

CENTENNIAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
December 14, 2010
7:00 P.M.
Centennial Administration Building Board Room

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on December 14, 2010, in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pollock at 7:00 P.M.

The following Board members were in attendance:

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

The following Administration members were in attendance at the meeting:

Dr. Jennifer Foight-Cressman
Dr. Susan Klyman
Mr. William Gretton

Additional meeting attendees are listed on the attached sheet.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pollock announced that the Board had met in executive session prior to this Board meeting to discuss personnel and real estate issues.

Mr. Hartline announced that the Warminster Township Tricentennial kickoff will be held on January 15, 2011, tickets are \$30.

GOOD NEWS

Dr. Susan Klyman read the Good News for December 14, 2010.

STUDENT REPORTS

Mr. Clare of William Tennent High School and Middle Bucks Institute of Technology announced that MBIT recently hosted counselor in-service activities. Guidance counselors and special education personnel were invited to MBIT to learn about new, innovative programs, dual enrollment and other educational options. This event was very successful.

Mr. Clare also announced that his multimedia teacher, Mr. Christopher Tully, was recognized for two honors: the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce Tree of Life award and the National Trade and Industrial Education Outstanding Teacher award. Mr. Clare congratulated Mr. Tully for his recognitions.

Mr. Clare announced that students are completing a video which outlines all of the different safety concerns and hazards in many of the programs at MBIT. This production will be sent to all schools to inform students and parents about the safety expectations at MBIT.

The MBIT student-run cosmetology clinic is open to the public on Friday afternoons by appointment. Please call the clinic at 215-343-2480 for more information.

Aspirations, the student-run restaurant at MBIT, is open to the public for lunch on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting at noon. Call 215-491-5647 for reservations.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reinboth read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

6. Approves Jennifer E. Foight-Cressman as Acting Superintendent of Schools for the Centennial School District effective from December 15, 2010, until the Board of School Directors approves an interim superintendent of schools.

Mrs. Huf Seconded.

Motion passed 9-0.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

Dr. Pollock asked if anyone would like to have any items pulled from consent agenda 1 through 13. The following items were pulled: 10 and 11.

Dr. Pollock asked Mr. Reinboth to do a total motion excluding 6, 10 and 11.

Mr. Reinboth read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

1. Grants final approval for a trip by William Tennent High School World Language students to Quebec City, Canada, February 17-21, 2011. The cost to the District is approximately \$200 for substitute teachers.
2. Grants final approval for a trip by World Language students to the Diamond Ridge Conference Center in Jamison, Pennsylvania, March 18-19, 2011. There is no cost to the District.

3. Approves the Facility Use Waivers as attached for: (A) Warminster Basketball Association and (B) Varsity Cheerleading.
4. Approves overnight conference requests as attached.
5. Approves a change in the payment of charter school invoices to the direct payment method following review by the Business Office.
7. Grants an exception to Policy 7.31, Purchasing Procedures, and approves the five-stage payment of approximately \$11,900 to PSBA for the search fee for the Superintendent of Schools for the Centennial School District per the attached.
8. Approves Jennifer Foight-Cressman and Victor Lasher to approve change orders for Region 3 Project up to \$10,000. Also, approves Jennifer Foight-Cressman to approve change orders for the William Tennent High School Project up to \$10,000. Victor Lasher has retained his approval status of \$10,000 for the Tennent High School Project as previously granted by Board of School Directors
9. Approves change orders 115, 137, and 144 in the amount of \$69,893.73 for the William Tennent High School Additions and Renovations Project.
12. Approves Administration's discretion in determining the two days designated for a delayed start in concert with the construction completion timeline for Phase 1 of the Region 3 elementary school.
13. Approves an exception to Policy 4.14, Transportation, and the relocation of the bus stop in Warminster, Pennsylvania, at the intersection of Hostman and Dick Avenues to the intersection of Joseph and Dick Avenues per the attached.

Mrs. Huf Seconded.

Motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Hezel read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

10. Approves change order 138 in the amount of \$13,039.57 for the William Tennent High School Additions and Renovations Project.

Mr. Hartline Seconded.

Ms. Driban stated she will not be voting for this motion. She will support the planetarium as originally approved by the Board even though she opposed it in the beginning. Ms. Driban stated that this fee is in addition to the original plans, this is increasing the cost, she understands it will make the planetarium a bit bigger and better; however, since we are close on our funds, she cannot support more changes to the same space.

Mr. Hartline stated that he believes the \$13,000 expenditure of this will save the district \$22,000 by allowing them to use the existing seats in the planetarium; therefore, he will be voting for this.

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. Schrader Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</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>No</i>

Motion passed 7-2.

Mr. Hezel read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:

11. Approves submission, by December 20, 2010, of a letter of interest by Centennial School District Administration for the U.S. Green Building Council’s Green Schools Fellowship Program.

Ms. Driban Seconded.

Mrs. Huf stated that she was under the impression there was no cost to the district attached to this; however, there is. By the third year, they become an employee of Centennial School District with a fee attached of \$55,656. She does not support this.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated that it needs to be brought out to the public that this is a private 501C3 Membership non-based program. Mrs. Schrader Lynch added she would not want us to think about applying for this grant, because we are spending millions of dollars for new schools and she hopes our new schools will be green. Mrs. Schrader Lynch is opposed to this.

Mr. Miller stated that this does not have anything to do with energy consumption. Green applies to more than energy, it applies to the way we operate our buildings, the types of detergents we use and the way the air flows through the building. Mr. Miller expressed his opinion that we need a person of this caliber but don’t have the funds for it. He asked that the Board consider that this is a \$300,000 grant of which \$55,000 is due at the tail end and not necessarily from the District.

Mrs. Mueller stated she does not know why we would not attempt to go for the grant. It is an opportunity to get money for someone to come in and help us; there are older buildings in the district. Mrs. Mueller supports the motion to apply for the grant, and if the District gets it, it can be decided later if we want it or not.

Mr. Hartline said he agrees with the concept of becoming a green environment; however, he researched this company, and on October 14, 2010, there was a \$100 million class action lawsuit filed against them. Mr. Hartline does not believe this company has the revenue to support this lawsuit, and although he is behind green in our district, he does not think it should be with this company.

Mrs. Huf read from the letter (attached) regarding what the district would be responsible for paying.

Mr. Reinboth asked Dr. Foight-Cressman who would complete the grant documentation. Dr. Foight-Cressman responded that it is a one thousand-word letter of interest, and she would write it if the Board directed her to.

A roll call vote was taken for calling for the vote only as follows:

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

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Schrader 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>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>No</i>

Motion failed 3-6.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth, seconded by Mrs. Huf, to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves all Personnel recommendations: Resignations, Retirements, Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Per Diem Substitute Professional Staff; Substitute Support Staff; Mentors; and Co-Curricular.

Motion passed 9-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Discussion:

Policy 6.8, Concessions

Ms. Driban stated she is not comfortable with the way this has been rewritten. She would like to suggest it be sent back through the process to put back some of the control to the District.

Mr. Hartline stated that this agreement should state who is responsible for collecting the ten percent concessions after each event.

Dr. Pollock stated that he would like to see Part A of Concession III completely removed. He feels this will hurt our booster clubs and whoever uses the stadium. For the small amount of money we get, Dr. Pollock feels it is hurting what the boosters do in the community.

Mrs. Mueller stated that concessions can be a huge moneymaker. This is one of the nicest facilities in the area, and she thinks it should go back for changes.

Dr. Pollock asked for a motion to send this back to Administration for revisions.

Mr. Reinboth stated he will not support this; revisions were already made.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated she will be voting with Mr. Reinboth.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mrs. Schrader 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>No</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion passed 6-3.

FINANCIAL

Mr. Reinboth read the following:

Be it resolved that the Centennial School Board approves the Schedule of Bills, Investments, Cafeteria Fund Budget Report, Fund Profiles/Treasurer’s Report, November, 2010, and Budgetary Transfers, December, 2010

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>No</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. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Schrader Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion passed 8-1.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mrs. Mueller stated that today on the District website she saw listed “TV News tonight at 6:30” under “Headline News” and asked Dr. Foight-Cressman how that got on the website without it coming through the Board for approval.

Dr. Foight-Cressman responded that the group responsible is an Independent Study group. They are going out into the William Tennent and the larger communities to find stories of interest. Dr. Foight-Cressman stated that we do need to have an understanding as a District that when things are produced and distributed in-house, it does not have to go to the Board; but when it goes out to the wider community, it should be made available to the Board first.

Dr. Pollock suggested a couple of students go to the Education Committee to present a report to them first.

Ms. Driban requested the Board to direct administration to look for similar type grants in green technology and present them to the Board ahead of time.

Dr. Foight-Cressman stated that recently she attended a workshop by PECO. Under Act 72, PECO is required to distribute funds back to public entities. PECO would send an auditor to the district to evaluate savings; then, grants are incorporated into that. This is the kind of thing Administration is pursuing, as there is no cost to the district.

REPORTS:

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Foight-Cressman thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Acting Superintendent. She assured the community that it has been business as usual; the teachers and administrators have taken the transition in stride. There has been a tremendous outpouring of support.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated their meeting was held on November 22. Most of the items on the agenda were action items; therefore, she really does not have a report this month.

FINANCE

Mr. Reinboth reported that they discussed the Cyber Charter School issue which was approved at tonight's meeting (Item 5). He feels this will provide an economic benefit to the District. The last item reviewed was the preliminary draft 2011-12 budget for the District. There was a lot of work that had to be done to match up the revenue with expenses. This information is available on the District website for viewing. Mr. Reinboth backtracked to discuss Item 3 on their agenda, which was Owner-Controlled Insurance program for elementary school construction project. The next financial meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Driban reported that on their agenda was everything from December 8, 2010, which was on tonight's agenda including the bus stop change and the green grant that was discussed. Ms. Driban acknowledged that the construction website updates are behind schedule; they are working on getting it updated. The next meeting will be on Wednesday January 5, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf reported that last night's meeting was cancelled. She wished the staff and students at MBIT a happy holiday.

Intermediate Unit

Mr. Hartline reported that their last meeting was held at the Tawanka Learning Center in Langhorne on November 16, 2010. It was business as usual; they approved contracts for snow removal, fuel oil, etc. They also toured the Tawanka facility, which is impressive. There is no December meeting.

Legislative Liaison

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated that for the Legislative Liaison, as well as the PSBA Liaison, she has no reports. She is looking forward to many changes with these groups next year.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Miller added to Legislative Liaison by stating that recently approved was a change to the Child Nutrition Act which will be costly to the District. Mr. Miller stated that, while the total funding was increased, the areas getting funding are not areas like our District, funding is going to urban areas. There are two changes of which the District should be aware. One change is applications for free and reduced lunch that were done by application, now will be done by sampling; if an area has over a certain amount sampled, the entire district will receive free lunch. The unfunded part of the mandate will be that all districts will have to provide drinking water for free at lunch. It is unclear if this water can come from a drinking fountain; the district may have to provide free bottled water to students each day.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Mueller. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen L. Miller
Board Secretary

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The Center for Green Schools
Monday, December 6, 2010

Webinar:
Center for Green Schools Fellowship Program

The US Green Building Council (USGBC) is looking to place sustainability directors in school districts throughout the US who are committed in greening the district schools. The fellowship program is 3 years with the intent of making the sustainability officer a FT permanent employee to the district after the 3rd year.

Interested school districts must send in a letter of interest by 6:00 p.m. December 20 to Anisa Baldwin Metzger via email. The letter must be no longer than 1000 words, on school letter head, signed by a senior level district officer, and include the following information:

- Demonstration of need
- Evidence of high-level commitment to greening the district
- Suggested initiatives to be focused on by the Fellow
- Supervisory capability of the district
- Designated point of contact

School districts chosen to partner with the program will be chosen by January 31. Hiring of fellows for placement will take place in February with district input in the hiring process based on the individual district needs. District representatives will join USGBC personnel during the interview day of the candidates in April. The fellow candidate will start July 1.

The fellowship program will pay 100% salary, benefits, training, and travel for the first 2 years. The 3rd year is considered a transitional year where the program will pay for ½ the salary, and all training and travel. The district is responsible for ½ the salary, total benefits for the fellow for the 3rd year and placed as a FT employee of the district there after. During the 3 year program, the district is also responsible to pay for the USGBC Membership (\$500), set aside a \$5000 program budget for events, printing and publicity, pay for any district training and also provide a work space. Total cost to the district for the three years is estimated to be \$55,656.

First year USGBC is looking at placing 2 to 4 fellow candidates in larger urban districts throughout the US. Though large urban districts are priority for the first year of the program, all districts interested should send in a letter of interest to keep conversations open for future candidate placements.

Attached is a snap shot of the 3 year funding commitments for the program and a description of the letter of interest.

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING

Date 12/14/10

Please print clearly. Thank you.

Name	Address	Organization
Connor Lepre	MBIT	MMT
Alyssa Selser	MBIT	MMT
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Amy Rogers	MBIT	MMT
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Cheryl Lyman	KMS	Teacher
Leslie Bonner	KMS/1119 Fitch Place	CEA member/Warminster resident
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Ethan Leich	Loy College	Teacher
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