

COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
GENERAL SESSION MINUTES, March 19, 2015

President Moore convened the general session of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:03 p.m. in the District Office General Meeting Room on March 19, 2015.

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. Leticia Rodríguez, Director of Human Resources; Terry Yemm, Director of Operations; David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary; Alexa Augustine, Board Student Representative; Charles Forster, Plymouth Whitmarsh High School (PWHS) Activities Director; Mike Morse; Glenn Quinn; Robert Slagle and Gary Johnson.

Mrs. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that the Board had met in executive session on March 12 and 19.

Recognition/Awards: Dr. Gorodetzer introduced PWHS Band Director Tonia Kaufman who noted that the Colonial School District had again been named a Best Community for Music by the National Association of Music Merchants. Mrs. Kaufman then introduced juniors Eunice Nam and Adam Brock who were named to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All-State Orchestra and Band Festivals, respectively. In honor of Music in Our Schools Month, Ms. Nam, a flutist, and Mr. Brock, a clarinetist, played a classical duet for Board members.

Dr. Gorodetzer introduced Colonial Middle School teacher and coach Bill Price who presented his undefeated seventh grade boys' basketball team.

Dr. Gorodetzer introduced PWHS teacher and coach Jim Donofrio who presented his varsity boys' basketball team that won the Suburban One League American Conference Championship and advanced to the District I finals and elite eight of the PIAA AAAA Championship.

For a complete list of all students recognized, please see Attachment A.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Moore asked the Board to act on the minutes of the general meeting of February 26; the Facilities Management and Transportation Committee and Safety and Wellness Committee meetings of March 12 and the Curriculum Committee and Community Relations and Student Life Committee meetings of March 17. See enclosures #1 and #26 through #29.

Mrs. Palmer moved and Mr. Brady 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: Mrs. Moore asked Board members to consider the financial reports on the list for approval. They include the Budget Transfers, 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, the Bond Fund Report and the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28. See enclosures #2 through #13.

Mr. Brady moved and Mrs. Finegold 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: Dr. Gorodetzer noted that the musical performance constituted the staff report. She noted that the students needed to perform first because Mr. Brock was playing in the orchestra pit for the high school musical which was opening this evening.

Old Business: None

Correspondence: None.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Gorodetzer summarized her report which included the Personnel Report and Substitute List and the Extra Duty/Extra Pay List. See enclosures #14 and #15. She stated that the Personnel Report and Substitute List includes two retirements, one resignation, six leaves of absence, one appointment and three changes of assignment. She noted that the Extra Duty/Extra Pay List includes appointments and changes for spring sports and activities. Dr. Gorodetzer stated that all actions were reviewed in executive session.

Mrs. Suchsland moved and Mrs. Frangiosa 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. Augustine noted that senior Andre Mitchell scored his 1,000th career point in the boys' basketball team's final game. She reported on the opening of spring sports, a PWHS baseball camp, SAT exams, a preview of the musical Tarzan, a college admissions presentation, spring break, the jazz festival and the Mr. and Miss PW pageants.

New Business: Mr. Brodsky asked Board members to consider approval of a proposal to hold an Extended School Year (ESY) Program for 2015. See enclosure #16.

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

Mrs. Palmer sought Board action on two student trip requests, including Colonial Middle School Art Club students traveling to the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, N.J. on May 21 (see enclosure #17) and Ms. Nam's participation in the PMEA All-State Orchestra Festival in Hershey from March 25-28 (see enclosure #30).

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

Mr. Brodsky asked Board members to act on a professional conference request for five math teachers to attend the NCSM/NCTM conference in Boston, Mass., from April 13-18. See enclosure #18.

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

Mrs. Moore noted that a nomination is needed for a Board member serve a three-year term on the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit (MCIU) Board. She noted that Mrs. Finegold has served in that capacity during the past year.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mrs. Suchsland seconded a motion to nominate Mrs. Finegold to a three-year term on the MCIU Board. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Solicitor's Report: None

Committee Reports: MCIU: Mrs. Finegold reported that the IU has received a Head Start Grant in the amount of \$4.5 million.

CMTHS: Mr. Brodsky noted that PWHS students won 14 medals at the SkillsUSA regional competition. He added that seven students won gold medals and qualified for the state competition. Mr. Brodsky requested that the students' names be included in the minutes. Please see Attachment B.

Human Resources: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Curriculum: Mr. Brodsky stated that the committee heard presentations by PWHs College Counselor Pat Tamborello on the school's counseling program and District Math Coordinator Gina Nelson on district-wide math practices.

Facilities Management and Transportation: No Report.

Community Relations and Student Life: No Report

Safety and Wellness: Mrs. Oxberry noted that the committee was informed of an update to the District's Emergency Management Plan and steps being taken to ensure the safety of students during the PWHs renovations. She also reported on an update to the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act regarding school nutrition.

Legislative: Mrs. Frangiosa commented on the Montgomery County School Boards Legislative Committee breakfast with area legislators.

Municipal Liaisons: No Report.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman
Board Secretary

Student Recognition, 3/19/2015

PMEA All-State Band

Adam Brock

PMEA All-State Orchestra

Eunice Nam

CMS 7th Grade Boys' Basketball

Emerson Abromavage

Lenny Brenner

Elija Collazo

Richard Custer

Tom Downey

Justin Labrusciano

Cory Luber

Ben Mascio

Trevor McGee

Brian McIntire

Carter Mednick

Michael Paciello

Will Pludo

Zach Redican

Scott Segal

Dylan Strunk

Coach Bill Price

PWHS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Kevin Ashenfelter

Davon Burrell

Matt Cooper, Manager

Justin Donofrio, Video Production

Jesse Hoffman

Cameron Johnson

Mike Lotito

Xzavier Malone

Max Milkman, Manager

Ethan Miller, Manager

Grady Minnick

Andre Mitchell

Devon Monteiro-Gray

Jimmy Murray

Ben Raeder, Manager

Nick Satterhwaite

Oakley Spencer

Terrell Tuggle, Manager

Marc Berman, Assistant Coach

C.J. Honigman, Assistant Coach

Matt Labick, Assistant Coach

Mike McClure, Assistant Coach

Matt Miller, Assistant Coach

Robin Mitchell, Assistant Coach

James Shinn, Assistant Coach

Jim Donofrio, Head Coach

Students advance in SkillsUSA competition

Several Plymouth Whitemarsh High School students represented the Montco Technical High School at the recent District II SkillsUSA competition. Seven students won gold medals and will participate in the state competition in Hershey in April.

Jordan Rose and **Domenic Procaccino** placed first in the Construction category Team Works. Also in Construction, **Andrew Fisher** placed first in Plumbing and **Gino DePaul** was first in Masonry.

In Culinary Arts, **Jesus Torres** was first in Extemporaneous Speaking, while in Automotive Technology, **Jacob Walter** won the gold medal in Automotive Service Technology. **Gustavo Reyes-Altamirano** was first in Collision Repair.

Victoria Johnson earned a silver medal in the Pre-Nursing category Prepared Speech. Also in Pre-Nursing, **Joshua Pierce**, **Nashay Solomon** and **Erika Perry** won the bronze medal for Health Knowledge Bowl.

Patriot Fazilu was the bronze medalist in the Networking category Information Technology Service. In Visual Communication, **Zach Miscavage** was third in Advertising Design, while **William Pratt** earned the bronze medal for Crime Scene Investigation in the Public Safety category.