

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462  
MINUTES, JULY 11, 2000**

Vice President Orlow convened a special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Colonial Elementary School on July 11, 2000.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Stuart Kessler, Thomas Marchozzi and Thomas Yunker.

**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; Dan Morcombe, Facilities Engineer; Ronald Lopresti, teacher and track coach, PWHS; and John Reinhart of Windsor Service.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Orlow opened the meeting by asking Dr. Durtan to present his superintendent's report. Dr. Durtan recommended the appointment of David Sherman to the position of Administrative Assistant for Community Relations at a salary of \$46,500.00 for the fiscal year 2000-01. He noted that employment would begin on 08/01/00. Mr. Orlow asked if the position would fall within the CASEA group. Dr. Durtan indicated that it would. He also confirmed that Hay Points would have to be determined for the position and reported that the mid-point for the position would be approximately \$45,000.00. In response to questions from the Board, he explained that he expected the occupant of the position to spend approximately 50% of his time initially on the upgrading of the district's web page. Mr. Carroll requested a copy of the job description for the position, and Dr. Durtan agreed to forward a copy to him. Mr. Pinheiro moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Sherman at the salary and as of the date recommended. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried.

**New Business:** Mr. Orlow directed Board attention to several bid awards on the agenda for Board action that evening. Mr. Bell briefly reviewed the responses received to a request for bids for the construction of an all-weather track at the high school. He highlighted the recommendation of administration to accept the base bid and alternate bid #1 of Windsor Service in the amount of \$555,700.00, as shown in Enclosure #1. Mr. Orlow briefly reviewed the scope of the project and the time constraints facing the district if it wished to have the track completed before cold weather set in later in the year. He noted a discussion that he had had with the contractor on the basic work planned and with the sub-contractor for the finished surface on the cure-time between the laying of the asphalt base and the application of the finish coat. He reported that the contractors could work around the football schedule and believed that it was conceivable that the project could be completed for the spring track season. Several board members noted that the project would cost almost double what was originally estimated. Mr. Orlow noted that the district had bid an

eight-lane track rather than the six-lane track originally discussed and pointed out the additional features subsequently added to the project. These included additional drainage, new fencing, a new scoreboard, relocated jump runs, and additional macadam in front of the bleachers. He also reported that only three districts in the county did not have all-weather tracks. Dr. Lipshutz wondered why a special meeting was needed to deal with this issue. Mr. Orlow re-capped the tight schedule that would have to be followed to have the track in place for the spring season. Mr. Lopresti provided some information on the condition of the current track, and Mr. Reinhart clarified some minor construction issues for the group. Dr. Lipshutz expressed some concern about the impact of the construction on the football schedule this fall. Mr. Orlow reiterated that the contractors could work around the schedule. Mr. Carroll asked what bond-issue projects would get eliminated if the Board approved the project at twice its original estimated cost. Mr. Orlow explained that all of the projects on which the Board had reached a consensus to proceed could still be funded. Mr. Pinheiro moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve the bid and alternate #1 as shown in Enclosure #1. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried.

Mr. Bell walked board members through the bids for driveway/playground resurfacing and sidewalk/curb replacement for the current fiscal year, as shown in Enclosure #2. Mr. Morcombe provided information on the value of dividing the work for paving (lower price) and the value of awarding the work for sidewalk/curb replacement to a single vendor (quick installation prior to paving). At the request of the Board, he recapped where the paving work would be done – on the playground at Conshohocken Elementary School, around the circular driveway at Ridge Park Elementary School, on the playground at Whitemarsh Elementary School, in the driveway behind Colonial Elementary School, and on the back driveway near gym 47 at the high school. Dr. Lipshutz asked if Mr. Morcombe was confident that the paving work could be done before the start of school, and Mr. Morcombe reported that he was confident that it could be because it had been divided among several firms. Mr. Carroll asked what preventive measures could be taken to prevent the deterioration of asphalt areas in the future. Mr. Morcombe explained the need for a solid foundation and periodic re-sealing. Board members had some questions about adequate funding and noted that the paving work was over budget. Mr. Morcombe explained the additional deterioration that had occurred since the budget had been developed. He also assured the Board that contingency funds had been added to cover unforeseen circumstances and that he would tap into these funds to complete the work outlined in the bids. Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Carroll seconded a motion to approve the bids of the firms recommended, at the amounts shown in Enclosure #2. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried.

Other: Dr. Durtan asked board members to let him know when they would be available to conduct interviews of candidates for Curriculum Supervisor. After a brief discussion, a consensus was reached to schedule them at 6:30 p.m. before the executive session the following Monday.

**Mr. Pinheiro thanked Dr. Durtan for sharing with the Board his response to Mr. McTamney's criticism of the school district's lack of support for Conshohocken programs. Dr. Durtan indicated that Ms. Iannelli was working on an administrative regulation that would keep the district playing an integral part in supporting community events in our three municipalities. Mr. Pinheiro suggested that the regulation be communicated to municipal leaders.**

**Mr. Pinheiro noted the planned construction of 500 condominium units in Conshohocken Borough and suggested that the district express its concern to the borough about the possible increase in the student population. Other board members and administrators noted other residential construction projects planned elsewhere in the district and suggested that the district not single out Conshohocken for special concern. After some discussion, the Board reached a consensus on the need to track hot spots of construction across the district and to weigh their impact on the district in terms of a potential need for re-districting and/or expanding district schools. Dr. Durtan noted that the district did that on an annual basis but noted that it might be wise to update the Pennsylvania Economy League study in light of the additional construction.**

**In response to queries from Board members, Mr. Morcombe provided a brief update on the work planned for an improved fitness center and on the remodeling work going on in east and main wings of the high school. He noted that the fitness center was slightly behind schedule. Dr. Durtan reported that Mr. Morcombe and the project architect would be meeting with township officials on the project the following Thursday. Mr. Morcombe reported that, while some small adjustments were being made to the scope of the work in the east wing for the current year, work was proceeding on schedule.**

**There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Orlow adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**James M. Bell  
Board Secretary**