

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

President Moore convened a special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 6:44 p.m. in the District Office General Meeting Room on February 18, 2016.

Board Members Present: Bernie Brady, Mel Brodsky, Leslie Finegold, Susan Moore, Kathleen Oxberry, Cathy Peduzzi, Felix Raimondo, 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. Elizabeth McKeaney, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Dr. Leticia Rodríguez, Director of Human Resources; Terry Yemm, Director of Operations; David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary; Tom Peeler, Audio Visual Technician; Scott France, Montgomery County Planning Commission; Elise Derewitz; Bob Slagle; Beth Miller; Eric Wilson; Jill Forster; Donelle Brotz and Dana Coia.

Mrs. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

New Business: Mrs. Moore introduced Scott France of the Montgomery County Planning Commission who presented a PowerPoint of a Colonial School District enrollment study completed by the commission. The study anticipates the District will gain up to 1,000 students in the next 10 years.

Mrs. Suchsland asked Dr. Gorodetzer what steps the administration has taken to prepare for an increase in students. Dr. Gorodetzer explained that, over the past two years, administrators have met regularly with the leadership of Conshohocken Borough, Plymouth Township and Whitemarsh Township to review housing developments in the District. Administrators have also been conducting an internal study to determine the room capacity for each building. Dr. Gorodetzer added that the District is working with GKO Architects to conduct a building feasibility study.

Mr. Tabachnick asked Mr. Yemm if Plymouth Whitemarsh High School will be able to accommodate the increase in students after it is renovated. Mr. Yemm explained that enrollment growth was considered when planning for the renovation. He noted that there are currently up to 10 classrooms open in the building and the renovation will provide additional learning space. He added that the central cafeteria is capable of serving up to 600 students at a time, more than enough to handle the anticipated 300 extra high school students within the next 10 years.

Public Comments: None.

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman
Board Secretary