

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
MINUTES, DECEMBER 1, 2008.**

President Orlow convened the special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:12 p.m. in the Colonial Instructional Television (CITV) studios in Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PWHS) on December 1, 2008.

Board Members Present: Tom Davis, Gary Johnson, Hope Luken, Sue Moore, Marc Orlow, Dr. William Ryan and Mitch Zimmer.

Board Members Absent: Steven Slutsky.

Note: One seat on the Board is presently vacant.

Also Attending: Vincent F. Cotter, Superintendent; MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Assistant Superintendent; Wendy Rothstein, Solicitor; Richard Hartz, Director of Human Resources; Joseph P. Bickleman, Chief Financial Officer/Board Treasurer; 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 and Kim Newell, Assistant Director of CITV.

Mr. Orlow announced that the Board had met in executive session on November 26 and December 1 to discuss informational, legal and personnel matters.

Minutes: None.

Financial Reports: Mr. Orlow noted that the financial reports and the Treasurer's Report had been previously approved through October 31, 2008 and that the administration is requesting authorization to pay the November bills during December. He stated that this was normal procedure since the Board was not scheduled to meet again until the third week in January.

Mr. Johnson moved and Dr. Ryan seconded a motion to authorize the payment of the November bills during December. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 7-0.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

Staff Report: None.

Old Business: None.

Correspondence: None.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Cotter led the members through his report which included the Personnel Report and Substitute List and the Extra Duty/Extra Pay List. See enclosures #1 and #2. He noted that the Personnel Report included three actions, including two leaves and a replacement. He noted that there were nine substitutes listed. Dr. Cotter reported that there was a yellow page before members as a separate attachment updating the Extra Duty/Extra Pay List. He noted that there were five appointments and approximately 40 changes or resignations.

Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Moore seconded a motion to approve the Superintendent's Report. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 7-0.

Board Student Representatives Report: None.

New Business: Mr. Orlow sought Board action on the list of dates printed in the agenda for the Board's regular monthly meetings in 2009. Mr. Orlow stated that the Board preferred to schedule the meetings for the year at this time so that they only needed to be advertised once. There was some discussion among members as to whether or not to advertise a work session in July since that meeting has not been held in recent years. Members decided to leave the date on the list to allow for flexibility in the schedule. Mr. Orlow noted that the June meetings fell the week after graduation.

Mr. Zimmer moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve the list of meetings as presented. On roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 7-0.

Mr. Orlow asked the Board to consider an agreement with Lincoln Investment to provide a 457 Plan for District employees. He noted that the plan had been reviewed by the solicitor and the Finance Committee.

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve the agreement. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 7-0.

Mr. Orlow sought Board action on the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit (MCIU) 2009-2010 General Operating Budgets. He noted that the overall increase to the four budgets is less than the state allowed index. The budgets include the areas of general administrative services; curriculum, instruction and professional development services; legislative services and grant development and technology and information services. Mr. Orlow stated that the members most vote as a Board and sign individual ballots that are placed before them.

Mr. Zimmer moved and Mrs. Moore seconded a motion to approve the MCIU budgets. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 7-0.

Mr. Orlow stated that the Board needed to appoint a representative to the Central Montco Technical High School Joint Operating Committee (JOC). He noted that Mrs. Moore and Mr. Johnson were presently on the Board and that Mr. Davis' term had expired.

Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Moore seconded a motion to reappoint Mr. Davis to the JOC for a three-year term. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 7-0.

Mr. Orlow stated that the Board also needed to appoint a legislative chairperson, to take part in the Pennsylvania School Boards Association's (PSBA) legislative action program, and a PSBA Representative. He noted that Dr. Ryan has served ably in both capacities.

Mr. Davis moved and Mrs. Luken seconded a motion to re-appoint Dr. Ryan as the Board's Legislative Chairperson and PSBA representative. On roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 7-0.

Dr. Cotter informed Mr. Orlow that there was a field trip request before Board members as a separate attachment that required action. He noted that the field trip was for a CITV production class to attend a Philadelphia Flyers game to witness the televised production of the game. He

noted that the trip had administrative support. Mr. Orlow asked how the trip was arranged. Dr. Cotter stated that teacher Chris McWilliams organized the trip with a personal contact.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Zimmer seconded a motion to approve the student trip request. On roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 7-0.

Solicitor's Report: Ms. Rothstein encouraged the community to come out and support the PWHS boys' basketball team as they begin their season on Friday, December 5. She also referenced an event the cheerleaders are hosting in January.

Committee Reports: None.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Orlow adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman
Board Secretary