

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
MINUTES, JULY 28, 2005**

President Orlow convened the special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:37 p.m. in the Board Room of Colonial Elementary School on July 28, 2005.

Board Members Present: Marc Orlow, Gary Johnson, Tom Davis, Hope Luken, Susan Moore, Pascal Scoles, and Steven Slutsky.

Board Members Absent: William Ryan and Mitch Zimmer.

Also Attending: Vincent F. Cotter, Superintendent; Gerald Berger, Director of Human Resources; Cassandra DeLong, Director of Pupil Services; James M. Bell, Director of Support Services/Board Secretary; Joseph P. Bickleman, Chief Financial Officer/Board Treasurer; and Andrew Boegly, Chief Information Officer.

Mr. Orlow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

Old Business: Mr. Orlow noted that the Board needed to set meal prices for the Food Services Department for the 2005-06 school year. Mr. Slutsky commented on the Finance Committee's review of the budget and discussed the options for closing the gap between projected revenues and costs. He noted that decisions by the department and the Board to mandate healthy eating habits had resulted in cutting a number of menu items that had produced significant revenues in the past. For that reason he advocated \$0.10 increase in student lunch prices, a 5% increase in the cost of adult lunches to \$4.90, including ala carte items, and a Board nutrition subsidy of \$50,000 on top of the capital allocation of \$17,000 already in the operating budget. Ms. Luken expressed a belief that families could generally afford a higher increase and that families that could not were normally eligible for support under the free and reduced lunch program. Mr. Slutsky moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve the increases and subsidy that he had advocated in his presentation. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried.

New Business: Dr. Cotter and Mr. Berger requested approval of a number of personnel actions outlined in report attached to these minutes as Attachment #1. He briefly walked board members through the recommendations. Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve the report. 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 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Bell
Board Secretary

