

COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
GENERAL SESSION MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

President Moore convened the general session of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 6:05 p.m. in the District Office General Meeting Room on September 17, 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; Kim Newell, Assistant Public Relations Coordinator; Alexa Augustine and Luke Mascio, Board Student Representatives; Chris Johnson; Gary Johnson; Glenn Quinn, Jill Forster; Mary Thiess and students receiving awards, their families and friends.

Mrs. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that the Board had met in executive session on September 10 and September 17.

Recognition/Awards: Mrs. Moore acknowledged Dr. Gorodetzer who noted that a number of students were being honored for their academic and athletic accomplishments. She first introduced Kurt Wolmesdorf, a Colonial Middle School (CMS) teacher and coach, who presented the members of his undefeated seventh grade baseball team. Dr. Gorodetzer then invited CMS teacher and Technology Student Association (TSA) advisor Clint Rickert to the podium. Mr. Rickert presented students who won awards at the TSA National Conference last summer. Finally, Dr. Gorodetzer acknowledged Plymouth Whitmarsh High School Principal Dr. Jason Bacani, who presented students earning recognition as Advanced Placement Scholars and National Merit Scholars. Please see Attachment A for a complete list of students receiving awards.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Moore asked Board members to consider the minutes of the general meeting of August 20; the Facilities Management and Transportation Committee meeting of August 17 and the Human Resources Committee and Finance Committee meetings of September 15. See enclosures # 1 and #23 through #25.

Mr. Brodsky moved and Mrs. Suchsland 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 directed Board members to act on the financial reports on the list for approval. They include 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, the Budgetary/Deficit Status Report, the Bond Fund Report, the Budget Transfers and the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31. See enclosures #2 through #12 and #26.

Mrs. Finegold moved and Mr. Tabachnick 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: Karen Berk summarized the Extended School Year Program held over the summer for students with Individualized Education Programs. She noted that both secondary and elementary programs were held totaling 18 days and 72 hours of instruction. Mrs. Berk stated that enrollment was up from the previous year in both programs and the majority of students maintained or approved upon at least some of their established goals.

Dr. Gorodetzer noted that the renovation of PWHS has gained a lot of attention but that it was important to note other projects are being completed. She added that significant resources are committed to the five-year Capital Improvement Plan that focuses on maintaining all District facilities. Terry Yemm presented a Power Point on summer facilities projects. In addition to the PWHS project, he highlighted the construction of a meeting room in the Plymouth Elementary School library and a room at the school dedicated for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) classes; an upgrade to restrooms and a major renovation of the library at CMS; playground improvements at Colonial Elementary School (CES); renovation of the server room at PWHS; installation of new padding and mats in the wrestling room located in CES and resurfacing the District tennis courts.

Old Business: None

Correspondence: Mr. Brodsky asked Board members to consider a \$3,000 grant from the Quaker Chemical Foundation to support the Girls in Technology summer program. See enclosure #13.

Mr. Brodsky moved and Mrs. Frangiosa seconded a motion to accept the grant. 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 and the Extra Duty/Extra Pay list. See enclosures #14 and #15. Dr. Gorodetzer stated that the Personnel Report and Substitute List includes six resignations, one retirement, three leaves of absence, 14 appointments, three changes in assignment and a number of substitute support staff. She noted that the Extra Duty/Extra Pay list includes changes in appointments for the 2015-2016 school year. Dr. Gorodetzer stated that all appointments were reviewed in executive session.

Mr. Tabachnick 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, 9-0.

Dr. Gorodetzer noted that among the appointments in her report was new CES Assistant Principal Kylene Phillips, who she acknowledged was in the audience.

Board Student Representatives Report: Mr. Mascio reported on ninth grade orientation and ninth grade parents' orientation. Ms. Augustine reported on the first Florida trip meeting for members of the senior class and modifications and adjustments necessitated by the renovation process. Mr. Mascio noted that auditions were held for the Colonial Players fall production which will be held from November 19-21. He also stated that the PWHS Open House was being

held this evening. Ms. Augustine commented on the National Merit Scholar students honored before the meeting and the beginning of the fall sports season.

New Business: Mr. Brady sought Board action on real estate assessment appeals for two properties in Conshohocken Borough. He noted that the first property is parcel # 05-00-11848-10-8 and the second is parcel # 05-00-11848-20-7.

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

Note: Mrs. Suchsland left the meeting at 6:47 p.m. to attend the PWHS Open House.

Mrs. Oxberry sought Board approval of an independent contractor agreement between the District and Dr. Cheryl Malfi to serve as interim Assistant Principal at CES retroactive to August 28, 2015.

Mrs. Oxberry moved and Mrs. Palmer seconded a motion to approve the independent contractor agreement. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-0.

Mr. Brodsky asked the Board to consider a request for Dr. McKeane and Curriculum Supervisor Sergio Anaya to attend the Discovery Education Leadership Symposium in Minneapolis, Minn., from October 11-14. See enclosure #16.

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, 8-0.

Mrs. Palmer sought Board action on a request for Spanish Exchange students to visit New York City from September 12-13 and Washington D.C. on September 15. See enclosure #27. She noted that no District students participate in the trips and there is no cost to the District.

Mrs. Palmer moved and Mr. Tabachnick seconded a motion to approve the 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 stated that the IU Board met on August 26. She stated that the head start program had 27 classrooms, including one in the District. She added that the IU is exploring the possibility of repurposing its old facility. She also noted that 280 students were taking virtual classes through the IU, including some District students.

CMTHS: Mr. Brodsky stated that the Tech School is seeking nominations for its Distinguished Graduates program. He noted that nominations or suggestions could be sent to him.

Human Resources: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Curriculum: Mr. Brodsky noted that the next meeting is scheduled for September 21.

Facilities Management and Transportation: Mr. Tabachnick commended Mr. Yemm on his earlier report and noted that the next committee meeting is scheduled for October 8.

Community Relations and Student Life: Mrs. Palmer highlighted the change to a new website content manager and noted that the site now features responsive design that can be easily viewed on any electronic device. She also noted that the District will not change its schedule and school will remain open during the Pope's visit to the area.

Safety and Wellness: No Report.

Legislative: Mrs. Frangiosa stated that the Montgomery County School Boards Legislative Committee will meet on September 24.

Municipal/Community Liaisons: No Report.

Public Comment: None.

Mr. Brodsky stated that the Board is proud of the success of the students in the District, especially those honored this evening. Mr. Tabachnick promoted the District's 50th Anniversary Gala sponsored by the Colonial School District Education Foundation on November 7.

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:32 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

Technology Student Association National Conference

PWHS individual events

Future Technology Teacher

Karen Minecci, 1st Place
Shreya Bhutani, 2nd Place

Career Preparation

Wesley Deeg, 4th Place

Prepared Presentation

Lauren Kim, 7th Place

PWHS team events

Engineering Design, 2nd Place

Patrick Corpus
Samantha Horry
Scott Horry
Seamus Malley
Tyler Simpson
Jackson Versak

Biotechnology Design, 3rd Place

Wesley Deeg
Samantha Horry
Scott Horry
Lauren Kim
Lina Shi
Tyler Simpson

Biotechnology Design, 5th Place

Anna Deeg
Sophia Gross
Nikki Knudsen
Seamus Malley

**Computer Numerical Control (CNC)
Production, 5th Place**

Patrik Corpus
Kenny Diamond

Fashion Design, Semifinalists

Jillian Bukstel
Riya Dindigal
Lauren Kim
Angela Richter
Julia Song

CMS team events

**Agriculture & Biotechnology Design, 8th
Place**

Evan Chan
Luke Gaumer
Kevin Shi
Liza Smaliak
Will Stanczak
Dean Suchsland

Energy Sources, 10th Place

Evan Chan
Luke Gaumer
Kevin Shi
Liza Smaliak
Will Stanczak
Dean Suchsland

National Officer

Chirag Agarwal, TSA Reporter for
2015-2016.

Colonial Middle School

7th Grade Baseball Team

Emerson Abromavage
Lenny Brenner
Daulton Carlisle
Thomas Downey
Mike Ecklemeyer
Kamal Gray
Dean Keller
Max Lubas
Ben Mascio
Larry McLaughlin
Zach Redican
Adam Rocks
Nate Sfida
Ethan Suh
Jon Threadgill
Tyler Willans
Charlie Yanoshik

AP Scholars with Distinction

Hanna Carr
Wesley Deeg
Aaron Paskin
Lina Shi

AP Scholars with Honor

Evan Adler
Anna Deeg
Ciara Flanagan
Blake Goldstein
Skyler Goldstein
Raymond Hoy
Alexander Pressman
Leah Schick

AP Scholars

Chirag Agarwal
Joseph Angelo
Alexa Augustine
Samantha Blum
Matthew Cooper
Emily Dinda
Aaron Gersh
Eleanor Holzman
Colleen Hufnagel
Connor Kissane
Sydne Klein
Nicole Knudsen
Michael Lotito
Aurora Mills
Eunice Nam
Gabrielle Pludo
Emma Quinn
David Sellers
Maxwell Silvers
Douglas Stanish
Christopher Symnoski
Talene Tse
Jackson Versak

National Merit Scholars

Hanna Carr
Samantha Horry
Eunice Nam
Aaron Paskin
Gabrielle Pludo
David Sellers
Lina Shi