Ms. Driban to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Change Order 047 in the amount of \$9,845.00 for the William Tennent High School Additions and Renovations Project.

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.

5. Submission of Plan Con Part D and E

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Ms. Driban to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the submission of Plan Con part D and E for the Region 3 elementary school to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

A roll call vote 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 passed 8-0.

6. Approval of Mandate Waiver Application

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Ms. Driban to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the attached mandate waiver applications for Region 1, 2 and 3 elementary schools and the William Tennent High School Distance Learning Lab.

Mrs. Mueller asked if the motion could be split, taking off the Distance Learning Lab. Mr. Hezel and Ms. Driban agreed. Mr. Hezel reread the motion, as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Ms. Driban to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the attached mandate waiver applications for Region 1, 2 and 3 elementary schools.

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>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 8-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Ms. Driban to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the attached mandate waiver applications for the William Tennent High School Distance Learning Lab.

Ms. Driban stated that she would vote yes on this simply because she knew if this was not done the planetarium would go out the window altogether but it was still going to be a hard sell for her to give final approval when there were some other suggestions for this project that had come forward recently that would cost substantially less money.

Mrs. Mueller stated that there was already a distance learning lab planned into the design of the high school around the design of the library. She did not support spending a nickel on having the architects design and there were portable planetariums available that would not require spending three-quarters of a million dollars. She would not support having to go to PDE for anything. She did not think the community needed a planetarium – it was a want.

Mr. Miller asked where we were with the architectural services that would be part of this mandate waiver.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that we already had the approval to design this. Now we were in the process of completing that and then it would come back to the Board because it would be in the form of a change order if the mandate waiver was approved. There had been a preliminary response from the architect indicating that the suggestion of Mr. Hezel would not be equivalent to the proposed structure which is going to be incorporated into the high school.

Mr. Miller stated that this was new information and suggested that we hold up and save the architect's expense. He stated that he had circulated a list of universities around the country that teach astronomy without a planetarium. He asked if this was for everyone in the District or for the elementary schools. He suggested that if it was for the elementary schools, it could be done with a portable.

Mr. Hezel asked what the time frame was for getting back on the mandate waiver. Dr. Turnbaugh replied that it was 3-6 weeks but the Department of Education would not say exactly.

Mr. Hezel stated that one of the architects questioned how a portable would work with handicapped accessibility. He felt that this should be kept moving a little longer while the issue of portables is addressed.

Ms. Driban stated that she would support this at this point. But she wanted to know if we could put a stop to what the architects would be doing for the next few weeks until we get information on the portable planetarium, if possible.

Dr. Turnbaugh explained that the waiver would basically request the Department of Education to permit a change order for the construction of the planetarium as opposed to bidding a separate project that is part of the high school. The architect had already incurred fees on the design of this project, although he didn't know to what extent.

Mr. Miller stated that he felt Mr. Hezel was right to bring this forward. He did not think that another two weeks would hurt. He felt we should hold off on this part of the motion until we have the figures to review. He did not want to use the portable dome if it would create an ADA issue.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Driban to table this motion until the next meeting.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she was not sure that two weeks would make a difference. She asked when Dr. Foight-Cressman was going to see the portables.

Dr. Foight-Cressman stated that she was still in communication with the people regarding a visit on March 30th.

A roll call vote on the motion to table 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>No</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>No</i>

The motion failed to table failed 4-4.

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>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 6-2.

7. Approval of Architect for Bus Facility

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Ms. Driban to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves Burt Hill to design modifications to the Bus Maintenance Facility and site at a cost not to exceed \$54,768.

Mr. Hartline asked how many of the larger buses were in our fleet. Dr. Turnbaugh stated that there were none.

In response to a question from Mr. Hartline regarding funding, Dr. Turnbaugh explained that the funding for this project was in the Capital Projects account and was not part of the General Operating Budget. It would be accurate to indicate that if we did not proceed with this it would not come out of the Reserve Account.

Additional discussion ensued regarding the size of buses and the timing of the motion.

Dr. Pollock stated that this could be put out for bid to see what we get but it did not have to be done at this time.

Mr. Reinboth felt that ultimately this would save money.

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.

1. Approval of Organizational Chart

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Hartline to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Organizational Chart, effective July 1, 201, as listed in the attached supplement.

Mr. Miller pointed out that the current organizational chart had the community at the top.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that it was recommended by Mr. Levin that it not appear that way.

Ms. Driban stated that it seemed that there were some new positions that were not in the previous organization chart. There were no job descriptions to go with them. She did not know how she could support the chart without knowing the responsibilities.

Dr. Turnbaugh explained the responsibilities of the new positions and stated that he was attempting to create a functioning leadership team.

Ms. Driban stated that she had heard that the Network Specialist was working out well under the Director of Facilities. She was not sure why it was being put back together under the Director of Technology and it seemed awkward to go back under the Superintendent.

Mrs. Mueller requested an Executive Session.

There was a break for Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

The meeting resumed at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Turnbaugh advised that there was a possibility that three of the Board members had departed from this session and that would not leave a quorum of Board members present. Policy 1.6 required a minimum of five Board members present for a Board member to participate by electronic communication so unless one of the Board members returned, Mrs. Lynch would have to be disconnected.

Mrs. Lynch stated that every time she had been in Florida some “junk” had happened. She had bought a new computer and a new speakerphone so that she could participate electronically and this was what happened. She stated “God bless you all” and indicated that she would hang up.

A roll call was taken by Mrs. Detwiler, as follows:

Ms. Driban	Absent
Mr. Hartline	Present
Mr. Hezel	Present
Mrs. Huf	Absent
Mrs. Lynch	Present by Speakerphone
Mr. Miller	Absent
Mrs. Mueller	Absent
Dr. Pollock	Present
Mr. Reinboth	Present

Dr. Pollock stated that according to Board policy, since there were not five Board members physically present, there was not a quorum and the Board could not conduct business. Therefore, he declared the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary