

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462  
MINUTES, DECEMBER 30, 2008.**

President Orlow convened the special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 8:10 a.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room located in Colonial Elementary School on December 30, 2008.

**Board Members Present:** Lenora Bruno, Tom Davis, Gary Johnson, Hope Luken, Sue Moore, Marc Orlow and Mitch Zimmer.

**Board Members Absent:** Dr. Bill Ryan and Steven Slutsky.

**Also Attending:** Dr. Vincent F. Cotter, Superintendent; Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Assistant Superintendent; David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary.

Mr. Orlow led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Sherman confirmed for Mr. Orlow that the meeting had been appropriately advertised.

**Public Comments on the Agenda:** None.

**Oath of Office:** Mr. Orlow and other Board members welcomed Ms. Bruno to the Board and she was sworn into office.

**Correspondence:** Mr. Orlow noted that Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PWHS) Principal Dr. Monica Sullivan requests Board acceptance of a \$9,000.00 gift from Ceridian Corporation to the school's Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program. The monies are to be used for college visitations and the purchase of eight laptops for use in the AVID classrooms. As Ceridian is a new donor to the District, Board members engaged in some discussion as to the nature of its business. Mrs. Luken noted that the company provides businesses with tax, payroll and personnel services.

Mrs. Luken moved and Mrs. Moore seconded a motion to accept the gift. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 7-0.

**New Business:** Mr. Orlow stated that Director of Human Resources Richard Hartz, is requesting Board approval of a renewal agreement with PA REAP Technology Services effective January 1, 2009.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mrs. Luken 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 two negotiated special education settlements/tuition agreements provided by Director of Pupil Services Cassandra DeLong. After some discussion regarding possible state reimbursement of a portion of the costs involved with the agreements, Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Zimmer seconded a motion to approve the agreements. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 7-0.

Mr. Orlow asked the Board to consider a Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Cooperative Bid for purchasing fuel for the 2009-2010 school year. The bid is recommended by Chief Financial Officer Joseph Bickleman. Board members engaged in some discussion regarding the current price of fuel and whether or not the bid was economical.

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

Mr. Orlow asked the Board to examine a request by PWHS Director of Activities Charles Forster for a track coach to attend a clinic in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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

Mr. Orlow sought Board action on a request from Mr. Forster for a student to participate in two choral competitions, one a Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 11 event at Central Bucks West High School from January 15-17. The second is a National Association of Music Education All-East Choral Festival in Providence, Rhode Island from March 12-15.

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

**Solicitor's Report:** Dr. Cotter asked the Board to consider student disciplinary stipulation #9708 regarding a student with a history of disruptive incidents. Board members engaged in considerable discussion regarding how such cases are managed within the District.

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

Committee Reports: None

Public Comment: None

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Orlow adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman  
Board Secretary