

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
GENERAL SESSION MINUTES, APRIL 18, 2017**

President Moore convened the general session of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:01 p.m. in the District Office General Meeting Room on April 18, 2017.

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; Raquel Dunoff and Maria Robinson, Board Student Representatives; Patti Donofrio; Ken Grimes; Donelle Brotz; Beth Miller; Mary Stimson; Ed Stimson; Robert Slagle and Gary Johnson.

Mrs. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Session Announcements: Mrs. Moore announced that the Board met in executive session on March 21 and March 27 with the Superintendent search group to discuss parameters of the search. She stated each meeting lasted about an hour. Mrs. Moore also noted that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss filling several job openings and confidential student and personnel matters protected by law. She said the meeting lasted 40 minutes.

Awards/Recognition: Dr. Gorodetzer spoke to the success of Plymouth Whitmarsh High School's winter sports teams. She noted that members of the swimming, wrestling and girls' and boys' basketball teams were on hand to be recognized. First she invited Swimming Coach Kevin Golebiewski to the podium to introduce swimmers who qualified for the District 1 and PIAA Championships. Next, Dr. Gorodetzer introduced Assistant Wrestling Coach David Luthy to present team members who won the Suburban One League American Conference (SOLAC) Tournament Championship, qualified for the District 1 Central and Southeast Regional Championships, and the PIAA Championship. Dr. Gorodetzer then asked Girls' Basketball Coach Dan Dougherty to present his team, which tied the school record for most wins in a season, won the SOLAC Championship, played in the District 1 Championship game and advanced to the Quarterfinals of the PIAA Championship. Lastly, Dr. Gorodetzer recognized Boys' Basketball Coach Jim Donofrio on earning his 400th career win and asked him to present his team, which won the SOLAC Championship, placed third in District 1 and advanced to the Quarterfinals of the PIAA Championship. See Attachment A for a list of all students honored.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Moore sought Board action on the minutes of the general meeting of March 16 and the Curriculum Committee meeting of March 12. See enclosures #1 and #2.

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

Financial Reports: Mrs. Moore asked the Board to consider the financial reports on the list for approval. They included 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, the Budgetary/Deficit Status Report, the Bond Fund Report and the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31. See enclosures #3 through #14.

Mr. Raimondo 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, 9-0.

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 #15 and #16. She noted that the Personnel Report and Substitute List included four retirements, three resignations, nine leaves of absence, two appointments and one change of assignment. Dr. Gorodetzer stated that the Extra Duty/Extra Pay List included appointments and changes for spring positions. She stated that all items were reviewed in executive session.

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

Board Student Representatives' Report: Ms. Dunoff reported on the Senior Class dinner, A Florida trip meeting for parents, the opening of the spring sports season, a Naviance presentation by College Counselor Pat Tamborello and the next phase of the renovations. She added that seniors were scheduled to leave on their class trip to Florida the next day. Ms. Robinson reported on the District Art Show held at the high school, a battle of the bands hosted by the Music Abroad Club, and a Jazz Festival hosted by the school. Responding to a question from Mrs. Moore, Ms. Dunoff reported that she will be the first student in the history of PWHS to attend the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering.

New Business: Mrs. Finegold asked the Board to act on two contracts in one motion. The first is with Speech Pathology Consultants, Inc. for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of \$80 per hour. See enclosure #17. The second is with MK Therapy Services, LLC, also for the 2017-2018 school year, at a rate of \$78 per hour. See enclosure #18. Responding to a question from Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Berk explained that MK Therapy provides physical and occupational therapy for early intervention students.

Mrs. Finegold moved and Mrs. Peduzzi seconded a motion to approve both contracts. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Raimondo sought board action on a Legal Services Consultation Agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams, LLP, for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$8,000. See enclosure #19.

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

Mrs. Peduzzi asked Board members to consider agreements for general physical and dental examinations, sports physicals and physician services for home football games. See enclosure #20. Mrs. Peduzzi noted that all rates are unchanged from the current year.

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

Mrs. Finegold noted that Board approval is sought for two professional conference requests. She noted that the first was for PWHS College Counselor Pat Tamborello to attend the Mid-Hudson River Valley College Consortium in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. from April 24-26. See enclosure #21. The second

is for PWHS Tech-Ed Teacher Chris Brunner to attend the Carnegie Mellon University Robotics Academy in Pittsburgh, Pa. from July 24-28.

Mrs. Finegold moved and Mrs. Suchsland seconded a motion to approve the professional conference requests. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mrs. Peduzzi sought Board action on four student trip requests. They included PWHS Colonial Players' traveling to New York City on May 31 to see the Broadway show *Come from Away* (see enclosure #23); the PWHS Cheerleaders participating in a summer camp in Olyphant, Pa., from August 12-15 (see enclosure #24); PWHS and Colonial Middle School students attending the Technology Student Association National Conference in Orlando, Fla., from June 21-25 (see enclosure #25) and the Colonial Elementary School (CES) fourth grade visiting the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, N.J. over the course of three days, May 18, 22 and 25 (see enclosure #26).

Mrs. Peduzzi moved and Mrs. Suchsland seconded a motion to approve all of the student trip requests. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Finegold asked Board members to act on a software licensing agreement with Linkit!™. See Enclosure #27. At Mrs. Finegold's request, Dr. McKeane explained that the software will replace current student performance tracking software. She added that the new software will track and manage student performance on local, state and national exams and more.

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

Mr. Tabachnick requested Board approval of PlanCon Part H for the construction of the additions at Plymouth Elementary School (PE) and Ridge Park Elementary School (RP). Mr. Yemm explained that Part H included the budget breakdown for the project and, if approved, it begins the reimbursement process.

Mr. Tabachnick moved and Mrs. Finegold seconded a motion to approve PlanCon Part H. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Raimondo noted that Board authorization is requested for the District to incur non-electoral debt through the issuance of one or more series of General Obligation Bonds based on the parameters set forth in Resolution 2017. See enclosure #32. At Mr. Raimondo's request, Mr. Jackson explained that the \$25 million bond will be used to fund a portion of the additions and renovations to PE and RP and the installation of air conditioning at Whitmarsh Elementary School (WE). He added that some of the proceeds will help fund the PWHS west gymnasium renovation. Mr. Jackson noted that a good portion of the District's fund balance will also be used for the projects.

Mr. Raimondo moved and Mrs. Suchsland seconded a motion to authorize the issuance of the General Obligation Bonds. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Tabachnick reported that Board action is sought to approve the awarding of bids for the elementary school additions and renovations. See enclosure #33. He noted that the total amount of bids for general construction, plumbing construction, mechanical construction and electrical construction at each of the buildings is \$6,377,163 for PE, \$5,792,549 for RP and \$2,941,972 for WE.

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

Solicitor's Report: None

Committee Reports: Intermediate Unit (MCIU): Mrs. Finegold stated that the IU Board met on March 22 in Norristown. She highlighted various contract agreements and a presentation on Naloxone.

CMTHS: Mr. Brodsky reported that the CMTHS Distinguished Graduates induction ceremony was scheduled for next week. He added that three of the four inductees are PWHS graduates.

Human Resources: Mr. Brodsky provided a brief update on the search for a new Superintendent and noted that the deadline for the submission of credentials is April 21.

Finance: Mr. Raimondo stated that the next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 24.

Curriculum: Mrs. Finegold noted that the committee met on April 17. She provided some detail about a scheduling change proposed by fourth grade teachers that would mirror the fifth grade collaborative teaching model. She reported on immersion and transition events for incoming fourth graders.

Facilities Management and Transportation: Mr. Tabachnick touched on the closure of the front of PWHS for renovations and the temporary entrance at the back of the building, the start of construction at PE and RP and plans for the PWHS west gymnasium. He added that construction on the new baseball field would begin next month.

Community Relations and Student Life/Safety and Wellness: Mrs. Peduzzi announced the dates for the remaining Superintendent search focus group meetings and highlighted the agenda for the May 2 Colonial Community Coffee Hour. She also asked Mrs. Berk to highlight new student immunization changes. Mrs. Berk stated that changes involve shortening the provisional period for inoculations from eight months to just five days and that the District would have to exclude students from school until their immunization requirements are met. She added that seventh graders now need to have one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) and one dose of MCV (meningococcal conjugate vaccine), additionally incoming 12th graders must now have a second dose of MCV as opposed to when they enter college. Mrs. Berk added that the information is being provided to parents of new students as they register, has been sent to current parents and is available on the District website. She noted that parents may still object to the immunizations via the ethical and moral exclusion, but those students would be banned from attending school in the event of an outbreak.

Legislative: No report.

Municipal/Community Liaisons: Mrs. Peduzzi reported on Whitemarsh Township Day scheduled for April 22. Mr. Raimondo added that a 5K race will be held on April 29 to raise funds for the Music Abroad program.

Public Comment: Mary and Ed Stimson of Plymouth Meeting expressed disappointment over the removal of the PWHS class gift that included a mural and fish pond in the school lobby, as well as a plaque in remembrance of their son. Mrs. Moore and Dr. Gorodetzer apologized for any misunderstanding or miscommunication. Mr. Yemm reported that the plaque was being restored and the intent was to display it in the renovated band and music area of the high school. Mr. Yemm was also asked to meet with the Stimson's to discuss the issue.

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman
Board Secretary

Swimmers

DiSanto, Alena
DiSanto, Angelina
Fiddler, Nick
Gallagher, Billy
Gross, Gianna
Keenan, Sean
Kelly, Caleb
McGee, Hannah
Rankin, Niles
Ruggiero, Justin
Schaeffer, Zach
Thomas, Abbie

Wrestlers

Al-Ubaidi, Mohammed
Avellino, Isaac
Clarkson, Michael
DiBattista, Marco
DiSanto, Paolo
DiSisto, Tommy
Dresnin, Brian
Fisher, Zach
Garcia, David
Horry, Scott
Mansfield, Brian
Moore, Dylan
Oliver, Justin
Raimondo, Felix
Ries, Darren
Sudell, Nick
Tharan, Ryan
Wakefield, Zach
Young, Warren

Girls' Basketball

Victoria Betterly
Alyse Caffery
Lauren Coscia
Ali Diamond
Shallyn Dickson
Brooke Felgoise
Lauren Fortescue
Sydney Kesselman
Taylor O'Brien
Bria Rivers
Gia Schweitzer
Laurel Suchsland
Haley Zygmunt

Boys' Basketball

Breeden, Kareem
Cooper, Danny
DeBellis, Nick
Donofrio, Justin
Glover, Alan
Horn, Ish
Houston, Cheo
Kodish, Matt
Lawrence, Devon
Levinson, Jake
McLeod, Naheem
Morganstein, Justin
Paul, Jason
Tilghman, Kevin
Walker, Matt
Williams, Ahmad
Williams, Ahmin