

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462
GENERAL SESSION MINUTES, July 21, 2016**

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 July 21, 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; Dr. Elizabeth McKeane, 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 and Gary Johnson.

Mrs. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition: None.

Mrs. Moore announced that the Board had met in executive session to review personnel and legal issues on July 6 and July 21.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Moore asked Board members to act on the minutes of the general meeting of June 16 and the Facilities Committee meeting of July 6. See enclosures #1 and #19.

Mrs. Suchsland 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 sought Board action on the financial reports on the list for approval. They include 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 June 30. See enclosures #2 through #13.

Mr. Brodsky moved and Mr. Brady 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.

Old Business: None.

Staff Report: None.

Correspondence: None.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Gorodetzer reviewed her report that included the Personnel Report and Substitute List. See enclosure #14. She stated that the Personnel Report and Substitute List included three resignations, one retirement; three leaves of absence, five changes in assignment, eight appointments and summer appointments for the Extended School Year (ESY) Program and custodial substitutes. Dr. Gorodetzer noted that all items were reviewed in executive session.

Mrs. Peduzzi 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.

New Business: Mr. Brodsky asked Board members to consider a consortium fuel purchasing bid coordinated by the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. See enclosure #15. He noted that the District would net savings of close to \$100,000.

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

Mrs. Suchsland sought Board action on an administrative request to revise the 2016-2017 school calendar to designate August 29, 30 and 31 as Act 80 days. Dr. Gorodetzer explained that the calendar still includes 183 student days. She added that senior students have five fewer days because graduation is the week prior to the end of school. She noted that amending that calendar as suggested may recoup three of those days with regards to state funding, assuming the District does not need to use more than three snow days.

Mrs. Suchsland moved and Mrs. Peduzzi seconded a motion to amend the calendar as suggested. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

Mr. Brodsky asked the Board to act on a real estate assessment appeal regarding Parcel #65-00-05899-00-3 in Whitemarsh Township as discussed in executive session.

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

Mrs. Finegold asked Board members to consider a special education placement agreement in lieu of FAPE. She noted that the agreement was discussed in executive session.

Mrs. Finegold moved and Mr. Brady seconded a motion to approve the placement agreement. 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 June 22. She noted that agreements for online services were approved, as was a budget of more than \$8 million for PATTAN. Mrs. Finegold also noted that she had been named the secretary of the IU Board.

CMTHS: No Report.

Human Resources: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Curriculum: Mrs. Finegold stated that the next committee meeting will be held on August 22.

Facilities Management and Transportation: Mr. Tabachnick stated that the East Wing of the Plymouth Whitemarsh High School renovation should be completed before the start of the new school year. He also noted that planning for renovations to Plymouth Elementary School, Ridge Park Elementary School and the west gymnasium of the high school are underway. He stated that construction on the new baseball field should begin in August.

Community Relations and Student Life/Safety and Wellness: No report.

Legislative: Mrs. Peduzzi noted that we now have a state budget. She added that the Commonwealth Funding Authority approved a bond resolution to authorize the borrowing of up to \$850 million for initial PlanCon payments owed, apparently ending the moratorium on PlanCon payments. She noted that the District would not receive any PlanCon reimbursement for the high school renovation until the project is complete and all parts of the PlanCon process are approved.

Municipal/Community Liaisons: No Report.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David M. Sherman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and "S".

David M. Sherman
Board Secretary