

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

President Moore convened the special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 6:21 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room on February 10, 2014.

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

Board Members Absent: Bernie Brady.

Also Attending: Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Superintendent; Trevor Jackson, Business Administrator and David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary.

Mrs. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

New Business: Mrs. Moore asked the Board to consider the 2014-2015 Preliminary Budget along with authorization to file for referendum exceptions. See enclosure #1. She stated that the budget totals \$104,804,730, which equates to a 5.41 percent increase over the previous year's spending plan. Mrs. Moore noted that the real estate tax rate is 20.2295 mils. She also reported that the application to Pennsylvania Department of Education to exceed the state imposed Act 1 Index of 2.1 percent must be filed by March 6, 2014 and advertised with intent to file no later than February 27, 2014.

Responding to a question from Mrs. Suchsland, Mr. Jackson stated that the increased contributions to the Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement System account for a net increase of approximately 1.25 percent of the budget.

Mrs. Oxberry moved and Mr. Brodsky seconded a motion to adopt the Preliminary Budget and authorize the filing of referendum exceptions. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Mrs. Moore stated that the Preliminary Budget is merely a starting point. She noted that the Board and administration will work diligently over the next several months to craft a responsible budget that maintains the academic integrity of the District.

Mrs. Moore sought Board action on proposed calendar changes. She noted that the changes include making Friday, February 14 at half-day for students and Monday, February 17 a full day for students.

Mr. Tabachnick moved and Mrs. Finegold seconded a motion to approve the calendar changes. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Questions/ Comments From The Floor: None.

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman
Board Secretary