

COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
GENERAL SESSION MINUTES, AUGUST 20, 2015

President Moore convened the general session of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:05 p.m. in the District Office General Meeting Room on August 20, 2015.

Board Members Present: Bernie Brady, Mel Brodsky, Leslie Finegold, Christina Frangiosa, Susan Moore, Kathleen Oxberry, Heather Palmer and Alan Tabachnick.

Board Members Absent: Beth Suchsland.

Also Attending: Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Superintendent; Jeffrey T. Sultanik, Solicitor; Karen Berk, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education; Andrew Boegly, Director of Technology; Trevor Jackson, Business Administrator/Board Treasurer; Dr. Leticia Rodríguez, Director of Human Resources; Terry Yemm, Director of Operations; David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary; Kim Newell, Assistant Public Relations Coordinator; Alexa Augustine and Luke Mascio, Board Student Representatives; Chris Johnson; Gary Johnson; Beth Miller; Raquel Dunoff and Mary Thiess.

Mrs. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that the Board had met in executive session on August 20.

Recognition/Awards: None.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Moore sought Board action on the minutes of the general meeting of July 16 and the Facilities Management and Transportation Committee and Safety and Wellness Committee meetings of July 15. See enclosures # 1 through #3.

Mrs. Frangiosa moved and Mrs. Finegold seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Financial Reports: Mrs. Moore asked Board members to review the financial reports on the list for approval. They include the General Fund/Federal Program Bills, the Capital Reserve Fund, the Food Service Bills/Cafeteria Report, the Outstanding Investment Report, the Cash Flow Summary, the Comparison of Taxes Collected, the Real Estate Tax Escrow Report, the Trust Fund Report, the Reconciliation of Cash Accounts, the Budgetary/Deficit Status Report, the Bond Fund Report and the Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31. See enclosures #4 through #14.

Mr. Tabachnick moved and Mrs. Palmer seconded a motion to approve the financial reports. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

Staff Report: Dr. Gorodetzer noted that Karen Berk would report on the Extended School Year Program next month. She then introduced Dr. McKeaney who reported on the District's summer programs. Dr. McKeaney stated that a Summer Literacy Program was held for students in grades one through five to maintain and improve upon the skills they learned during the school years. She noted that presentations by community members were a part of the program. She added that Camp Conshohocken was held again at Conshohocken Elementary School with students receiving instruction in reading and writing and participating in physical activities. Title I funding supported the camp. Dr. McKeaney also touched on the Girls in Technology Academy and three music programs, including a song fest, a string fest and instrumental music instruction. The song fest attracted 73 students in grades one through six, while the string fest was for students in grades five through eight and the music instruction for students in grades four through eight.

Dr. Gorodetzer asked Mr. Yemm to explain traffic changes resulting from the renovation of Plymouth Whitmarsh High School. Mr. Yemm reviewed a map and explained that all public traffic must enter the campus from Colonial Drive. He highlighted the drop off area for parents, student entrances and parking. He noted several areas were reserved for construction traffic and parking. Mr. Yemm encouraged students to ride the bus to school.

Old Business: None

Correspondence: None.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Gorodetzer reviewed her report which included the Personnel Report and Substitute List, the Extra Duty/Extra Pay list, a listing of Adult Evening School (AES) instructors and a Cabinet Level Administrator's Compensation Plan. See enclosures #15 through #17. Dr. Gorodetzer stated that the Personnel Report and Substitute List includes 11 resignations, 13 leaves of absence, 15 appointments, 13 changes in assignment and a number of substitute custodians, security personnel and food service workers as well as cafeteria aide appointments. She noted that the Extra Duty/Extra Pay list includes appointments for the 2015-2016 school year and the listing of AES instructors is for the fall session. Dr. Gorodetzer stated that all appointments were reviewed in executive session.

Mrs. Oxberry moved and Mr. Brodsky seconded a motion to approve the Superintendent's Report. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Dr. Gorodetzer noted that Mr. Jared Gamble was in the audience. Mr. Gamble was among the appointments named to be the new Ridge Park Elementary School Principal. Dr. Gorodetzer also asked Board members to consider the Cabinet Level Administrator's Compensation Plan between the Board and the Cabinet Level Administrators effective retroactive to July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

Mr. Brodsky moved and Mrs. Frangiosa seconded a motion to approve the Compensation Plan. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Board Student Representatives Report: See committee reports.

New Business: Mr. Tabachnick sought Board action on a transportation contract with St. Joseph's Preparatory School at a rate of \$8.30 per student per day. See enclosure #18.

Mr. Tabachnick moved and Mr. Brady seconded a motion to approve the transportation contract. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Mrs. Frangiosa asked the Board to act on Board Policy #810.1 Transportation – Video/Audio Recording on a second-read basis. See enclosure #19. At Mrs. Frangiosa's request, Mr. Jackson explained that video recording has been in use on buses and audio recording will now be used also. He noted that policy reflects a change in state law.

Mrs. Frangiosa moved and Mr. Tabachnick seconded a motion to approve the policy on a second-read basis. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Mr. Brady directed Board members to consider and addendum to a contract with Sague Bus Company to provide service to St. Philip Neri School. See enclosure #20. Mr. Brady noted that the addendum covered a one-year extension to the contract.

Mr. Brady moved and Mrs. Oxberry seconded a motion to approve the contract addendum. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Mr. Brady sought Board action on an agreement with the Montgomery County Planning Commission for services relating to enrollment projections. See enclosure #21. At Mr. Brady's request, Mr. Jackson explained that the agreement will enable the District to begin an analysis of the effect of development in the District and stay ahead of any potential future enrollment increases.

Mr. Brady moved and Mrs. Frangiosa seconded a motion to approve the agreement. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Mr. Brady sought board approval of an agreement with Novacare to provide athletic training services for the District's athletic programs. Mrs. Frangiosa received confirmation that the agreement was an interim arrangement to cover for a staff member on leave.

Mr. Brady moved and Mrs. Palmer seconded a motion to approve the agreement with Novacare. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Mr. Brodsky asked Board members to act on a placement agreement in lieu of FAPE for the 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years. Mr. Brodsky noted that the agreement was reviewed in executive session because of student confidentiality.

Mr. Brodsky moved and Mr. Brady seconded a motion to approve the placement agreement. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Mr. Brady sought Board authorization of vendors recommended from a collective bidding process for groceries, milk/juices, ice cream and paper supplies. See enclosure #25.

Mr. Brady moved and Mrs. Finegold seconded a motion to approve the vendor list. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Solicitor's Report: None

Committee Reports: MCIU: Mrs. Finegold stated that the IU Board met on June 24. She highlighted the unanimous appointment of officers and a clean audit report.

CMTHS: Mr. Brodsky reported that the new landscaping program is ready to begin. He also noted that enrollment is down because some sending districts are pulling students out of programs because of Keystone exam testing.

Human Resources: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Curriculum: Mr. Brodsky noted that the next meeting is scheduled for September 21.

Facilities Management and Transportation: Mr. Tabachnick stated that the high school renovation is on schedule and on budget. Mr. Yemm added that planning for the turf fields project continues. He noted that he walked the property with the township manager and engineer. Mr. Yemm stated that construction may begin in late fall.

Mrs. Moore noted that she inadvertently passed over the Board Student Representatives and asked Miss Augustine and Mr. Mascio to provide their report. Miss Augustine stated that fall sports practices have begun. Mr. Mascio noted that a parent orientation is scheduled for August 27. Miss Augustine added that freshman orientation is scheduled for August 29 and will include an activity fair.

Community Relations and Student Life: Mrs. Palmer noted that the calendar was mailed. She stated the mailings from buildings should be arriving in a couple of days and that bus schedules would be available online on Monday.

Safety and Wellness: No Report.

Legislative: No Report.

Municipal/Community Liaisons: No Report.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David M. Sherman". The signature is stylized and cursive.

David M. Sherman
Board Secretary