

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MEETING OF June 22, 2009**

**PRESENT:**

**Board Operations**

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Public:</u>	<u>Press</u>
Mrs. Huf	Mrs. Homel	Mrs. Driban	See Attached	
Mr. Miller	Mr. Lasher	Mr. Hezel		
Mrs. Mueller		Dr. Pollock		
		Mr. Reinboth		
		Mrs. Schrader Lynch		

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Mrs. Mueller.

1. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion was approved 3-0.
2. Mr. Mike Maguire, from the Johnsville Science Museum, gave a presentation about the proposed new Science Museum on the site of the centrifuge. Mr. Maguire was interested in promoting a partnership with the District whereby the planetarium could be housed at the museum and used by our students as well as be available to the general public. Some Board members were concerned about the financial viability of this venture right now. They are not in favor at this time but could be in favor if a more solid financial plan is developed. Mr. Maguire stated that this presentation was informational and he was not seeking a decision tonight. The museum plans are very much in their infancy and much work still needs to be done.

Mr. Miller made a motion for a feasibility study to be done within the next six (6) months to show the viability of a joint venture between Centennial School District and the Johnsville Science Museum. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mueller. The motion failed 2-1 with Mrs. Huf and Mrs. Mueller opposed.

3. Mr. Paul French and Mr. Patrick Brady, from the Binswanger Corporation, gave a presentation regarding the sale of school properties. Mr. French and Mr. Brady visited the elementary buildings and got a sense of where they are located and what would fit in those sites. They are interested in representing us and will stay in touch in the future.
4. The relocation of the program located at the Dorothy Henry School in Ivyland was discussed. This item was previously discussed in Operations and was referred to the Education Committee. The education committee referred it back to the Operations Committee. Having the program relocate here at the Administration Building would give students access to nursing services, guidance services, the library, assemblies, and other activities that are not easily accessible from its current location. Teachers by contract are given 30 minutes of travel time to go to the Dorothy Henry location. The current building does not provide for handicapped accessibility. Mrs. Huf will support this move if the program stays intact. Mr. Lasher stated that it will cost approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 to fix up the three (3) rooms at Johnsville. Mr. Miller made a motion to relocate the program located at the Dorothy Henry School to the Administration Building by September 1, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Huf and approved 3-0.

5. Mr. Mike Preston, from Burt Hill, presented the latest feasibility study. He reviewed the District's goals and reviewed the cost to renovate Willow Dale.

Mr. Preston reviewed the Elementary Prototype Building that Burt Hill has developed. The elementary prototype can be located on the Newtown Road site or the McDonald site, and either the Davis site or the Tamanend Park site. Mr. Spahr, from Reynolds Construction Management, spoke about the favorable bidding climate and how it affected the High School bid results. Both Mr. Spahr and Mr. Preston agreed that Willow Dale was the best candidate for renovation.

Mrs. Homel and Board Members stated that implementing full day Kindergarten was a goal of the District and that this would not be possible with the four (4) building option.

Mr. Miller made a motion to recommend the three (3) building option to the full Board. This option would consist of a renovated Willow Dale, a new elementary school on the Newtown Road site or on the McDonald site or the Tamanend Park site. Mrs. Mueller seconded the motion and it was approved 2-1 with Mrs. Huf opposed.

- 5a. Mr. Preston reviewed the proposal from Burt Hill to design the renovation of Willow Dale and to design a new elementary school. Their design fee would be as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Willow Dale Renovation	6%
1 <sup>st</sup> New Elementary School	5 ½%
2 <sup>nd</sup> New Elementary School	4 ½%

If all three are done simultaneously, their design fee would be 5% for all three (3) projects. Mr. Miller made a motion to move the proposal to the full Board for all three (3) buildings at 5%. Mrs. Mueller seconded the motion and it was approved 2-1 with Mrs. Huf opposed.

- 5b. Reynolds construction Management submitted a revised proposal for the multi-prime scenario for the William Tennent High School project. The fee requested is an additional \$250,000 which includes an additional 2,725 hours of work needed to properly manage the project. Mr. Spahr pointed out that the multi-prime bids totaled approximately 5 million less than the single prime bid. Mr. Miller made a motion to recommend a revision to Reynolds contract for an additional \$250,000. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mueller and approved 2-1 with Mrs. Huf opposed.

6. Reynolds Construction Management recommended that the Board adopt a procedure authorizing Mr. Lasher to approve change orders form the William Tennent High School project. Mr. Miller made a motion that the following recommendation be forwarded to the Board:

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

It is hereby recommended that the Board of School Directors provide authority to Vic Lasher to authorize changes up to \$25,000 per each change management item until the total change orders exceeds \$3000,000. At this point, the Architect and Construction Manger will file PlanCon Part 1 submissions for all change orders over \$10,000, which will require Board of School Directors authorization. After the total change orders approved exceeds \$300,000, it is further recommended that Vic Lasher be authorized to approve change management items under \$10,000. The Board of School Directors reserves the right to provide further limits or modifications To the authority provided during the course of the project. This authority Is limited to the William Tennent High School Additions and Renovations Project.

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Mrs. Mueller seconded the motion and it was approved 2-1 with Mrs. Huf opposed.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for August 4 at 7:00 P.M. in the Administration Building.
8. A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion was approved 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

*Victor Lasher*

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