

COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
GENERAL SESSION MINUTES, NOVEMBER 20, 2014

President Moore convened the general session of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:04 p.m. in the District Office General Meeting Room on November 20, 2014.

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; 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; John Quinn, Director of CITV; David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary; Michael Krone, Board Student Representative; Charles Forster, Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PWHS) Activities Director; Mike Morse; Gary Johnson, Mary Thiess and students receiving awards and their families.

Mrs. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that the Board met in executive session on October 22, November 3, November 13 and prior to the meeting.

Recognition/Awards: Dr. Gorodetzer first introduced Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PWHS) Field Hockey Coach Marianne Paparone who presented her Suburban One League American Conference (SOLAC) Championship team. Dr. Gorodetzer then welcomed Colonial Middle School Eighth Grade Field Hockey Coach Kim Hummel to the podium to present her undefeated team. Next, Dr. Gorodetzer invited PWHS Boys' Soccer Coach Devon Landgraff to present his SOLAC Championship team to the Board. Dr. Gorodetzer then asked PWHS Girls' Soccer Coach Steve Slack to introduce his SOLAC Championship team. Finally, Dr. Gorodetzer asked PWHS Girls' Tennis Coach Al Collins to present Jordin Swanson and Ali Diamond, the SOLAC Doubles Champions. Please see Attachment A for a complete list of students honored.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Moore asked Board members to act on the minutes of the general meeting of October 16; The Finance Committee Meeting of November 3; and The Curriculum Committee and the Community Relations and Student Life Committee meetings of November 17. See enclosures #1 and #2 and #28 and #29.

Mrs. Suchsland moved and Mrs. Finegold seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Financial Reports: Mrs. Moore asked Board members to consider 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.

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, 8-0.

Mrs. Moore sought Board action on the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2014. See enclosure #13.

Mr. Brady moved and Mrs. Palmer seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

Staff report: Dr. McKeaney discussed the Best Practices Fair for District teachers held on November 4 at Plymouth Whitmarsh High School. She then showed a video highlighting the event.

Old Business: None.

Correspondence: None.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Gorodetzer reviewed 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 three resignations, one retirement, 14 leaves of absence, four appointments, nine changes of assignment and a list of substitute cafeteria aides, custodial and support staff. She noted that the Extra Duty/Extra Pay List includes appointments and changes. 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, 8-0.

Board Student Representatives Report: Mr. Krone reported on Homecoming Week activities, the hosting of the DECA regional competition, A Midnight madness event, the Cavalcade of Bands, the fall play and auditions for the spring musical Tarzan.

New Business: Mrs. Palmer asked Board members to consider five student trip requests in one motion. The first two are for the PWSH Ski Club to travel to Stratton, Vt., from January 9-11, 2015 and to Lake Placid, N.Y., from February 27 through March 1, 2015. See enclosure #16. The next is for the for the PWSH Baseball team to travel to Vero Beach, Fla., over spring break. See enclosure #17. The fourth request is for the Colonial Elementary School fourth grade to visit the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, N.J., on December 10 and 11. See enclosure #18. The final request is for the PWSH Boys' Basketball Team to travel to Concord, Del., for a regular-season, non-league game on January 19, 2015. See enclosure #30.

Mrs. Palmer moved Mrs. Suchsland seconded a motion to approve the trip requests. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Mr. Brady sought Board action on a five-year lease agreement with Oak Systems for a mailer unit at the District Office. See enclosure #19. Responding to a question from Mrs. Moore, Mr. Boegly stated that the lease is expected to save the District 50 percent on the annual cost of mail machines.

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

Mrs. Suchsland asked Board members to act on an agreement between the Colonial Board of School Directors and the Colonial Food Service Personnel Association ESPA/PSEA/NEA regarding a Final Net Share Addendum. See enclosure #20. She noted that the agreement provides additional clarification regarding profit sharing among the Food Service personnel. Mrs. Moore added that the Board had hoped the association would show a profit by year three of the agreement and were pleasantly surprised that a profit was realized the first year. She noted that it was a huge accomplishment.

Mrs. Suchsland moved and Mrs. Oxberry seconded a motion to approve the Final Net Share Addendum. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Mr. Brodsky sought Board action on a student placement agreement. He noted that the agreement was reviewed in executive session due to student confidentiality and privacy.

Mr. Brodsky moved and Mrs. Frangiosa seconded a motion to approve the placement agreement. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Solicitor's Report: None

Committee Reports: MCIU: Mrs. Finegold reported that the IU Board met on November 19. She noted that the IU received a clean audit on its 2013-2014 financial statement, and new Executive Director Dr. John George has begun meeting with all supervisors.

CMTHS: Mr. Brodsky noted that Dr. Gorodetzer's term as CMTHS Superintendent of Record has been extended by one year. He added that the school has purchased equipment for the new Landscape Design and Construction program which will begin in the 2015-2016 school year.

Human Resources: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Curriculum: Mr. Brodsky stated that the committee heard a review of the District's student achievement results. He added that he personally thinks there are too many standardized assessments over which the District has no control.

Facilities Management and Transportation: No Report.

Community Relations and Student Life: Mrs. Palmer stated that the District will host senior citizens for the annual winter concert and Luncheon on December 16. She added that the Annual Report will be in the mail next month.

Legislative: Mrs. Frangiosa stated that the Montgomery County School Boards Legislative Committee meeting on October 29 involved students. She noted that PWSHS seniors Bridget Fleming and Sarah Gorman took part.

Safety and Wellness: No Report.

Municipal Liaisons: No Report.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman
Board Secretary

PWHS Field Hockey

Kerin Bechtel
Kolby Bechtel
Jessica Bendl
Victoria Byrne
Jess Dixon
Carli Klingerman
Sophie Kolkka
Sami Mangine
Claire McAllister
Michelle McGrath
Grace McGuire
Shannon McKee
Aurora Mills
Frankie O'Brien
Casey Roscioli
Ashley Sergio
Alison Spinelli
Emma Stanley
Sydney Stern
Paige Totten
Rita Lynn Trainer
Samantha Wert

CMS 8th Grade Field Hockey

Ash, Jamie
Byrne, Jennifer
DiGacomo, Meghan
Felgoise, Brooke
Hanlon, Lilly
Horn, Annaliese
Krizner, Rachel
Reardon, Kennedy
Savarese, Georgie
Scharff, Lily
Spera, Samantha

PWHS Boys' Soccer

Agou, Chris
Betterly, Austin
Bilodeau, Alex
Dante, Pramsati
Deeves, Adam
Dender, Brad
Ensslin, Dylan
Gatta, Matt
Goldman, Tyler
Goldstein, Skyler
Goldstein, Noah
Hendrick, Gavin

Jackson, Versak
Johnson, Cam
Johnson, Dillon
Jones, Christian
Klemper, Jake
Lefkowitz, Alex
Lockhard, Nick
Melvin, Mark
Miller, Ethan
Myers, Luke
O'Brien, Sean
Palmides, Oliver
Paul, Jason
Raeder, Jake
Reina, David
Smith, Shane
Taunton, Michael
Wlodarczyk, Dominic

PWHS Girls' Soccer

Abbott, Carly
Abbott, Nicole
Barcenilla, Cova
Berman, Madeline
Betterly, Victoria
Ebersole, Ragan
Fazio, Stephanie
Greenspan, Ani
Hufnagel, Colleen
Jerin, Morgan
Jones, Ally
Monte, Kirsten
Putsch, Sarah
Reina, Lindsey
Robinson, Maria
Rsenberger, Emily
Terraces, Jewel

PWHS Girls' Tennis

Diamond, Ali
Swanson, Jordin