

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
MINUTES, OCTOBER 16, 2006.**

Vice President Johnson convened the work session of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 8:40 p.m. in the Board Room of Colonial Elementary School on October 16, 2006.

Board Members Present: Gary Johnson, Susan Moore, William Ryan, Pascal Scoles, Hope Luken and Mitch Zimmer.

Board Members Absent: Tom Davis, Marc Orlow, Steven Slutsky.

Also Attending: Vincent F. Cotter, Superintendent; MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Assistant Superintendent; Gerald E. Berger, Director of Human Resources; Cassandra DeLong, Director of Pupil Services; Andrew Boegly, Chief Information Officer; Terry Yemm, Director of Operations; David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary; John Quinn, Director of CITV.

Mr. Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that the Board had met in executive session on 09/27/2006, 10/11/2006 and 10/16/2006 to discuss informational, legal and personnel matters.

Minutes: Mr. Johnson asked the Board to direct their attention to the minutes of the Work Session of 09/18/2006, the General Meeting of 09/21/2006 and the Community Relations and Student Life Committee of 10/05/2006. See enclosures #1 through #3. He noted that the minutes of the Personnel Committee of 10/11/2006 and the Facilities Management and Transportation Committee of 10/12/2006 were before members as separate attachments. He also stated that the minutes of the Curriculum Committee of 10/16/2006 and the Community Relations and Student Life Committee of 10/12/2006 would be available for review as yellow pages on Thursday.

Financial Reports: Mr. Johnson reviewed the financial reports on the list for approval on Thursday Evening. The reports included the Bond Fund Report, the Capital Projects Report, the General Fund/Federal Program Bills, the Capital Reserve Fund, the Food Service Bills/Cafeteria Report, the Outstanding Investment Report, the Cash Flow Summary, the Comparison of Taxes Collected, the Real Estate Tax Escrow Report, the Reconciliation of Cash Accounts, the Budgetary/Deficit Status Report and the Treasurer's Report for the month ending 09/30/2006, as shown in enclosures #4 through #15.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

Staff Report: Mr. Johnson noted that Dr. Cotter was scheduled to report on the district's Pathways to Excellence 2005-2006 building awards on Thursday evening.

Old Business: None.

Correspondence: None.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Cotter outlined his report which included the Personnel Report and Non-Professional Substitute List, the 2006-2007 Substitute List and the proposed Extra Duty/Extra Pay List. See enclosures #16 through #19. He stated that the Personnel Report

contained seven actions and that the Professional Substitute List contained 83 names. Dr. Cotter noted that the Extra Duty/Extra Pay List included the appointment of CITV Director John Quinn as girls' head basketball coach at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PWHS).

New Business: Mr. Johnson noted that three options for the 2007-2008 school calendar were before the Board. He asked Dr. Cotter to review the calendars. See enclosure #20. Dr. Cotter stated that the purpose was for the Board to set the beginning date for the 2007-2008 school year and that the drafts were for future consideration. Dr. Cotter mentioned that the start date in the recent past has fallen after the Labor Day holiday and that the administration was recommending that Tuesday, September 4, 2007 be set as the start date for the 2007-2008 school year.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Board will take action on a number of professional conference requests. David M. Sherman, Board Secretary, requests permission to attend the Annual Pennsylvania School Boards Association Secretaries Conference in State College, Pa., from November 1-3, 2006. See enclosure #21. Mr. Johnson noted that the district administration supported the request.

Mr. Johnson stated the PWHS Principal Dr. Monica Sullivan requests approval for teachers to attend three separate conferences, including: one teacher to attend the National Council for Social Studies Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., from November 30 through December 3, 2006; two teachers to attend the National Council of Teachers of English in Nashville, Tenn., from November 16-20, 2006; and three teachers to attend the National Science Teachers Association Conference held in Baltimore, Md., from November 3-4, 2006. See enclosures #22 through #24. Mr. Johnson noted that building professional development funds would be utilized to cover the costs of the conferences.

Mr. Johnson directed the Board's attention to two special education agreements. He noted that the first agreement was actually a renewal of a tuition agreement for two students, and the addition of a one-on-one agreement for a third student to attend the Delaware Valley Friends School. The second was a settlement agreement with Discovery Ranch.

Mr. Johnson stated Cassandra DeLong, Director of Pupil Services, and Kathy Ellis, Director of Transportation Services, were recommending the approval of a transportation contact for one student to and from Harrisburg and Pittsburgh for a 10-month period. See enclosure #25.

Mr. Johnson directed the Board's attention to several student trip requests. He stated that Kathy Dunn and Jeff Blizzard, PWHS Ski Club Sponsors, were requesting approval of an overnight trip to Rutland, Vermont from January 5-7, 2007 as well as a possible second trip from February 23-25, 2007. Mr. Johnson noted that students would pay the cost of both trips. See enclosure #26.

Mr. Johnson stated that approval was also requested for student attendance at the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference from November 10-11, 2006 in East Brunswick, N.J. See enclosure #27.

Mr. Johnson called the Board's attention to the fundraising budgets for all school-related activities in which funds are raised during the school year. See enclosure #28. He sought and received confirmation from Dr. Cotter that the budgets were for informational purposes only and did not require board action.

Mr. Johnson also noted that bids for the turf installation preparation work on Victory Fields #1 and Colonial Field would be available for Board review on Thursday.

Committee Reports: None.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David M. Sherman". The signature is stylized and cursive.

David M. Sherman