

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
MINUTES, JUNE 13, 2001**

President Orlow convened the special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 6:20 p.m. in the Board Room of Colonial Elementary School on June 13, 2001.

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

Board Members Absent: Thomas Marchozzi.

Also Attending: Dr. Vincent F. Cotter, Superintendent; R. Scott Klinger, Assistant to the Superintendent for Administrative Services and Personnel; Patricia Iannelli, Director of Educational Services; James M. Bell, Director of Support Services/Board Secretary; and Joseph P. Bickleman, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer.

Mr. Orlow called the meeting to order and reported that there were three action items on the agenda: Bids and quotes for the renovation of the high school auditorium and a change order to redo Colonial Drive on either side of the new road and parking lot between Colonial Elementary School and the WFIL Tract.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

Agenda Items: Mr. Orlow recognized Mr. Kessler who provided some history and details on the projects under consideration. Mr. Kessler directed the attention of his fellow board members to the results of bidding general, electrical and HVAC contracting services and quoting the leasing of scaffolding for the auditorium renovation project. He noted that, while there had been fewer bidders than the district had hoped, the bids were generally within framework of what the committee had expected. He reported that the low bid for general contracting was a little lower than expected and that the low bids for electrical and HVAC contracting were a little higher than expected. Board members had a number of questions about the scope of the project, the timetable for its completion and the amount of bond funds available. Mr. Kessler answered questions on the scope and timetable for the project. He also reported that he had asked Mr. Bell to arrange an opportunity for the district to speak with Gilbane about the possibility of providing construction management services for both the auditorium and the fitness center projects. Board members briefly discussed this possibility and the alternatives of seeking a clerk of the works or relying solely the project architects and the Facilities Engineer to monitor construction. In the end, there was a consensus to see what Gilbane had to offer at a reasonable cost.

Mr. Kessler and Mr. Bell walked board members through an updated priority list of bond issue projects that included revised funding information based upon actual known costs or estimates that included all known change orders. Mr. Bell noted that the auditorium project should come in at approximately \$625,000.00 and the fitness center at \$265,000.00, if all known change orders were approved. He also confirmed that, after all of the projects currently supported by the committee had been completed, there would be approximately \$480,000.00 available for capital projects. The full context of the data that Mr. Bell shared with the Board is contained in Attachment #1 to these minutes. At the end of the discussion, Mr. Kessler moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve the three bids and one quote for contracting services and scaffolding for the auditorium renovation project, as shown in Enclosures #1 and #2. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried.

Mr. Kessler reviewed with the Board the basic scope and rationale for suggesting a change order to repair and, in some areas, reconstruct the sections of Colonial Drive between Flourtown Road and Germantown Pike and the new parking area and driveway in front of Colonial Elementary School. He highlighted the reconstruction work in areas where the road was failing, the re-coating of areas where the underlying roadway was still in good shape, and the replacement of most of the storm drains because they were collapsing. He also highlighted the end result of the change order – a revitalized drive with a uniform look from one end to the other. Mr. Bell pointed out that the work included redoing the driveways on the south side of Colonial Elementary School and the pool area of the high school. Mr. Bell answered questions about the project itself and about future traffic and signage through the area. He also confirmed that the cost of the change order had been included in his updated estimate of the cost for development of the WFIL property. After the discussion, Mr. Kessler moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve the change order outlined in Enclosure #3, at a cost not to exceed \$191,216.27 and pending review by the project architect. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried.

Mr. Kessler briefly commented on a change order that had been proposed in response to some questions that he had raised about the possibility that future electrical needs in the PWHS-DO-CES complex might require additional conduit under the new parking lot at CES. He had originally thought that it might be prudent to put new, upgraded conduit in as the parking area was rebuilt if the need for future electrical upgrades could be confirmed. He felt, however, that input from the electrical engineer on the project indicated that there was no pressing need. He recommended rejecting the change order but agreed to refer the item to the committee for further review and consideration.

Additional Public Comment: None.

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Orlow adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**James M. Bell
Board Secretary**