

**CENTENNIAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
January 25, 2011  
7:00 P.M.  
Centennial Administration Building Board Room

**CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL**

A Work Session/Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on January 25, 2011, 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:

Katherine 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	William Gretton
Dr. Susan Klyman	Victor Lasher

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, and also on January 17, 2011, to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Dr. Pollock also announced that currently on our website we are asking students, faculty and the community to do a survey about the qualities they may want in the new superintendent. This will go directly to the PSBA; it will be anonymous. In the next few days, this survey will be available in Spanish and in paper copy.

Mr. Reinboth announced that he will not be standing for re-election this fall.

Mrs. Shrader Lynch stated that Mr. Reinboth will be terribly missed, he has done a tremendous job, and she is sorry to hear he is not running again.

Dr. Pollock also stated that he is sorry Mr. Reinboth is not running and will be missed. Dr. Pollock told Mr. Reinboth that he has been an outstanding Board member, and the Board is losing a very good person.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. Foight-Cressman asked Mr. Tyrone Dinkins to the podium to conduct the honors.

Mr. Dinkins invited the Colantuano family to the podium.

Mr. Dinkins stated the following: “On behalf of the William Tennent Madrigal singers, William Tennent High School, Centennial School District, and the School Board of Education, we would like to thank the Colantuano family for their very generous donation to the Madrigal singers. They have a grandson who is a member of the group, Conner Meenan. We would like to thank you for your generous donation and matching donation from your employer.”

Mr. Colantuano thanked Mr. Dinkins and stated they were very pleased to help; they have enjoyed the William Tennent Madrigal singers.

### **GOOD NEWS**

Dr. Klyman read the Good News for January 25, 2011.

### **STUDENT REPORTS**

None.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

None.

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth, seconded by Mrs. Huf, to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the minutes from the following meetings:

Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting – October 26, 2010  
Education Committee – October 25, 2010, November 22, 2010  
Finance Committee – November 15, 2010, December 7, 2010, December 15, 2010  
Operations Committee – November 3, 2010, December 8, 2010

*Motion passed 9-0.*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Miller read the following:

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:**

- 1. Approves Burt, Hill Architects to complete the design of and bid as an alternate the shell space in the Region 2 elementary school for a fee not to exceed \$30,000.*

*Seconded by Ms. Driban.*

Mrs. Shrader Lynch stated this is the third time this has been brought up; it has been voted down twice. We turned it down because we said we did not need it. She feels that since it was voted down twice she sees no reason to bring it back.

Dr. Pollock asked Mr. Lasher to clarify that the amount is down to \$30,000 from \$50,000.

Mr. Miller requested, since he had the conversation with the architect, to explain. Mr. Miller went on to say that he is amending his resolution to only permit \$30,000; so even if the letter says \$50,000, he is only

asking the Board to approve \$30,000. Mr. Miller continued by saying that his rational is \$50,000 is the cost it would take to see the designs all the way through the building of the shell, and he is not voting in favor of building the shell; he was convinced by Administration that sometimes we, as School Board Directors, need to look to the future with a different vision than the public. Mr. Miller stated he spoke to Mike Preston, who said the cost to take this only through the bid process and not through the construction process is \$30,000. In order to get this on the bids, it needs to be done today or it would not be included.

Mrs. Huf stated that our options need to be kept opened. No one here has anything in writing that the price went down to \$30,000.

Mr. Hezel stated he understands we have two buildings we need to build. If the bids come in ten percent lower, we will have several million dollars there; we could throw a million of that into extra storage space. He would like to make sure the Board is clear, that even though we will have two brand new buildings, we still have middle schools and the administration building that will require major repairs and structure changes over the next five to ten years. We do not have the capital expenditure funds and general funds that we use to, so we could have that money for a rainy day. It would be nice to have more space, but it is not something we need.

Dr. Pollock responded to Mr. Hezel by saying that if we do not spend the bond money, we cannot put it into capital reserve; it has to go back to lower the debt.

Mrs. Mueller stated the first time this came up it was more to be used for an administration building. It was brought back again because Mr. Lasher came back and enlightened us as far as the high school bid process. It makes sense to give us the option to have storage space, or a relief valve. You cannot get this amount of space for those amounts of dollars at another time. Mrs. Mueller remembers Dr. Pollock saying several times, you never have enough storage space. Mrs. Mueller supports having this on here as an option as an alternate.

Dr. Pollock stated again all we are doing is looking at this as a possibility down the road. As many of you have heard him say, a school district never has enough storage space. If at some point we need classrooms, this could be converted into that rather easily.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated she believes in facts, and the facts right now are as of January 6, 2011, the design fee will be on a time basis not to exceed \$50,000; that is a fact. She has nothing in writing, only a verbal statement. Mrs. Schrader Lynch continued by saying that to spend this amount of money, just as an alternate, is not going to make the taxpayers really happy.

Mr. Hartline stated at \$1.2 million, if we rent cold storage warehouse space, even at \$50,000 a year, which would be ridiculous, it would take us 25 years to pay off, assuming that space is needed. To spend \$50,000 on something that probably will not get passed anyway, seems to add insult to injury.

Mr. Reinboth stated he voted for this twice before and sticks with his position, which is that we have an example we are living through right now. We are renovating Willow Dale Elementary to fit the student population of two existing schools into one. That project would not be feasible if there were not two large spaces in the lower level that were underutilized. That space is now being converted into eight classrooms. That makes that project feasible for a lot less money than if we had to add an additional eight classrooms onto the building. Mr. Reinboth stated he does not look at \$30,000 or \$50,000 lightly; however, he does not want us to say, twenty years down the road, we should have done that.

Mr. Miller stated he agrees with Mr. Hartline. He would never spend this kind of money for storage space. He expects it to be an option for the District in terms of creating classrooms. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Lasher if he agreed with the breakdown of the \$50,000 cost, that only \$30,000 of that would be necessary to get us through the bid stage. Mr. Lasher responded yes.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>No</i>
<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>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>

*Motion passed 5-4.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Pollock asked if anyone would like to have any items pulled from consent agenda 1 through 7. The following items were pulled: 3 and 4

*Mr. Reinboth moved the consent agenda:*

### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:**

1. Grants final approval for a trip by the William Tennent High School Marching Band to Virginia, April 29-May 2, 2011. The cost to the District is approximately \$600.
2. Approves the following overnight conference requests totaling \$3,931 broken down as follows:
  - A) Philip Vinogradov, teacher at William Tennent High School, to attend the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo in Hershey Pennsylvania, February 13-14, 2011. The cost to the district is approximately \$395.
  - B) Philip Vinogradov, teacher at William Tennent High School, to attend The International Society for Technology and Education Expo in Philadelphia, June 26-20, 2011. The cost to the district is approximately \$235.
  - C) Lou Pacchioli, Athletic Director at William Tennent High School, to attend the PSDA Conference, in Hershey, Pennsylvania, March 21-25, 2011. The cost to the district is approximately \$951.
  - D) Melissa Sikora and Jennifer Clark, teachers at Klinger Middle School, and Shawn Wirtshafter, Lori LaBelle and Molly Leahy, teachers at William Tennent High School, to attend the 2010 SAS Institute Bridging Research and Practice in State College, Pennsylvania, February 6-9, 2011. The cost to the district is approximately \$2,350 for mileage and substitutes.
5. Authorizes the Administration to submit to the Department of Education a back-end referendum exception for the purpose of funding Debt Service Obligations permitted in accordance with the requirements of Special Session Act 1 of 2006.
6. Approves the extension of the current contract for auditing services to Barbacane Thornton & Company, LLP, for the audit of the 2010-11 fiscal year at a cost of \$23,700.
7. Approves Administration's request to interchange the spaces for the Ceramics and Technology Education programs for a projected fiscal note of \$25,000.

*Seconded by Mrs. Huf.*

*Motion passed 9-0.*

Mr. Reinboth read the following:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:**

- 3. Approves and authorizes Acting Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Foight-Cressman to enter into agreement with the Office of Civil Rights per attached agreement that has been reviewed by the solicitor.

*Seconded by Mrs. Mueller.*

Mrs. Huf stated she asked this to be pulled because she is not supporting it.

Mr. Hartline stated he agrees with Mrs. Huf; he has been against this from the beginning.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated she is going to vote for this, because if we do not do this, we are going to be involved with a lot of lawyers, costing a lot of money. She feels that conceding to the Federal Government is horrible, and to go and put this District into thousands of dollars to fight, does not make sense to her. She will be supporting this.

Mr. Miller stated that it is very important, at this point, to add to Mrs. Schrader Lynch’s comment that we have not been found guilty of anything. He feels that we are being extorted as a District into signing this to say we are going to provide reports to them for two years because they have not found anything wrong with the way we have been operating. This is their way of trying to find something. We are only signing this to avoid the expense of having to go to court to prove we have not done anything wrong.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated we are one of many school districts that have this complaint; we are not singled out.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

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

*Motion passed 7-2.*

Mr. Reinboth read the following:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD:**

- 4. Adopts the Preliminary General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 2011-12 in the amount of \$98,127,290 and authorizes submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

*Seconded by Mr. Hezel.*

Mrs. Huf stated she asked this be pulled, because she thinks there is a little play in the budget and is not in support of it this year.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch stated she will vote for this, but let it be heard loud and clear she is only voting for this because it is a requirement of the Department of Education. This budget, unless it has many changes in it, is balanced on the backs of the taxpayers, and it has got to stop.

Mr. Hartline stated this is a housekeeping issue at this point, we have many hours ahead of us, and there are a lot of questions. We need to make a substantial dent in this budget.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

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

*Motion passed 6-2-1*

## **PERSONNEL**

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth, seconded by Mr. Hartline, to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations, Retirements, Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Per Diem Substitute Professional Staff; Substitute Support Staff; Mentors; Saturday School Teacher/Community Service Proctors; and Co-Curricular.*

Item 2 from Authorization to Employ Agenda was pulled.

*Motion passed 9-0.*

Items 1 and 5 were pulled for separate vote.

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth, seconded by Ms. Driban, to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the authorization to hire a Business Administrator for the school district.*

*Motion passed 9-0.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth, seconded by Ms. Driban, to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the hiring of Polly Moore, Director of Human Resources.*

*Motion passed 9-0.*

## **OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Dr. Foight-Cressman welcomed our two new Cabinet members. She stated they come to us with outstanding resumes and truly distinctive academic records. They are also truly very fine human beings.

Dr. Foight-Cressman followed up to Ms. Holt's comments regarding the Reeves Lane situation and the crossing guard. She did speak with Chief Michael Murphy today who indicated that, at this time, the township cannot afford to place a crossing guard there, but they do have plans to put in a crossing sign as well as a crosswalk. The only reason it has not happened already is because of the inclement weather. As

we look forward to the closing of Leary School, there is a crossing guard there that we may be able to relocate to Reeves Lane for the 2011-12 school year.

Dr. Pollock asked Administration to please pursue that with the township.

**REPORTS**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Driban and, seconded by Mrs. Mueller. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen L. Miller  
Board Secretary

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING**

Date January 25 2011

Please print clearly. Thank you.

Name	Address	Organization
Connor Lopez	MBIT	MMT
Chris Campbell	" "	" "
Amanda Petersen	MBIT	MMT
Rylan Reardon	MBIT	MMT
Amy Rogers	MBIT	MMT
Logan Clare	MBIT	MMT
Jesse Kolesnikovich	MBIT	MMT
Janette Silverma-	McDonald	
Kidra Santiago	McDonald	
Polly Moore		
Robert Montgomery	Southampton	
MargBeth Slaughter	Longstreth	
Cheryl Tompkins	McDonald-Davis	
Deborah Sobczak	Leary	
Lisa Stecklein	Leary	
Lynne Solly	Klinger MS	
Lorraine Stieber	Tenbert/Kog/Klinger	
Sunshine Silenti	Klinger	
Lizabeth Starfield	Longstreth	
Michelle Stasler	Stackpole	
Lee Spenser	WTHS	
Heather Stek	WTHS	
Tyronne Dinkins	WTHS	