

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
MINUTES, DECEMBER 16, 2002**

President Orlow convened a special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:05 p.m. in the Board Room of Colonial Elementary School on December 16, 2002.

Board Members Present at the Start of the Meeting: Marc Orlow, Thomas Davis, Lynn Glodek, Gary Johnson, Susan Moore, Steven Slutsky, Thomas Yunker and William Ryan.

Board Members Not Present at the Start of the Meeting: Hugh Lipshutz.

Also Attending at the Start of the Meeting: Vincent F. Cotter, Superintendent; Mary Ellen Gorodetzer, Assistant Superintendent; Fred Shipman, Director of Pupil Services; James M. Bell, Director of Support Services/Board Secretary; Wendy Rothstein, Attorney representing the Board of School Directors; Justin O'Donoghue, Attorney for the Administration; David Yates, Acting Principal of the high school; Patricia Williams and Anthony Irvin, Assistant Principals at the high school; several security guards at the high school; PWHS student #95030; the student's father; and a stenographer.

Mr. Orlow led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then advised that the Board would be conducting a hearing into allegations that the student attending the meeting and serving a suspension from school had violated school policies. At the father's request the hearing was closed. Ms. Rothstein served as the hearing officer.

The hearing was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Orlow reconvened the special meeting. All original attendees remained for the decision of the Board on the matter addressed during the hearing. Joseph P. Bickleman, Chief Financial Officer and the family of the student joined the special meeting.

Board Action on the Hearing: Mr. Johnson moved and Ms. Glodek seconded a motion to expel student #95030 for 25 days for violation of district policies as outlined in hearing records. On a roll vote, all except Mr. Yunker voted in favor. Mr. Yunker voted in opposition. The motion was carried.

New Business: The Board went into executive session to review legal matters related to a proposed renewal of its transportation contract.

The Board returned to the special meeting at 9:32 p.m. The Board deferred action on the proposed transportation contract until its regular meeting in January.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Orlow adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**James M. Bell
Board Secretary**