

COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
GENERAL SESSION MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

President Tabachnick convened the general session of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:03 p.m. in the District Office General Meeting Room on September 19, 2013.

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 McKeane, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Terry Yemm, Director of Operations; John Quinn, Director of CITV; David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary; Devica Bhutani and Brett Paul, Board Student Representatives; Nicole Esposito; Lina Shi; Gregory Richards; Scott Horry; Adam Horry; Clint Rickert; Seth Horry; Chris Guarini; Samantha Horry; Chirag Agarwal; James Phair; Chris Johnson; James Kelly; Shre'ya Bhutani; Joanne Walker; Meenu Bhutani; Karen Minecci; Alyssa Johnson; Chris Johnson (father); Bob Slagle; Amy Grossman; Beth Miller; Mary Thiess; Mary Rickert; Jennifer Dow; Helene Klein; Jennifer Smith; Glen Smith and Gary Johnson.

Mr. Tabachnick announced that the Board had met in executive session on September 12 and 19.

Mr. Tabachnick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition/Awards: Mr. Tabachnick spoke of the outstanding achievement of the students in the Technology Student Association (TSA), who won three first place and three third place trophies at the TSA National Conference in Orlando, Fla., during the summer. Mr. Tabachnick invited Colonial Middle School teacher and TSA advisor Clint Rickert to the podium. Shortly after Mr. Rickert began to speak, all Board members and administrators excused themselves at 7:06 p.m. to meet privately.

At 7:11 p.m., Board members and administrators returned to the meeting room. Mr. Rickert presented TSA national award winners to the Board. For a complete list of students recognized, please see Attachment A.

Dr. Gorodetzer explained that the Board members and administrators had just learned of a personal tragedy and that they would curtail the agenda. She stated that there was no concern regarding students or their families.

Mr. Sultanik explained that the Board would act on all agenda items in one motion. He stated that the Board would hear abbreviated student reports, invite public comments on the agenda and then have a motion on the agenda items.

Board Student Representatives Report: Mr. Paul reported on the opening of the fall athletic season. He noted that the boys' soccer team and the field hockey team both snapped long losing streaks to Wissahickon. The girls' soccer team also beat Wissahickon. Ms. Bhutani reported on the successful freshman orientation program and activities fair. She added that the fall production of *12 Angry Jurors* has begun.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

Board Action: Mrs. Moore moved and Mrs. Suchsland seconded a motion to approve all agenda items. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Public Comment: Jennifer and Glenn Smith expressed concern regarding heavy traffic and safety concerns on Barren Hill Road. They noted trash cans and a telephone pole on the sidewalk, no shoulder on the road and no stop sign on Barren Hill Road. The Smith's felt that the situation was hazardous. Mr. Smith noted that he had spoken to someone on the phone regarding this issue. The Smith's left photos with Mr. Jackson.

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Tabachnick adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman
Board Secretary

**2013 Technology Student Association
National Conference Place Winners**

Colonial Middle School

3rd Place - Agriculture and Biotechnology Design

Shre'ya Bhutani, Nicole Esposito, Scott Horry, Chris Johnson, Karen Minecci,
and James Phair

1st Place - Video Game Design

Shre'ya Bhutani, Nicole Esposito, Scott Horry, Karen Minecci, and James Phair

1st Place - Construction Challenge

Shre'ya Bhutani, Nicole Esposito, Scott Horry, Karen Minecci, and James Phair

Plymouth Whitemarsh High

5th Place - Biotechnology Design

Tommy Gerstein, Nathan Hyer, Greg Richards, Anton Smaliak, Dalton Versak,
and Jackson Versak

4th Place - Biotechnology Design

Chirag Agarwal, Chris Guarini, Samantha Horry, Seth Horry, Greg Richards, and
Lina Shi

3rd Place - On Demand Video

Chirag Agarwal, Emily Dinda, Sophia Gross, Stephanie Wisniewski, Nikki
Knudsen, and Seamus Malley.

3rd Place – Sci-Vis

Tommy Gerstein, Samantha Horry, Seth Horry, Greg Richards, Anton Smaliak,
and Dalton Versak

1st Place - Engineering Design

Samantha Horry, Seth Horry, Greg Richards, Dalton Versak, and Jackson Versak