

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462**  
**GENERAL SESSION MINUTES, JULY 17, 2014**

President Moore convened the general session of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:02 p.m. in the District Office General Meeting Room on July 17, 2014.

**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; John Quinn, Director of CITV; David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary; Mike Morse and Gary Johnson.

Mrs. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting.

**Recognition/Awards:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mrs. Moore asked Board members to act on the minutes of the general meeting of June 19 and the Facilities Management and Transportation Committee meeting of June 26. See enclosures #1 and #2.

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

**Financial Reports:** Mrs. Moore 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 and the Budgetary/Deficit Status Report. See enclosures #3 through #12.

Mrs. Moore 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.

Mrs. Moore asked the Board to consider the Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30. See enclosure #13.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mrs. Frangiosa seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

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

**Old Business:** None.

**Correspondence:** Mrs. Moore noted that Dr. Hallee Adelman has made a donation of \$1,000 to Conshohocken Elementary School. The funds are to be used to support literacy initiatives at the school.

Mrs. Moore moved and Mrs. Suchsland 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 summarized her report, which included the Personnel Report and Substitute List. See enclosure #15. She stated that the list includes one retirement, six resignations, five leaves of absence, six changes and several summer program appointments.

Mrs. Frangiosa moved and Mrs. Oxberry seconded a motion to approve the Superintendent's Report. On a roll call vote, all but Mr. Brodsky voted in favor. Mr. Brodsky abstained. The motion was carried, 9-0. Mr. Brodsky noted that his abstention was due to the fact that his daughter was included in the Personnel Report.

**Board Student Representatives Report:** None.

**New Business:** Mrs. Finegold asked the Board to consider a consortium fuel bid coordinated by the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. See enclosure #16.

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

Mr. Brodsky sought Board action on four special education contact agreements. The first is with Lakeside Educational Network for 22.5 slots with 13 of the slots costing \$25,613 each and nine slots at no cost. Also included are counseling services at a cost of \$78,348.50. See enclosure #17. The second agreement is with The Vanguard School for annual tuition of \$49,115.00. See enclosure #18. The third agreement is with Austill's Rehabilitation Services, Inc. for services for students attending Timothy School who require physical/occupational therapy at a rate of \$59.50 per hour. Also included are services that may be rendered by a PT or OT assistant at a rate of \$48.00 per hour. See enclosure #27. The final agreement is with The Comprehensive Learning Center for annual tuition of \$89,000.00. Mr. Brodsky noted the significant cost per year for special education services. Mr. Jackson confirmed that the costs account for a significant part of the budget.

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

Mr. Brady asked Board members to consider an agreement with Barbacane, Thornton & Company for required auditing services. See enclosure #19.

Mr. Brady moved and Mrs. Suchsland 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 a bid for student accident insurance. The recommended vendor is ACE American Insurance Company. See enclosure #20.

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

Mrs. Palmer asked the Board to act on a student trip request for the Plymouth Whitmarsh High School cheerleaders to attend the UCA Cheerleading Camp in Honesdale, PA from August 15-18. See enclosure #21.

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

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Committee Reports:** MCIU: Mrs. Finegold stated that the IU Board met on June 25. She highlighted the nomination of new officers, a PATTAN presentation, and a presentation on the performance of special education students on the PSSA exam.

CMTS: No Report.

Human Resources: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Curriculum: No Report.

Facilities Management and Transportation: No Report.

Community Relations and Student Life: Mrs. Palmer noted that the District Activities Calendar will be mailed the first week in August. She also promoted the Colonial Challenge 5K and Colonial Community Day on September 13. She reported that summer mailings from schools will go out on August 22.

Safety and Wellness: No Report.

Legislative: No Report.

Municipal Liaisons: No Report.

**Public Comment:** None.

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David M. Sherman". The signature is stylized and cursive.

David M. Sherman  
Board Secretary