

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Administrative Center
230 Flourtown Road
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462**

**January 21, 2016
DO General Meeting Room
7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

II. GIFT PRESENTATION

- A. Colonial School District Education Foundation Co-Chairperson, Mark Bill, presents a check for the Annual Fund.

III. RECOGNITION

January is School Director Recognition Month, a recognition that honors school board members for their commitment to provide quality public education for Pennsylvania's school children. The Colonial School District community would like to recognize and thank our school board members for their generous service to our students, our school district, and our community.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. December 1, 2015
- B. January 21, 2016

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Reorganization Meeting (12.1.15) **Enclosure #1**
- B. Special Meeting of the Board (12.1.15) **Enclosure #2**
- C. FMT Committee Meetings (12.11.15) **Enclosure #3**
- D. Human Resources Committee Meeting (1.4.16) **Enclosure #4**
- E. Curriculum Committee Meeting (12.14.15) **Enclosure #5**
- F. CRSL & Safety and Wellness Comm. Mtg. (1.11.16) **Enclosure #6**

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Budget Transfers (December) **Enclosure #7**

- B. General Fund/Federal Program Bills
(November/December)

- C. Capital Reserve Fund (November/December) **Enclosure #8**

- D. Food Service Bills/Cafeteria Report
(November/December) **Enclosure #9**

- E. Outstanding Investment Report
(November/December) **Enclosure #10**

- F. Cash Flow Summary (November/December) **Enclosure #11**

- G. Comparison of Taxes Collected
(November/December) **Enclosure #12**

- H. Real Estate Tax Escrow Report
(November/December) **Enclosure #13**

- I. Trust Fund (November/December) **Enclosure #14**

- J. Reconciliation of Cash Accounts
(November/December) **Enclosure #15**

- K. Budgetary/Deficit Status Report
(November/December) **Enclosure #16**

- L. Bond Fund
(November/December) **Enclosure #17**

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. November/December 2015 **Enclosure #18**

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Dr. Jason Bacani, PWHS Principal, seeks board acceptance of a grant from the Financial Literacy Fund of TruMark Financial of the Philadelphia Foundation in the amount of \$5,900.00. The funds will be used to purchase resources (computer software, textbooks, etc.) related to teaching money management and personal finance. **Enclosure #19**
- B. Denise Marks, CE Principal, seeks board acceptance of two generous grants from the following organizations:
1. Morgan Stanley Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to support the continuation of the before school Chess Club in 2016 and to purchase Imagination Playground equipment to support STEAM activities. **Enclosure #20**
 2. The Outreachers of Whitemarsh in the amount of \$2,700.00 to support an all school field trip this Spring that will be connected to STEAM initiatives. **Enclosure#21**

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- * A. Personnel Report and Substitute List

Board action is requested regarding the enclosed personnel changes. Appointments for promotion, employment or transfer are subject to the presentation of valid credentials, employment verification documentation and state mandated requirements. Letters of resignation have been received where appropriate unless otherwise noted.

The individuals shown on the enclosed list are recommended for addition or deletion to the substitute list as noted. **Enclosure #22**

- * B. Extra Duty/Extra Pay **Enclosure #23**

XI. BOARD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

- A. Student Representatives Report

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Representatives

1. Pennsylvania School Board Association (Legislative Chairperson and Representative)

a) Legislative Chairperson

The legislative chairperson is involved in the Pennsylvania School Board Association's legislative action program, which is a statewide program to increase school directors' participation in the legislative process. Each district's designee represents his/her respective school board at county level meetings and receives special legislative publications from PSBA. Christina Frangiosa served as the Board's Legislative Chairperson during 2015. A nomination for a Board representative to serve as Legislative Chairperson for 2016 is requested.

b) PSBA Representative

The PSBA Representative is responsible to attend a minimum of two regional cabinet meetings a year (held in our region), develop and maintain two-way communication between the School Board and PSBA's regional structure, share PSBA and regional reports at regular meetings of the Board, assist in planning future regional meetings and provide general input and guidance to the various regional members serving on PSBA committees. Christina Frangiosa served as the Board's PSBA Representative during 2015. Additionally, this position also acts as the Employee Relations contact. A nomination for a Board representative to serve as the PSBA Representative for 2016 is requested.

2. Colonial School District Education Foundation (CSDEF)

The CSDEF is an organization that supports the educational mission of the Colonial School District by providing financial assistance in the form of general support and grants for educational activities, programs and initiatives. A Colonial School Board member represents the District on the Foundation's Board. Alan Tabachnick held this seat during 2015. A nomination for a Board representative to serve as CSDEF District Representative for 2016 is requested.

B. K-12 Calendar Approval

The Colonial School District Board of Directors determined the start date for the 2016-2017 school year at the October 2015 Board meeting. A draft of the K-12 calendar is provided for consideration.

Board direction and/or action is requested regarding the K-12 calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. **Enclosure #24**

C. Overnight/Out of State Student Trips

1) Robert Fahler-CMS Principal, seeks board approval for 8th Grade Science Teacher Kelly Wistreich to take CMS students to Chincoteague Bay Field Station at Wallops Island, VA from May 4-7, 2016. **Enclosure #25**

2) Dr. Jason Bacani, PWHS Principal, seeks board approval for the following trips:

a. Indoor Track and Field team to compete in The Hispanic Games in New York City on 1/9/16. **Enclosure #26**

b. Four PWHS orchestra members to attend the PMEA District 11 Orchestra from January 13-15, 2016. Attendance at Regional Orchestra from February 25-27, 2016 and State Orchestra from March 30-April 2, 2016 should students qualify for these events. **Enclosure #27**

c. Four PWHS band members to attend the PMEA District 11 Band from January 27-29, 2016. Attendance at Regional Band from March 10-12, 2016 and All-State Band from March 30-April 1, 2016 should students qualify for these events. **Enclosure #28**

D. Conference Requests

Dr. Gorodetzer requests board approval for Andrew Boegly and Craig Leanness to attend the 2016 CoSN Conference in Washington, DC from April 3-7, 2016. **Enclosure #29**

E. Settlement Agreement

Karen Berk, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education, seeks Board authorization for a Settlement Agreement. Due to restrictions regarding student confidentiality and privacy, this agreement was reviewed in Executive Session.

F. Board Policy Changes

Board approval is sought for the following board policy changes:

- a) Board Policy #807 – Opening Exercises. The language of this policy has been revised to reflect current practices. The changes were reviewed at the December Curriculum Committee of the Board Meeting.

Enclosure #30

- b) Board Policy #404 Employment of Professional Employees. Board Policy #404.1 Recruitment and Selection and Board Policy #404.2 Appointment will be merged to create this policy. Board policies #404.1 and #404.2 will be deleted. The changes were reviewed at the January Human Resources Committee Meeting.

Enclosure #31

- c) Board Policy #819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Awareness is presented for board approval. This policy was reviewed at the November Safety and Wellness Committee.

Enclosure #32

- G. Dr. Gorodetzer requests board approval of independent contractor agreements between the Colonial School District and Ms. Patricia Mueller, Ms. Carole Chasen, and ProCare Therapy to provide assistance and support to the Pupil Services Department on an interim basis effective December 14, 2015, January 20, 2016, and January 4, 2016 respectively.

* H. Amusement Tax Exemption Resolution

Trevor Jackson, Business Administrator, recommends the enclosed resolution for the purpose of notifying the community of the District's intent to modify its existing Amusement Tax. Formal approval to amend the existing exemptions of this tax is scheduled for February 18, 2016.

Enclosure #38

XIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Intermediate Unit Board
- B. CMTHS
- C. Human Resources and Personnel
- D. Finance
- E. Curriculum and Program
- F. Facilities Management/Transportation
- G. Community Relations and Student Life
- H. Legislative Report
- I. Municipal/Community Liaison
- J. Safety and Wellness

XV. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- A. Report of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (Nov./Dec.) **Enclosure #33**
- B. Building Report (Nov./Dec.) **Enclosure #34**
- C. Enrollment Report **Enclosure #35**
- D. School Activity Accounts (PWHS - Nov. & Dec.; CMS – Nov./Dec.) **Enclosure #36**
- E. Athletic Activity Account (PWHS - Nov. & Dec.) **Enclosure #37**
- * F. Technology Report (Nov./Dec.) **Enclosure #39**

XVI. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

** Denotes change from original agenda*