

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
MINUTES, May 24, 2007.**

President Orlow convened the special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 5:41 p.m. in the Board Room of Colonial Elementary School on May 24, 2007.

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

Board Members Absent: Steven Slutsky and Mitch Zimmer.

Also Attending: Vincent F. Cotter, Superintendent; MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Assistant Superintendent; John Quinn, Director of CITV; Kim Newell, Assistant Director of CITV and David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary.

Mr. Orlow led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Dr. Cotter confirmed for Mr. Orlow that the meeting had been properly advertised. Mr. Orlow announced that the Board had met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss legal matters.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

New Business: Mr. Orlow reported that the purpose of the meeting was for the Board to vote on the Fact Finder's report, which was delivered to the School Board and the Colonial Education Association (CEA) on May 18. He noted that the Board and CEA began negotiations on a new agreement prior to January and that both sides agreed to request Fact Finding in April. He noted that the recommendations in the Fact Finder's report are not binding and that both sides had 10 days to review the report and then vote on it in its entirety. He stated that if both sides accepted the report it would become a contract, and if either side rejected the report it would become public. Both sides would vote on the report again within another 10 days. If there is no agreement, the parties would return to negotiations.

Mr. Orlow noted that since the teachers had yet to vote on the report the contents had to remain confidential. He did state that the Board could speak in general terms. He stated that the report provided the opportunity for the Board to maintain its ability to attract and keep top educators, be consistent with their financial projections and enabled them to contain uncontrollable expenses. He stated that the report represented a compromise.

Dr. Cotter confirmed for Mr. Orlow that the CEA was scheduled to vote on the report on the next day.

Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Luken seconded a motion to approve the Fact Finder's report. On a roll call vote all but Mr. Davis voted in favor. The motion was carried, 6-1.

Public Comment: None

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Orlow adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman
Board Secretary