

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462  
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 25, 2000**

President Kessler convened the special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Colonial Elementary School on September 25, 2000.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Robert O'Neill.

**Also Attending:** Dr. Stanley Durtan, 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; Joseph P. Bickleman, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer; Members of CASEA; Officers of CEA; Officers of the Secretarial/Instructional Aides Association; Officers of the Food Services Association; Dr. Vincent Cotter, Christine Cotter and their daughter; Officers of Parent-Teacher Organizations; representatives of the local media and residents.

Mr. Kessler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Action Items:** Mr. Kessler recognized Mr. Pinheiro who advised those present that the Board had received Dr. Durtan's formal notice of his resignation as superintendent and a third amendment to Dr. Durtan's agreement with the district outlining the terms of his separation as of December 1, 2000. Mr. Pinheiro moved and Mr. Orlow seconded a motion to approve the amendment as presented to the Board. (A copy of the amendment is on file with the Board Secretary.) On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried. Mr. Kessler had expressed his reluctance and regret in voting to accept Dr. Durtan's resignation and advised that the district would be recognizing Dr. Durtan for his year's of service before his departure.

Mr. Kessler announced that the Board was pleased to have found a highly qualified candidate to replace Dr. Durtan as superintendent. Mr. Orlow moved with pleasure and a sense of enthusiasm and Mr. Johnson seconded the election of Dr. Vincent F. Cotter as superintendent of schools effective December 1, 2000 through June 30, 2005 and the approval of a contract for such election as per the resolution before the Board. (A copy of the resolution is on file with the Board Secretary.) Mr. Kessler provided a brief summary of Dr. Cotter's experience and highlighted his past service as an Assistant Principal at Plymouth Whitmarsh High School and as Principal of Colonial Middle School and North Penn High School. He praised his work in the field of education and announced that the district was issuing a press

**release on Dr. Cotter's election. Mr. Pinheiro noted that the district's agreement with Dr. Cotter enabled him to start with the district before December 1, 2000 as Deputy Superintendent if he were released earlier by North Penn School District. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried. Dr. Cotter thanked the Board for its confidence in him and looked forward to working with everyone in the district in pursuit of continued excellence in education.**

**There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Kessler adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m. and invited all those present to a reception given in Dr. Cotter's honor.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**James M. Bell  
Board Secretary**