

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
MINUTES, DECEMBER 4, 2000**

President Kessler convened the reorganization meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 8:20 p.m. in the Board Room of Colonial Elementary School on December 4, 2000.

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

Board Members Absent: None.

Also Attending: Dr. Vincent F. Cotter, Superintendent; R. Scott Klinger, Assistant to the Superintendent for Administrative Services and Personnel; Patricia A. Iannelli, Director of Educational Services; James M. Bell, Director of Support Services/Board Secretary; Joseph P. Bickleman, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer; Fred Shipman, Director of Pupil Services; Wendy Rothstein, Esq., for the Solicitor; Brian Gallagher, CEA President; Janet Rosa, Colonial Secretaries, Instructional Aides ESPA; Scott Helfand, Peggy O'Neill; Pam Kessler; Cindy Lipshutz; and Elaine Orlow.

Mr. Kessler led the Pledge of Allegiance and explained the procedure that would be followed during the reorganization of the Board. He noted that there had been no election and that all serving board members remained in their positions. He advised that he was dispensing with the appointment of a temporary chairperson and would chair the meeting until after the election of the Board President and Vice President. He also reported that after the election of officers, the reorganization meeting would be adjourned and a special Board meeting would be convened.

Mr. Kessler noted that he had served as Board president since 1989 and that his eleven-year tenure had been a long one. He thanked his fellow board members for their support over the years and noted that their faithful service had resulted in a remarkable continuity on the Colonial Board of School Directors. Mr. Kessler advised that he had recently taken on statewide responsibilities as a vice-president of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and would be retiring as President of the Colonial Board. He stated that he had enjoyed his service as President and would remain an active local board member.

Mr. Kessler nominated and Mr. Yunker seconded Mr. Orlow for the position of Board President. Mr. Kessler asked for other nominations and seeing none closed the nominations. Mr. Kessler highlighted Mr. Orlow's service on the Board, particularly his work as Vice President and Chairperson of the Building & Grounds/Transportation Committee, and he expressed his comfort in having Mr. Orlow replace him as Board President. On roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried.

Mr. Orlow thanked his fellow board members for the honor that they had bestowed on him by electing him Board President. He expressed his commitment to working together with his fellow board members for the good of the district and the community.

Mr. Kessler asked for nominations for Board Vice President. Mr. Pinheiro nominated and Mr. Orlow seconded Mr. O'Neill for the position of Vice President. Mr. Pinheiro noted Mr. O'Neill's 16-year service on the Board, his experience as Chairperson of the Joint Operating Committee of the Center for Technical Studies and his long history of service to the community through local community soccer programs. Mr. Kessler asked for further nominations and seeing none, closed the nominations. On roll call vote, all except Mr. O'Neill voted in favor. Mr. O'Neill abstained. The motion was carried.

Mr. Kessler noted that there was a resolution on the agenda to authorize continuation of existing signature plates listing him as Board President until new ones could be prepared reflecting new Board officer appointments. Mr. Johnson moved the resolution as it appeared in the agenda. Mr. O'Neill seconded. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried.

Mr. Kessler reported that the Board had met in Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. just prior to the reorganization meeting to discuss tax assessment appeals and personnel matters.

There being no further reorganization business before the Board, Mr. Kessler adjourned the reorganization meeting at 8:28 p.m. so that the new Board President could convene a special work session.

Respectfully submitted,

**James M. Bell
Board Secretary**