

COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
GENERAL SESSION MINUTES, NOVEMBER 21, 2013

President Tabachnick convened the general session of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:08 p.m. in the District Office General Meeting Room on November 21, 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; Kyle Berman, 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; Terry Yemm, Director of Operations; Leticia Rodriguez, Interim Director of Human Resources; John Quinn, Director of CITV; David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary; Kim Newell; Assistant Public Relations Coordinator; Devica Bhutani and Brett Paul, Board Student Representatives; Charles Forster, Plymouth Whitmarsh High School (PWHS) Activities Coordinator; MaryAnn Christiansen; Joanne Walker; Theresa Westerfer; Dean Begnaud; Joan Hunter; Tracy Quinn; Mary Thiess; Jamina Dingle; Genine Chesky; Dawn McEleney and Gary Johnson.

Mr. Tabachnick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition/Awards: Dr. Gorodetzer stated that the Board would recognize students who enjoyed successful fall seasons in music and athletics at PWHS. She first introduced Band Director Tonia Kaufman, who presented her state champion Marching Colonials. Next, PWHS girls' tennis coach Alfred Collins presented state qualifier Cristina Kaiser. Then, PWHS boys' cross country coach Joan Hunter introduced state qualifier Dan Shalala. PWHS girls' field hockey coach Marianne Paparone presented her Suburban One League American Conference (SOLAC) championship team. Devon Landgraff then presented his SOLAC champion boys' soccer team. Finally, Dan Chang presented his SOLAC champion football team. Please see attachment A for a list of all students honored.

Mr. Tabachnick announced that the Board had met in executive session on October 23 and November 21.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Tabachnick asked the Board to act on the minutes of the General Meeting of October 17; the Facilities Management and Transportation Committee of November 1; the Human Resources Committee and the Finance Committee of November 4 and the Curriculum Committee of November 11. Please see enclosures #1 through #5.

Mr. Tabachnick moved and Mrs. Moore 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: Mr. Tabachnick sought Board action 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 October 31. See enclosures #6 through #16.

Mr. Tabachnick moved and Mrs. Suchsland 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.

Staff Report: PWHS Principal Jason Bacani introduced PWHS Assistant Principal Steve Price who presented a PowerPoint outlining the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative at the high school. Mr. Price stated that the District undertook a comprehensive three-year process to bring the program to fruition. He stated that there are over 300 students participating in the program which was piloted last spring and was fully implemented on November 11. Mr. Price explained that BYOD uses personal devices and digital technology to supplement student learning in the classroom. Dr. Gorodetzer recognized the hard work of the PWHS and technology staff in putting the program into practice. She noted that BYOD helps keep the Colonial School District at the forefront of technology usage.

Old Business: None.

Correspondence: Mr. Tabachnick noted that the District is in receipt of a \$3,300 donation from the Outreachers of Whitemarsh to be used for technology needs to support Civic Literacy at Conshohocken Elementary School. See enclosure #17.

Mr. Tabachnick moved and Mr. Brodsky 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 reviewed her report which includes the Personnel Report and Substitute List and the Extra Duty/Extra Pay List. See enclosures #18 and #19. Dr. Gorodetzer stated that the Personnel Report and Substitute List includes one resignation, 13 leaves of absence, one extension of leave, 11 revised assignments and two appointments. She added that the substitute lists include teachers, instructional aides, cafeteria workers and custodians. Dr. Gorodetzer concluded that the Extra Duty/Extra Pay list included several appointments and changes for winter sports and activities.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mrs. Tabachnick 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: Ms. Bhutani reported on Homecoming Week activities, the Colonial Players' fall production, the open house for non-public students considering PWHS and a coaches meeting. Mr. Paul spoke of the National Honor Society induction ceremony and the beginning of the winter sports season.

New Business: Mrs. Oxberry asked the Board to act on a Section 356 Agreement from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue regarding local Earned Income Tax data. See enclosure #20.

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

Mrs. Oxberry sought Board action on three real estate assessment appeal settlements that were reviewed in executive session. The settlements are for parcel #49-00-12904-00-7 and parcel #49-00-00001-01-3 in Plymouth Township and parcel #65-00-09967-30-9 in Whitemarsh Township. At Mrs. Oxberry's request, Mr. Jackson explained that the first Plymouth property and the Whitemarsh property were reverse appeals initiated by the District last July after the properties were deemed to be under assessed based upon sale prices. He noted that the second Plymouth Township property was a taxpayer appeal that settled at a higher rate than initially established.

Mrs. Oxberry moved and Mrs. Frangiosa 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.

Mrs. Oxberry asked the Board to consider a resolution to appoint Mr. Jackson as the District representative to the Montgomery County Assessment Mediation Program. See enclosure #21. Mr. Jackson explained that this is a pilot program in association with three other school districts to mediate assessment appeals before going to court.

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

Mrs. Suchsland asked the Board to act on two student trip requests. The first is for the PWHS Class of 2015 trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., from April 15-20, 2015. See enclosure #22. The second is for the PWHS Ski and Snowboarding Club to travel to Stratton, Vermont from January 3-5, 2014. See enclosure #23.

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

Mr. Brodsky sought Board action on two professional conference requests. The first is for Dr. McKeaney and Curriculum Supervisors Dr. Katy Giovanisci and Sergio Anaya to attend the Imagine Learning Partnership Forum in Provo, Utah from January 22-24, 2014. See enclosure #24. The second is for PWHS College Counselor Pat Tamborello to attend a conference at the University of Richmond from January 26-28, 2014. See enclosure #25.

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

Mr. Brodsky asked the Board to act on a placement agreement in lieu of a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) with the Crefeld School for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years. He noted that the tuition for 2013-2014 is \$27,860 prorated based on the student's start date. Mr. Brodsky added that the tuition for 2014-2015 is not to exceed three percent more than the current-year rate.

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

Solicitor's Report: None

Committee Reports: MCIU: No Report.

CMTHS: No Report.

Human Resources: No Report.

Finance: Mrs. Oxberry reported on the November 4 committee meeting. She noted that financing options for a potential renovation of PWHS were presented.

Curriculum: Mr. Brodsky noted that the minutes of the November 11 meeting could be found in enclosure #5. He noted that the committee engaged in a major discussion of changes to the classroom schedules at PWHS and Colonial Middle School. He urged community members to attend the next meeting and get involved in the discussions.

Facilities Management and Transportation: Mrs. Frangiosa stated that the committee met on November 1 and referred everyone to the minutes found in enclosure #2. She highlighted discussion with Whitemarsh Township Police regarding access to District security cameras and options for the possible high school renovation.

Community Relations and Student Life: Mrs. Suchsland noted that the Annual Report will be mailed in the next few weeks, and that the District will host senior citizens for the Annual Senior Citizen Winter Concert and Luncheon on December 16. She also commented on a broadcast message to parents from the Food Services Department regarding the availability and importance of school breakfast.

Legislative: Mrs. Frangiosa reported on the November 13 Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee meeting. She highlighted a report from Donna Cooper, the Executive Director for Public Citizens for Children and Youth, an organization that advocates for improvements in the lives and life chances of students in the Delaware Valley. The organization is pushing for more public education funding. Mrs. Frangiosa also commented on the upcoming spring gubernatorial elections and stated that taxes and education funding are key issues.

Municipal Liaisons: No Report.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Tabachnick adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David M. Sherman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

David M. Sherman
Board Secretary

Attachment A

Marching Colonials

Lexi Ashton
Lauren Babillis
Rebecca Begnaud
Seth Berger
Myles Burkett
Justin Burkett
Casey Cassel
Shannon Christiansen
Zyanne Clay-Hubbard
Allyssa Conner
Fred DiGiovanni
Anna DiGiovine
Samantha Dolin
Maxie Ehrlich
Amelia Ellinger

Jocelyn Gadd
Kelsey Gallagher
Tori Gissi
Rachael Hanna
Ben Johnson
Hayley Kagan
Brad Kessler
Evan Klein
Michael Krone
Sam Levine
Jalea McClain
Olivia McMaster
Josh McMaster
Brandon Moore
Olivia Nordberg

Mariah Peña
Melissa Platt
Emma Quinn
Max Robbins
Terence Robinson
John Runyen
Kate Sellers
Matthew Sendeki
Jesse Shaw
Ethan Trucker
Brenna Vestal
Jay Wainwright
Marie Wall
Diana Westerfer

Girls' Tennis

Christina Kaiser

Boys' Cross Country

Dan Shalala

Field Hockey

Victoria Byrne
Gabby Combs
Carli Klingerman
Courtney Konowal
Rachel Konowal
Rita Lynn Trainer
Claire McAllister

Grace McGuire
Shannon McKee
Monica Mellon
Aurora Mills
Morgan Nagy
Frankie O'Brien
Casey Roscioli

Sierra Spencer
Alison Spinelli
Sydney Stern
Paige Totten
Andrew Vo

Boys' Soccer

Agou, Chris
Almack, Kenny
Betterly, Austin
Bilodeau, Alex
Deeves, Adam
Dender, Brad
Ensslin, Dylan

Johnson, Cameron
Lockard, Nick
Miller, Ethan
Moore, Conor
Mushtaq, Ghanim
Myers, Luke
O'Brien, Sean

Palamides, Oliver
Paul, Brett
Raeder, Jake
Reina, David
Rosen, Taij
Smith, Shane
Wlodraczyk, Dominic

Football

Brian Afflick
Noah Allanoff
Ryan Bischoff
Xavier Bowers
Jake Boyer
Anthony Casselli
River Chesky
Ray Clarkson
Ricky Connelly
Alex DeCarlo
Marquis Dodd
Kenny East
Anthony Fondots
Ronnie Fry
Blaise Gravinese
Connor Hanlon

Brett Highland
Ray Hoy
Jarid Hutchins
Emmanuel Jones
Christian Jones
Steve Kovacic
Adam Krizner
Durrand Lewis
Jack Mailey
Luke Mascio
Colin McEleney
Matt Melusky
Zach Metz
Anthony Mirable
Jose Mora-Vega
Nafeese Nasir

Mike Negley
Deqwan Phillips
Jake Panah
Anthony Picard
Hank Pratt
Domenic Procaccino
Jeremy Reiff
Mikeem Robinson
James Rodgers
Jake Schiel
Michael Swider
Billy Trice
Quincy Williams
Jake Winterbottom
Zach Zygmunt