

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
MINUTES, DECEMBER 1, 2003**

Board Secretary James Bell convened the reorganization meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Colonial Elementary School on December 1, 2003.

Holdover Board Members Present: Thomas Davis.

Incoming Board Members: Lynn Glodek, Gary Johnson, Hugh Lipshutz, Susan Moore, Mark Orlow, William Ryan, and Pascal Scoles.

Incoming Board Members Absent: Steven Slutsky.

Also Attending: Vincent F. Cotter, Superintendent; MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Assistant Superintendent; Patricia Iannelli, Director of Accountability and Compliance; Gerald Berger, Director of Human Resources; Fred Shipman, Director of Pupil Services; James M. Bell, Director of Support Services/Board Secretary; Joseph P. Bickleman, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer; Wendy Rothstein, Esq., for the Solicitor; Deborah Lukens, District Justice; and Robert O'Neill.

Mr. Bell recognized holdover board member, Thomas Davis.

Mr. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance and explained the purpose of the meeting, the annual reorganization of the Board in accordance with the Public School Code of 1949.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

Election of Temporary Chairperson: Mr. Davis advised that he would dispense with the election of a Temporary President because he was the only holdover board member and had been advised by counsel that there was no need to elect a Temporary President.

Certification of Election and Oath of Office: Mr. Bell reported that he was in receipt of official correspondence from the Montgomery County Election Board that Lynn Glodek, Gary Johnson, Hugh Lipshutz, Susan Moore, and Mark Orlow had been elected to four-year terms and William Ryan, Pascal Scoles and Steven Slutsky had been elected to two-year terms in the 2003 municipal elections.

Judge Deborah Lukens administered the oath of office to the incoming board members.

Election of Officers: Mr. Davis asked for nominations for the office of President. Dr. Lipshutz nominated Mr. Orlow for the position of Board President and highlighted his dedication to the Board and the community. Dr. Ryan moved and Ms. Glodek seconded a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Mr. Orlow. On

roll call vote, all but Mr. Orlow voted in favor. Mr. Orlow abstained. The motion was carried.

Mr. Davis asked for nominations for the office of Vice-President. Mr. Orlow nominated Dr. Lipshutz for the position and praised him for his fine work as a member the Board team. Dr. Ryan moved and Ms. Glodek seconded a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Dr. Lipshutz. On roll call vote, all but Dr. Lipshutz voted in favor. Dr. Lipshutz abstained. The motion was carried.

Ms. Rothstein asked if the Board needed to pass a resolution on the agenda to authorize continuation of existing signature plates. Mr. Bell confirmed that, since there would be no changes in authorized signatures, the Board did not need to take formal action to continue use of the plates.

Mr. Davis noted that Dr. Ryan was serving as the district's appointee to the Board of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. Dr. Ryan confirmed that he was serving a three-year term on the I.U. Board. Mr. Bell advised that no Board action would be required for him to continue serving. Mr. Davis sought Board direction on an appointment to the Joint Operating Committee of the Central Montgomery County Area Vocational-Technical School to replace retired board member, Thomas Yunker. He advised that Mr. Scoles would be willing to serve. Mr. Bell advised that a Board vote would be necessary to fill the vacancy. Dr. Cotter noted that the position was on the agenda for the special meeting to follow the reorganization meeting. The consensus of the Board was to make the appointment at the special meeting.

Mr. Davis sought a motion to adjourn. Mr. Orlow moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Bell
Board Secretary