

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462  
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 3, 2013**

Board Secretary David M. Sherman convened the reorganization meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:01 p.m. in the District Office General Meeting Room on December 3, 2013.

**Holdover Board Members Present:** Mel Brodsky, Leslie Finegold, Christina Frangiosa and Susan Moore.

**Holdover Board Members Absent:** None.

**Incoming Board Members Present:** Bernie Brady, Kathleen Oxberry, Heather Palmer, Beth Suchsland and Alan Tabachnick.

**Incoming Board Members Absent:** None.

**Also Attending:** Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Superintendent; Timothy Gilsbach, Solicitor; Karen Berk, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education; Andrew Boegly, Director of Technology; Trevor Jackson, Business Administrator; Dr. Elizabeth McKeaney, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Terry Yemm, Director of Operations; Dr. Leticia Rodríguez, Acting Director of Human Resources; John Quinn, Director of CITV; David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary; the Honorable Bernard Moore; County Commissioner Leslie Richards; Sue Castle, Colonial School District Education Foundation Chairperson; Brett Oxberry; Gary Johnson; David Suchsland; Dean Suchsland; Laurel Suchsland; Samantha Suchsland and Joan Gray.

Mr. Sherman led the Pledge of Allegiance, read the roll, and announced that the purpose of the meeting was to elect School Board officers for the coming year and to authorize continuation of existing signature plates.

**Public Comments on the Agenda:** None.

**Election of Temporary Chairperson:** Mr. Sherman sought nominations from holdover Board members for the position of Temporary President. Mr. Brodsky moved to nominate Mrs. Finegold as Temporary President of the Reorganization Meeting. Mrs. Moore moved to closed the nominations. Mrs. Finegold was appointed as Temporary President.

**Swearing in of New Members:** Mr. Sherman confirmed for Mrs. Finegold that the Montgomery County Board of Elections had certified the election results and the correct people were present to be sworn in. At Mrs. Finegold's invitation, Judge Bernard Moore administered the oath of office to Mr. Brady, Mrs. Oxberry, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Suchsland and Mr. Tabachnick.

**Election of Officers:** Mrs. Finegold sought nominations for the position of Board President. Mrs. Suchsland first thanked Mr. Tabachnick for his service as Board President over the previous two years. She stated that his leadership had moved the Board and the District in the right direction. She noted that professional and personal commitments would keep Mr. Tabachnick from seeking a third term as President. Mr. Tabachnick stated that it was his privilege to serve as President and he looks forward to remaining active on the Board for the next four years. Mrs.

Suchsland moved to nominate Mrs. Moore as President. She commented that Mrs. Moore has served 12 years on the Board, including several years as Vice President, and that her experience and leadership were unmatched. Mrs. Suchsland stated that she was pleased to nominate the first woman President of the Colonial Board of School Directors. Mr. Brodsky moved to close the nominations. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0. Mrs. Moore thanked the Board for the honor. She also thanked Mr. Tabachnick for his service and stated that she hoped to follow in his footsteps in moving the District forward for the betterment of the students, staff and community.

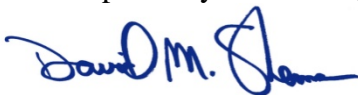
Mrs. Moore called for nominations for Vice President. Mrs. Frangiosa moved to nominate Mrs. Suchsland for Vice President. She stated that Mrs. Suchsland's leadership with the Community Relations and Student Life and Advocacy Committees, as well as her community connections forged from her involvement as an active District parent qualified her for the position. Mr. Tabachnick moved to close the nominations. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mrs. Moore asked the Board to act on a resolution to authorize continuation of existing signature plates until new plates can be prepared to reflect that change in Board officers. Mrs. Moore moved and Mr. Brady seconded a motion to approve the resolution. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

**Public Comments on the Agenda:** Mrs. Richards stated that it was her pleasure to chair the county election board. She thanked the Board members for their hard work and thanked Mr. Tabachnick for his service as President. She also congratulated Mrs. Moore on being elected the first female President of the Board and congratulated Mrs. Suchsland on her appointment.

There being no other business before the Board, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman  
Board Secretary