

**Colonial School District**  
**District Operations**  
**Facilities Management/Transportation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**11/5/2010**

Committee Chair Bernie Brady called the meeting to order at 7:32 AM.

Other Committee Members Present: Sue Moore, Kathy Oxberry, Alan Tabachnick

Other Board Members Present: Kelly Jowett, Gary Johnson, Mel Brodsky

Also Attending: Dr. Vincent F. Cotter, Superintendent; Dr. Maryellen Gorodetzer, Assistant Superintendent; Terry R. Yemm, Director of Operations, Ms. Linda Doll, Community Resident; Mr. Tom Davis, Community Resident; Jessica Sachs, PWHS Student; Samantha Cox, PWHS Student

The Committee went into executive session at 7:33 AM to discuss a legal matter. The Committee returned from executive session at 7:59 AM.

Public Comment on the Agenda: None

Several transportation issues were discussed. Aqua Pennsylvania (Aqua) provided notice to the Transportation Department that Flourtown Road would be closed from Wildflower Drive to Carriage Court. The purpose of the road closure is to replace the water main. A request was made to Aqua to allow the District school buses to use the road during the period of time that the road is closed. The District has contacted the Whitemarsh Township Police Department to ask for assistance in convincing Aqua to allow the buses to use the road during the closure.

A request was made to revise the life cycle for District vans. The current practice is to eliminate the use of any vans that are older than eight (8) years. The Transportation Department has determined that several of the vans that are either eight (8) years old or close to eight (8) years old are in relatively good shape as they have been properly maintained through the years. The vans are inspected for safety on an ongoing basis by members of the District's Turf Management Department and undergo state inspection every six (6) months. From an economic perspective it will be less costly for the District to maintain the vans after the eight (8) year period rather than to replace the vans. The Committee agreed to the request.

An Easement Plan (plan) was provided for Committee review. The plan depicts the easements that are proposed for the construction of the walking path on the Angus Tract. As the District is a landowner of a portion of the Angus Tract, an approval from the District agreeing to the proposed location of the easements is required prior to recording the plan at the county courthouse. The Committee agreed to the location of the

easements. Accordingly, a recommendation for approval will be provided for Board consideration at the November School Board meeting.

The Committee reviewed a request from Whitemasrh Township to utilize a portion of the high school campus for a proposed Community Farmer's Market. (Market) The Market would be open on Sundays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM during certain times of the year. Farmers from the area will be invited to sell their produce and goods at the Market each Sunday. The Township is considering a few locations, of which one is the high school campus. As the Market would benefit the entire community, the Committee agreed to allow the site to be considered provided that the Township would agree to support the use of the site in the event of negative effects on the surrounding neighbors regarding traffic flow, noise, parking problems, etc. The Operations Department will meet with the Township and the Whitemarsh Township Police Department and attempt to gain these assurances.

The Board reviewed a request to receive a donation from Whole Foods Market, Inc. Ms. Lori McCoy, Director of Food Services, is seeking permission to accept a donation of a Vitamix machine from Whole Foods Market, Inc. The Vitamix, valued at \$545.00, would be utilized to create a "Traveling Smoothie Station" throughout our district. In addition, this appliance can prepare other healthier products for our students such as fresh juices, homemade soups, tomato sauce, pesto, hummus and others. The Committee agreed to the benefit and provided direction to recommend that the School Board consider accepting the donation of the Vitamix machine from Whole Foods, Inc. at the November School Board meeting.

The Committee reviewed a change order proposal from Walter Brucker Inc. for the renovation of the "T" corridor at the Colonial Elementary School. This is the only area of the building that was not touched during the major renovation. Mr. Yemm explained that this work would be a change order to the CES renovation project and could begin immediately. The renovation involves the removal of the existing red light boxes, the installation of new ceiling panels, the installation of all new lighting units, woodwork for the columns and the fabrication and installation of all new trophy cases. The cost for the change order is \$342,108. The Committee agreed to move forward with approving a change order for Walter Brucker, Inc. to renovate the "T" corridor immediately.

Additional Public Comment on the Agenda: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Mr. Brady adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:36 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Yemm  
Director of Operations

