

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 16, 2013**

President Moore convened the special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 6:17 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room on December 16, 2013.

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

Board Members Absent: Alan Tabachnick.

Also Attending: Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Superintendent; Trevor Jackson, Business Administrator; Terry Yemm, Director of Operations; Dr. Leticia Rodríguez, Acting Director of Human Resources and David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary.

Mrs. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

New Business: Mr. Jackson requested that the Board accept the June 30, 2013 independent audit report from Barbacane, Thornton & Company. See enclosure #1. Mr. Jackson stated the audit was clean a clean opinion. He highlighted an increase in the District's fund balance as a result of higher than expected Earned Income Taxes, energy savings resulting from a strategic approach to building renovations, retroactive payments from Independence Blue Cross and an overall astute financial management plan.

Mr. Brady moved and Mrs. Frangiosa seconded a motion to accept the report. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Dr. Gorodetzer shared a number of draft versions of the 2014-2015 school calendar for Board consideration. See enclosure #2. Responding to a question from Mrs. Moore, Dr. Gorodetzer stated that she planned to share the calendars with the Colonial Education Association leadership later in the week. Considerable discussion ensued regarding preferences of a 183 or 184 student-day calendar and various holidays. Consensus was reached on the second version of the calendar with the understanding that Friday, February 13 would be designated as the first snow make-up day if needed. Dr. Gorodetzer stated that the calendar may be an action item at the January business meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Gorodetzer summarized her report that included two Personnel actions. See enclosure #3.

Note: Mrs. Frangiosa had to leave the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Mrs. Suchsland moved and Mr. Brady seconded a motion to approve the Superintendent's Report. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 7-0.

Dr. Rodríguez sought Board action on an employment contract between the school district and Mr. Michael Graff effective January 16, 2014 to provide direction and support to Colonial Elementary School. She stated that contract was reviewed by the solicitor.

Mrs. Suchsland moved and Mr. Brady seconded a motion to approve the employment contract. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 7-0.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David M. Sherman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

David M. Sherman
Board Secretary