



## *Centennial School District Education Committee of the Board*

**Meeting of November 24, 2008**

### Minutes

#### *Attendance:*

#### Board

Thomas Hezel\*\*  
Betty Huf  
Mark Miller  
Cynthia Mueller  
Andrew Pollock\*\*\*  
Jane Schrader-Lynch\*

#### Administrators

Jennifer Foight-Cressman  
Sandy Homel  
Susan Klyman  
Maryanne Ormsby

#### Staff

Gerald Albrecht  
Carolyn Fisher

#### Community

Leigh Lieberman  
Barbara Patrick  
Robert Shaffer

- \* Chair
- \*\* Committee member
- \*\*\* Alternate committee member

#### *WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS*

Mrs. Schrader Lynch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Mr. Hezel moved to approve the minutes from November 10, 2008. Dr. Pollock seconded the motion. The minutes were approved in a vote of 3-0.

#### *POLICY 5.7, REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS*

Mrs. Homel reported back to the Education Committee regarding information they had requested at the November 10 meeting. She offered Mr. Levin's legal opinion that the wisest course of action would be to make the newly revised Policy 5.7, Reporting Student Progress, effective for the class of 2013. She also reported that Mr. Robert Reed had received assurances that Skyward could accommodate different cohorts of students operating under different grade scales.

Dr. Pollock made a motion to forward the revised Policy 5.7 to the Board to become effective for the Class of 2013. The Classes of 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 would remain under the current policy. Mr. Hezel requested that the motion should be amended to include a provision to track the Class of 2013 to establish metrics to ensure that the policy change had not resulted in anything detrimental to our students. The motion was revised to reflect the change and seconded by Mr. Hezel. The motion passed 3-0.

*BCIT/GWYNEDD-MERCY COLLEGE DUAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT*

Mrs. Homel reported to the Education Committee that she had had difficulty reaching a Gwynedd-Mercy representative who could supply the information that the Committee had requested. Several Directors continued to express concerns that the course was not being delivered on a college campus by a professor. Mrs. Schrader Lynch expressed curiosity as to how Neshaminy and North Penn School Districts are partnering with Gwynedd-Mercy College and asked Mrs. Homel to contact them for information.

Directors questioned whether other colleges and universities were obligated to accept dual enrollment credits. Dr. Foight-Cressman commented that in an earlier correspondence with Dr. Wendy Reisinger, who oversees the program at the Pennsylvania Department of Education, she stated that community colleges and any state-affiliated institution must recognize dual enrollment credit.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch invited Mrs. Carolyn Fisher, William Tennent High School Business, Computers, and Information Technology teacher, to provide her perspective. Mrs. Fisher stated that because there are no Advanced Placement courses available to students interested in pursuing business, other districts had developed dual enrollment agreements. She commented that she uses Gwynedd-Mercy's course syllabi and required texts. Mrs. Fisher also teaches business at the collegiate level as an adjunct professor for Temple University.

A final decision regarding the dual enrollment agreement was tabled until December 8. The motion was made by Dr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Hezel. The motion passed 3-0.

At 7:10 p.m., Dr. Pollock made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Hezel. The motion passed 3-0.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch thanked all in attendance and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.