

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 6, 2010.**

President Johnson convened the special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:17 p.m. in the District Office General Meeting Room on December 6, 2010.

Board Members Present: Bernie Brady, Mel Brodsky, Gary Johnson, Kelly Jowett, Susan Moore, Kathleen Oxberry, Beth Suchsland, Alan Tabachnick and Mitch Zimmer.

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/Board Treasurer; 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; Brett Oxberry, Tom Davis.

Mr. Johnson noted that the Board had met in executive session on November 23 and December 6 to discuss legal and personnel issues.

Minutes: None.

Financial Reports: Mr. Johnson stated that the financial reports and the treasurer's report had been previously approved through October 31, 2010 and that the administration is requesting authorization to pay the November bills during December. He noted that both the November and December financial reports will be provided for formal Board action in January.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Tabachnick 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, 9-0.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

Staff Report: None.

Old Business: None.

Correspondence: Mr. Johnson asked the Board to consider three donations in one motion. The donations are in the amount of \$600 to Colonial Elementary School, \$750 to the Plymouth Whitmarsh High School (PWHS) Robotics Club and \$700 to the PWHS Music Department. See enclosures #1 through #3.

Mr. Zimmer moved and Mrs. Suchsland seconded a motion to accept the donations. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Cotter stated that his report included the Personnel Reports and Substitute List. See enclosure #4. He stated that the Personnel Report included one retirement, seven leaves of absence, two replacements, two returns from leave, one completed assignment and two extensions of assignment.

Mrs. Oxberry moved and Mr. Brodsky seconded a motion to approve the Superintendent's Report. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Board Student Representatives Report: None.

New Business: Mr. Johnson asked the Board to consider the list of dates printed in the agenda for the Board's regular monthly meetings in 2010. He noted that the meeting time is 7:00 p.m. for General Business Meetings, 7:30 p.m. for Work Sessions and 6:30 p.m. for Executive Sessions.

Mr. Zimmer moved and Mrs. Suchsland seconded a motion to approve the list of meetings as presented. On roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Dr. Cotter explained that the IU generally provides ballots for each of the four budgets and those ballots have not been received. He stated that the budgets are extensive and the extra time will allow new Board members to review them.

Mr. Johnson stated that Mrs. Moore's three-year term on the Central Montco Technical High School Joint Operating Committee (JOC) has expired and the Board is required to appoint a member to fill another three-year term. Mr. Johnson noted that he has one year remaining on his three-year term and that Mr. Brady has two years left on his term.

Mr. Brodsky moved and Mr. Zimmer seconded a motion to appoint Mrs. Moore to the JOC. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Johnson sought Board action 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 Mrs. Suchsland filled both rolls during the past year.

Mr. Tabachnick moved and Mrs. Moore seconded a motion to appoint Mrs. Suchsland as legislative chairperson and PSBA representative. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Johnson sought Board action to appoint a representative to the Colonial Foundation for Educational Innovation (CFEI). He noted that Mr. Tabachnick filled that roll during the past year.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Zimmer seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Tabachnick as the Board's liaison to the CFEI. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Board will table the appointment of a representative to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board until January.

Mr. Johnson stated that action on the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit 2011-2012 Budget will be tabled until January. See enclosure #5.

Mr. Johnson asked the Board to consider a request to renew a special education placement agreement. He noted that the agreement was reviewed in executive session.

Mrs. Suchsland moved and Mrs. Jowett seconded a motion to approve the placement agreement. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Johnson sought Board action on a request to approve a competition schedule for the PWHS Indoor Guard and Drumline. See enclosure #6. Mr. Johnson asked the Board to consider in the same motion approval for a student to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Association District 11 Choral Festival. See enclosure #11. Dr. Cotter confirmed for Mr. Johnson that students attending the choral festival generally stay with host families. Dr. Cotter confirmed for Mrs. Suchsland that the costs for the Indoor Guard and Drumline competitions are budgeted and are

not unexpected expenses. Mrs. Oxberry received confirmation that the Board needs to approve the Indoor Guard and Drumline schedule because out of state transportation is involved.

Mr. Tabachnick moved and Mrs. Jowett seconded a motion to approve the requests. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Johnson stated that Mrs. Suchsland is the new chair of the Board's Safety and Wellness Committee. He noted that all other committee chairs remain the same.

Solicitor's Report: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Public Comment: None.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman
Board Secretary