

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
MINUTES, FEBRUARY 2, 2000**

President Kessler convened the general meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 4:35 p.m. in the Board Room of Colonial Elementary School on February 2, 2000.

Board Members Present: Stuart Kessler, Marc Orlow, Robert Carroll, Gary Johnson, Hugh Lipshutz, Robert O'Neill, Jack Pinheiro, and Thomas Yunker.

Board Members Absent: Thomas Marchozzi.

Also Attending: Dr. Stanley J. Durtan, Superintendent; R. Scott Klinger, Assistant to the Superintendent for Administrative Services and Personnel; James M. Bell, Director of Support Services/Board Secretary; Joseph P. Bickleman, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer; and Wendy G. Rothstein, Esq., Counsel.

Mr. Kessler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kessler advised his fellow board members that the Board would be considering a number of proposed settlements of outstanding tax assessment appeals. Since board members sought the advice of counsel on these cases, Mr. Kessler recessed the meeting at 4:40 and took the Board into executive session to consult counsel on the particulars of the proposed settlements.

The Board returned from executive session at 6:20 p.m. Mr. Pinheiro moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to accept a settlement of tax assessment appeals involving Plymouth Meeting Mall. Under the terms of the settlement, the assessment for each year under appeal would be as follows: 1997 – mall, Boscov's, office building: \$41,000,000.00; 1998 – mall, Boscov's, office building, land for cinema: \$43,000,000.00; 1999 – mall, Boscov's: \$42,500,000.00; 07/01/99 – mall, Boscov's: \$49,083,360.00; and 2000 – mall, Boscov's: \$53,000,000.00. On roll call vote, all except Mr. Kessler and Mr. Yunker voted in favor. Mr. Kessler and Mr. Yunker voted in opposition. Motion carried.

Mr. Orlow provided an update on the proposed contract with E. I. Associates for full architectural services on the development of the WFIL Tract. Mr. Kessler asked that the contract be circulated to the Board for its review after it was signed and before the February Board Meeting when approval would be requested.

Dr. Durtan announced that the district would be receiving a state grant of \$300,000.00 for its efforts in the area of performance-based pay for teaching staff. He also advised that Philadelphia School District and Lancaster City School District would be receiving grants of \$300,000.00 and \$150,000.00 respectively for their efforts on performance-based pay for administrative staff.

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Kessler adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**James M. Bell
Board Secretary**