

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
MINUTES, JULY 11, 2002**

President Orlow convened a special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Colonial Elementary School on July 11, 2002.

Board Members Present: Marc Orlow, Thomas Davis, Lynn Glodek, Gary Johnson, Susan Moore, William Ryan and Thomas Yunker.

Board Members Absent: Hugh Lipshutz.

Also Attending: James M. Bell, Director of Support Services/Board Secretary, David Sherman, Administrative Assistant, Community Relations and, in turn, several candidates for the vacancy on the Board of School Directors.

Mr. Orlow led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Ryan did not join the meeting until later.

Mr. Orlow noted that the Board would be interviewing candidates to fill the vacancy on the Board of School Directors but advised that he would briefly deviate from the agenda to address some issues from the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Mr. Johnson reported on two proposals to resolve problems on the grounds and driveway of the WFIL Tract and bring the major construction on the site to a close. He briefly outlined a proposal for the district to assume horticultural responsibilities on the tract. Mr. Bell responded to Board queries and provided additional details on the work to be performed, the method used to calculate the retention of funds due the contractor to cover the costs involved, and full contractor warranties that would still apply. Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Moore seconded a motion to approve the agreement between the district and Scott Construction on the district taking over horticultural responsibilities for the grounds of the WFIL Tract and retaining \$20,000 of the funds due the contractor to cover the district's cost for the materials and labor to perform the work. The exact language of the agreement would be in a form acceptable to the district's solicitor. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor, the motion was carried.

Mr. Johnson outlined a proposed change order to deal with the failure of a section of the new roadway on Colonial Drive between the Colonial Elementary School parking lot and the rear driveway of the high school. He noted that the work would involve the laying of a new roadway that would provide a durable drive comparable to that in the areas between the CES parking lot and Flourtown Road and between the back driveway of the high school and Germantown Pike. Mr. Bell provided

additional details. He reported that the amount of the change order was based upon two independent but almost identical estimates of the cost of the work minus both the estimated cost of having an independent engineer oversee the work and an amount equal to that paid to Scott Construction for the original driveway replacement in the area to be redone. He indicated that Scott Construction would, in effect, be giving the district a full credit for what it had originally paid for roadwork in the area that had failed. Mr. Bell also confirmed that the work planned would be greater than that which had originally been done and would have a life expectancy equal to that of the other sections of the drive. He also noted that any unforeseen problem with the stone base under the road could increase the cost of the project if remediation were necessary. Mr. Johnson moved and Ms. Glodek seconded a motion to approve a change order in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to have Scott Construction redo the section of Colonial Drive from the bike path at the JV baseball field to the rear driveway of the high school by removing all road surface above the stone base and applying a new road surface that will have a 3½ inch base and a 1½ inch wearing surface. On a roll call vote all voted in favor. The motion was carried. Mr. Bell reported that the completion of the two projects would bring to a close Scott Construction's work on the WFIL Tract and confirmed that all warranties on work performed would apply.

Mr. Orlow returned to the agenda for the evening. Dr. Ryan joined the meeting. Interviews of candidates for the Board vacancy began. The Board interviewed five candidates: Stuart Kessler, Dr. Denise Fitzgerald, Patricia Volovnik, Ralph D. Cohen and Gregory Dean Olson.

Following the interviews, the Board turned to another matter. Mr. Yunker moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to (1) grant 5% increases to the confidential secretaries, (2) require of them the same premium sharing for medical benefits through payroll deductions as required of members of the bargaining unit of secretaries and aides, and (3) offer them the same benefits should they choose to opt out of the district's medical benefits program. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried.

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Orlow adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Bell
Board Secretary