

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
MINUTES, DECEMBER 7, 2009**

Board Secretary David M. Sherman convened the reorganization meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:10 p.m. in the District Office General Meeting Room on December 7, 2009.

Holdover Board Members Present: Gary Johnson, Hope Luken, Susan Moore and Mitch Zimmer.

Holdover Board Members Absent: None.

Incoming Board Members Present: Bernie Brady, Kathleen Oxberry, Tom Sigafos, Beth Suchsland and Alan Tabachnick.

Incoming Board Members Absent: None.

Also Attending: Dr. Vincent F. Cotter, Superintendent; Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Assistant Superintendent; Mark Fitzgerald, Solicitor; Joseph P. Bickleman, Chief Financial Officer; Karen Berk, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education; Andrew Boegly, Chief Information Officer; Terry Yemm, Director of Operations; Richard Hartz, Director of Human Resources; John Quinn, Director of CITV; David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary; Honorable Berle M. Schiller, United States District Court Judge; Matt Oxberry; Mallory Oxberry; Brett Oxberry; Dave Suchsland; Dean Suchsland; Samantha Suchsland; Laurel Suchsland; Jason Salus; Lisa Neifeld Salus; Stan Feingold; Chris Taylor; David Caplan; David I. Grunfeld; Bob Hart; Linda Doll; Mim Brady; Chad Murray; Brian Weiner; Marcel Groen; Leslie Richards; Lee Albert; Thomas P. Davis; Lenore Bruno; Sandy Benedict; Kelly Isett; Melissa Sterling; Jeff Bryan; Alexis Bryan; David Hanel; Bob Slagle; Mary Thiess; Brandon Chamberlin; Jim Fleming; Kelly Jowett; Arlene Smuckler; Ed Woltemate; Katherine Woltemate; Michelle Clancy; John H. Kafes; Kate Tabachnick; Mariel Tabachnick; Mike Tabachnick; Sophie Cole; Jane Leven; Tom Letter; Sue Letter; Nancy O'Brien; John O'Brien; Donald R. Morrison; Robert Asassi; Vince Gillen and Senator Daylin Leach.

Mr. Sherman led the Pledge of Allegiance and verified that all holdover and incoming Board members were present. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to elect a temporary chairperson to run the meeting, to present certificates of election and administer the oath of office to new members, elect a permanent president to serve a one-year term and elect a permanent vice president to serve a one-year term. Mr. Sherman noted that public comment on the Agenda would be held until after new members were sworn in.

Election of Temporary Chairperson: Mr. Sherman sought nominations from among the holdover members of the Board for the position of Temporary Chairperson. Mrs. Luken nominated Gary Johnson as Temporary Chairperson of the Reorganization Meeting. Mr. Zimmer moved to close the nominations. Mr. Sherman called for a Board vote. All voted in favor. The motion was carried, 4-0

Presentation of Certificates of Election: Mr. Sherman confirmed for Mr. Johnson that all incoming Board members had presented their certificates of election. He stated that he was also in receipt of a letter from the Montgomery County Election Board validating the election results.

Oath of Office for New Members: Mr. Sherman confirmed for Mr. Johnson that the Honorable Berle M. Schiller of the United States District Court was present to administer the Oath of Office. Judge Schiller called the five new Board members to the podium and swore them into office.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

Election of Officers: Mr. Johnson asked for nominations for the office of President and explained the responsibilities of the position. He noted that he had held the post during the previous year. Mr. Zimmer moved to nominate Gary Johnson, and Mrs. Suchsland moved to nominate Mrs. Oxberry as Board President. Both Mr. Zimmer and Mrs. Suchsland touted the qualifications of their nominee. Mrs. Luken moved and Mrs. Moore seconded a motion to close the nominations. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Johnson called for a vote on the motion to nominate Gary Johnson as Board President. On a roll call vote, Mr. Brady, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Luken, Mrs. Moore and Mr. Zimmer voted in favor, Mrs. Oxberry, Mr. Sigafos, Mrs. Suchsland and Mr. Tabachnick voted against. The motion was carried, 5-4.

Mr. Johnson thanked the members of the Board and stated that it was an honor to serve as President. Mr. Johnson then asked for nominations for the office of Vice-President and noted that Mrs. Moore had served in that position for the past year. Mrs. Luken moved to nominate Mrs. Moore and Mr. Sigafos moved to nominate Mrs. Suchsland as Board Vice President. Both Mrs. Luken and Mr. Sigafos spoke in favor of their nominee. Mr. Zimmer moved and Mrs. Luken seconded a motion to close the nominations. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.


Mr. Johnson called for a vote on the motion to nominate Susan Moore as Board Vice President. On a roll call vote, Mr. Brady, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Luken, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Zimmer voted in favor, Mrs. Oxberry, Mr. Sigafos, Mrs. Suchsland and Mr. Tabachnick voted against. The motion was carried, 5-4.

Mrs. Moore thanked the members of the Board.

Mr. Johnson noted that since there were no changes to the signature plates, there was no need to approve the existing plates until changes could be made.

There being no other business before the Board, Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman
Board Secretary