

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462  
GENERAL SESSION MINUTES, AUGUST 18, 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 August 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; Gary Johnson; Beth Miller; Gregory Stokes; Sarah Peduzzi and Brooke Peduzzi.

Mrs. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition:** None.

Mrs. Moore announced that the Board had met in executive session on August 18.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mrs. Moore asked Board members to consider the minutes of the general meeting of July 21 and the Facilities Committee meeting of August 10. See enclosures #1 and #25.

Mrs. Suchsland moved and Mr. Brady 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 act 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 July 31. See enclosures #2 through #13.

Mr. Brodsky moved and Mrs. Oxberry 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:** Dr. McKeaney and Mrs. Berk reported on the District's summer programs. Dr. McKeaney touched on the Elementary Literacy Program for students in grades one through five, the Girls in Technology (GIT) Academy for girls entering grades five through eight, a String Fest, a Sing Fest and summer music lessons. She noted that the GIT Academy was made possible in part by a grant from the Quaker Chemical Foundation. Mrs. Berk commented on the Extended School Year program for students with disabilities who were selected by their IEP teams. She stated that 38 elementary students and 23 secondary students took part in the program.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Gorodetzer summarized her report that included the Personnel Report and Substitute List, the Extra Duty/Extra Pay List and a list of Adult Evening School instructors. See enclosures #14 through #16. She noted that the Personnel Report and Substitute List included six resignations, eight leaves of absence, eight changes in assignment, 13 appointments, six salary adjustments and cafeteria aides and Food Service substitutes. She reported that the Extra Duty/Extra Pay List included appointments for fall sports and full-year clubs and activities. Dr. Gorodetzer stated that the Adult Evening School instructors were for the fall session. She noted that all items were reviewed in executive session.

Mr. Tabachnick moved and Mrs. Suchsland 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. Tabachnick asked Board members to consider two transportation contracts in one motion. The first is with St. Joseph's Preparatory School at a cost of \$8.46 per student per day. See enclosure #17. The second is with a parent to transport a student at \$0.54 per mile or the established IRS rate for each day. See enclosure #18.

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

Mr. Brodsky noted that Board approval was sought for a list of vendors resulting from a collective bidding process for groceries, milk, juices, ice cream and paper supplies. See enclosure #19.

Mr. Brodsky moved and Mrs. Finegold seconded a motion to approve the vendor list as presented. 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 settlement regarding Parcel #65-00-08785-00-6 in Whitmarsh Township. He noted that the settlement represented a positive result for the District.

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

Mr. Brady asked Board members to consider three student trip requests as one item. The first is for the Plymouth Whitmarsh High School (PWHS) varsity cheerleaders to attend competitions in Toms River, N.J. on October 8 and Burlington, N.J. on November 12. See enclosure #20. The second is for the PWHS boys' varsity basketball team to participate in a national tournament in West Palm Beach, Fla. from December 27-31. See enclosure #21. The third is for the PWHS varsity baseball team to travel to Vero Beach, Fla. for spring training from March 23-27, 2017. See enclosure #22. Mr. Brodsky noted that there was no cost to the District for any of these trips.

Mr. Brady moved and Mrs. Oxberry 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): No Report.

CMTHS: No Report.

Human Resources: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Curriculum: Mrs. Finegold invited the public to the first committee meeting of the school year on Monday, August 22 at 4 p.m.

Facilities Management and Transportation: Mr. Tabachnick and Mr. Yemm provided an update on the PWSH renovation. They noted that the East Wing of the school should be ready for the opening of school. They stated that the pool should be ready by the end of September.

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

Legislative: No Report.

Municipal/Community Liaisons: No Report.

**Public Comment:** None.

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman  
Board Secretary