

COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
GENERAL SESSION MINUTES, MAY 15, 2014

President Moore convened the general session of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 6:03 p.m. in the District Office General Meeting Room on May 15, 2014.

Board Members Present: Bernie Brady, Mel Brodsky, Leslie Finegold, Christina Frangiosa, Susan Moore, Kathleen Oxberry, Heather Palmer, Beth Suchsland and Alan Tabachnick.

Board Members Absent: None.

Also Attending: Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Superintendent; Jeffrey T. Sultanik, Solicitor; Karen Berk, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education; Andrew Boegly, Director of Technology; Trevor Jackson, Business Administrator/Board Treasurer; Dr. Elizabeth McKeaney, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Leticia Rodríguez, Director of Human Resources; Terry Yemm, Director of Operations; John Quinn, Director of CITV; David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary; Brett Paul, Devica Bhutani and Michael Krone, Board Student Representatives; Jill Forster; Bob Slagle; Sandy Wainwright; Beth Miller; Meenu Bhutani; Bill Ryan; Scott Koval; Rita McGrath; Brendan Willis and Gary Johnson.

Mrs. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting.

Recognition/Awards: Dr. Gorodetzer introduced directors, advisors and coaches for the Plymouth Whitmarsh High School (PWHS) Drumline and Indoor Color Guard, the Colonial Middle School (CMS) Indoor Color Guard, Colonial Elementary School and CMS Odyssey of the Mind teams, Central Montco Technical High School SkillsUSA and Health Occupation Students of America, the unbeaten CMS seventh and eighth grade field hockey teams and the unbeaten CMS eighth grade girls' basketball team. Students in each group or team were presented to the Board for recognition. For a complete list of all students honored, please see Attachment A.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Moore asked the Board to consider the minutes of the general meeting of April 10, the Human Resources Committee and Finance Committee meetings of May 7; The Facilities Management and Transportation Committee meeting of April 21 and the Community Relations and Student Life (CRSL) Committee meeting of May 12. See enclosures #1, #36, #37, #2 and #38.

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

Financial Reports: Mrs. Moore directed Board members to act on the financial reports on the list for approval. They include the Budget Transfers, the General Fund/Federal Program Bills, the Capital Reserve Fund, the Food Service Bills/Cafeteria Report, the Outstanding Investment Report, the Cash Flow Summary, the Comparison of Taxes Collected, the Real Estate Tax Escrow Report, the Trust Fund Report, the Reconciliation of Cash Accounts, the Budgetary/Deficit Status Report and the Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30. See enclosures #3 through #13.

Mrs. Suchsland moved and Mr. Brady seconded a motion to approve the financial reports. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

Old Business: None.

Correspondence: Mrs. Finegold requested that the Board consider the acceptance of a donation from ASTM International supporting the Conshohocken Elementary School (CE) After School Nature Club and a CE third grade field trip to the Franklin Institute. See enclosure #14. Mrs. Finegold noted that the value of the donation is \$1,800.

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

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Gorodetzer summarized her report which includes the Personnel Report and Substitute List, the Extra Duty/Extra Pay List and a list of proposed compensation rates for substitutes and unaffiliated employees for the 2014-2015 school year. See enclosures #15, #16 and #39. She stated that the Personnel Report and Substitute List includes four retirements, two resignations, five leaves of absence, two replacements, one revised assignment, one position reclassification, a number of substitutes and summer program appointments. She noted that the Extra Duty/Extra Pay list included one appointment and one revised assignment. Dr. Gorodetzer also called Board members' attention to the list of proposed rates for substitutes and unaffiliated personnel.

Mr. Brady moved and Mrs. Frangiosa 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: Mrs. Moore stated that this was the last meeting for Ms. Bhutani and Mr. Paul. She recognized the students' service and presented each with a plaque. Ms. Bhutani stated that she planned to attend the University of South Florida and Mr. Paul said he will attend the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Ms. Bhutani reported on a benefit concert, the Freshman Fling, Cappies voting and the Instrumental Spring Concert. Mr. Paul commented on a courtyard concert sponsored by the ADL Club, AP exams, The Distinguished Graduates Organization induction ceremony and the Senior Class Dinner. Mr. Krone reported on the Triangle Club awards dinner, the Sophomore Sock Hop, the Suburban One League Track Championship, a college counseling program and the Junior Prom.

New Business: Mrs. Moore sought Board action on the 2014-2015 Proposed Final Budget. See enclosure #17. She noted that the Budget totals \$103,844,150 with a real estate tax of 20.2295 mils. Mr. Jackson stated the approval of the Proposed Final Budget was a requirement under Act 1 of 2006. He stressed that this was not the final budget, and he expects there to be further revisions before the Board passes a final budget on June 19.

Mr. Tabachnick moved and Mrs. Oxberry seconded a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Proposed Final Budget. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mrs. Moore asked the Board to act on the appointment of a Board Treasurer per Section 404 of the Public School Code.

Mrs. Suchsland moved and Mrs. Finegold seconded a motion to appoint Trevor Jackson to the position of Board Treasurer. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mrs. Moore asked the Board to consider the appointment of a Board Secretary per Section 404 of the Public School Code.

Mrs. Frangiosa moved and Mrs. Palmer seconded a motion to appoint David M. Sherman to the position of Board Secretary. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mrs. Moore sought Board action on the appointment of an Assistant Board Secretary per Section 404 of the Public School Code.

Mr. Brodsky moved and Mr. Brady seconded a motion to appoint Trevor Jackson to the position of Assistant Board Secretary. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Brady asked the Board to approve the CSD Tax Installment Payment Plan that is an option for all taxpayers to pay their bills in installments. See enclosure #18.

Mr. Tabachnick moved and Mrs. Palmer seconded a motion to approve the CSD Tax Installment Payment Plan. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Brady sought Board action on the request that the Pennsylvania Liquid Asset Fund, in conjunction with PNC Bank serve as the primary depository for school funds. And that the banks and depositories

found on the list in attachment #19 be solicited for interest rates on school investments during the 2013-2014 school year.

Mr. Brady moved and Mrs. Frangiosa seconded a motion to approve the banks and depositories as requested. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Brady asked Board members to consider six real estate assessment appeal settlements. They are for parcel #05-00-11900-00-2 in Conshohocken and parcel #49-00-04508-00-6, parcel #49-00-04509-07-7, parcel #49-00-04509-06-8, parcel #49-00-04509-05-9, and parcel #49-00-04509-01-4 all in Plymouth Township.

Mr. Brady moved and Mrs. Suchsland seconded a motion to approve the real estate assessment appeal settlements. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Brodsky asked the Board to act on a request to approve a placement agreement in lieu of a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) with PAAL. He noted that the agreement was reviewed in executive session.

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

Mrs. Suchsland directed Board members to consider two contract renewals. The first with Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams for legal consultation services in the amount of \$8,000. See enclosure #20. She noted that there has been no fee increase for five years. The second agreement is a three-year contract with the Lincoln Center for services of three community counselors. See enclosure #21. Mrs. Suchsland noted that the District will save \$27,692 over the three-year period.

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

Mrs. Oxberry sought Board action on agreements for general physical and dental examinations, sports physicals and physician services for home football games. See enclosure #22. She noted that there was no rate increase from the previous year.

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

Mrs. Palmer asked the Board to act on a request for the PWHS Colonial Players to attend a Broadway show in New York City. See enclosure #23. Mrs. Palmer noted that the request was reviewed by the CRSL Committee and recommended for approval.

Mrs. Palmer moved and Mrs. Frangiosa seconded a motion to approve the trip request. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Brodsky sought Board action on a request for PWHS Assistant Principal Steve Price, and CMS Assistant Principal Mike Azcona to attend the PowerSchool conference in Baltimore, Md., from July 20-24. See enclosure #24.

Mr. Brodsky moved and Mrs. Palmer seconded a motion to approve the professional conference request. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Brady asked Board members to act on supply bids for the 2014-15 school year, including art supplies (see enclosure #25), general supplies (see enclosure #25), paper and office supplies (see enclosure #25), PWHS athletic and physical education supplies (see enclosure #26) and CMS athletic and physical education supplies (see enclosure #27).

Mr. Brady moved and Mrs. Oxberry seconded a motion to approve the recommended bids. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Brady asked the Board to consider a resolution approving the issuance of individual procurement cards for the Superintendent and Business Administrator. See enclosure #28. He noted that the procurement card program is offered by the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust.

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

Solicitor's Report: None

Committee Reports: MCIU: Mrs. Finegold stated that the IU Board met on April 30. She reported on the nationwide search for a new executive director and the appointment of Dr. Bradley C. Landis as Substitute Executive Director. She also reported on a roundtable discussion on the implementation of the Educator Effectiveness System and the Diversity Recruitment Fair.

CMTHS: Mr. Brodsky stated that the CMTHS Board plans to present its final recommendation for program revisions and additions at its June meeting. He added that he was proud of the PWHS students who have distinguished themselves in CMTHS competitions. He noted that Colonial had more students recognized than any other sending district.

Human Resources: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Curriculum: No Report.

Facilities Management and Transportation: No Report.

Community Relations and Student Life: Mrs. Palmer noted that the spring newsletter would be in the mail before the end of the school year. She also promoted the District's participation in Plymouth Township Day on May 31 and asked community members to save the date of Saturday, September 13 for the first annual Colonial challenge 5K.

Safety and Wellness: No Report.

Legislative: Mrs. Frangiosa stated that the Montgomery County School Boards Legislative Committee will meet on May 21.

Municipal Liaisons: No Report.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman
Board Secretary

Attachment A

PWHS Indoor Drumline

Rebecca Begnaud
Myles Burkett
Samantha Dolin
Kelsey Gallagher
Tori Gissi
Jules Gorman
Rachel Hanna
Benjamin Johnson
Brad Kessler
Evan Klein
Brandon Moore
Jalea McClain
Emma Quinn
Max Robbins
Terence Robinson Jr.
John Runyen
Dom Russo
Kate Sellers
Jesse Shaw
Jay Wainwright
Marie Wall
Diana Westerfer

PWHS Indoor Guard

Lexi Ashton
Lauren Babillis
Amber Baynard
Natalie Becerra
Zyanne Clay-Hubbard
Allyssa Conner
Amelia Ellinger
Jocelyn Gadd
Olivia McMaster
Olivia Nordberg
Mariah Peña
Melissa Platt
Brenna Vestal

CMS Indoor Guard

Frankie Ashton
Abigail Ellinger
Bria Mack
Kaitlyn Mattei
Cassidy Mitchell
Taya Outar
Bria Rivers
Ali Samuels
Rachel Schiel
Angelia Shaw
Diana Suarez
Brenda White
Phylicia White
Alyssa Yiaski

7th Grade Field Hockey

Courtney Busk
Jennifer Byrne
Meghan DiGacomo
Ariana Droz-Santiago
Brooke Felgoise
Lilly Hanlon
Annaliese Horn
Rachel Krizner
Kennedy Reardon
Georgie Savarese
Lily Scharff
Samantha Spera

8th Grade Field Hockey

Carly Barrist
Jessica Bendl
Alena Disanto
Jessica Dixon
Kaitlyn Duff
Julia Fiddler
Sarah Forchielli
Katherine Houghton
Sophie Kolkka
Emily Koval
Michelle McGrath
Gia Schweitzer
Haley Sedgwick
Sabrina Snyder
Phoenix Spencer
Emma Stanley
Emily Trask
Sara Yuter

8th Grade Girls' Basketball

Melissa Barrett
Victoria Betterly
Ali Diamond
Sophie Kolkka
Bridget McTamney
Carolyn Mellon
Taylor O'Brien
Sarah Putch
Maria Robinson
Emily Rosenberger
Gia Schweitzer
Farryl Sopinsky
Meri Zygmunt

Odyssey of the Mind Colonial Elementary

Andrew Craft
Elizabeth Houghton
Aine Malley
Ethan Nam
Emily Rhodes
Conner Ronan
Manny Wang

Dhruv Agarwal
Sean Beausoleil
Libby Boyle
Aniya Murray
Kira Quitel
Katie Smith

Odyssey of the Mind Colonial Middle School

Tara Al-Saleem
Sydney Borislow
Riley Farbstein
LeAnne Khuu
Becca Schindler
Max Wittenberg
Ben Yuter

SkillsUSA

Dashawn Anderson-Mabry
Mark Jones
Jacob Magill

HOSA

Danielle Brown
Nicole Nicholson
Annie Kim
Kayla Walker

Alexander Gavin
Phillip Lorenz