

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 1, 2015**

President Moore convened the special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:11 p.m. in the District Office General Meeting Room on December 1, 2015.

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; Brian Suders, Solicitor; Karen Berk, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education; Andrew Boegly, Director of Technology; Trevor Jackson, Business Administrator; Dr. Elizabeth McKeaney, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Terry Yemm, Director of Operations; Dr. Leticia Rodríguez, Director of Human Resources; David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary; Kim Newell, Assistant Public Relations Coordinator; Tom Peeler, Audio Visual Technician; the Honorable Bernard Moore; Gary Johnson; Chris Manero; Robert Slagle; Stan Finegold and Beth Miller.

Mrs. Moore noted that the Pledge of Allegiance was recited moments earlier. She announced that the Board had met in executive session before the Reorganization Meeting that was just completed.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Moore asked Board members to act on the minutes of the general session of November 19. See enclosure #1.

Mr. Tabachnick 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, 9-0.

Financial Reports: Mrs. Moore noted that the financial reports and the treasurer's report had been previously approved through October 31. She sought Board action on a request from the administration to authorize the payment of November bills during December. She stated that the November financial reports will be provided for formal Board action in January.

Mr. Brady moved and Mrs. Oxberry seconded a motion to authorize the payment of the November bills during December. On a roll call vote, all but Mrs. Peduzzi voted in favor. Mrs. Peduzzi abstained. The motion was carried, 8-0. Mrs. Peduzzi filled out the appropriate abstention form noting that in her first meeting she was not yet familiar with the financial reports.

Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Gorodetzer reviewed her report that included the Personnel Report and Substitute List and the Extra Duty/Extra Pay List. See enclosures #2 and #3. She stated that the Personnel Report and Substitute List includes one leave of absence, two appointments, two changes to assignments and additions to the substitute list.

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

New Business: Mrs. Suchsland asked Board members to consider a Separation and Release Agreement between the Colonial Board of School Directors and employee #103355 effective December 31, 2015.

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

Mrs. Finegold sought Board action on a list of instructors for the winter and spring sessions of the Plymouth Whitemarsh High School Adult Evening School. See enclosure #4.

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

Mr. Brodsky noted that the Board needed to fill a vacancy on the Central Montco Technical High School Joint Operating Committee (JOC). Mr. Brodsky move to re-appoint Mr. Brady to a new three-year term on the JOC. Mrs. Suchsland seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Brodsky asked Board members to act on a request by the Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PWHS) administration for 18 PWHS students to travel to Alcobendas, Spain, as part of the school to school cultural and exchange program, from January 15-31, 2016. See enclosure #5.

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

Questions/ Comments From The Floor: None.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman
Board Secretary