

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 1, 2016**

Board President Susan Moore convened a special meeting of the Colonial Board of School Directors at 7:06 p.m. in the District Office General Meeting Room on December 1, 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; Terry Yemm, Director of Operations; Dr. Leticia Rodríguez, Director of Human Resources; David M. Sherman, Community Relations Coordinator/Board Secretary; Tom Peeler, Audio Visual Technician; Gary Johnson; Robert Slagle; Jill Forster, Beth Miller and students receiving awards, their families and friends.

Mrs. Moore noted that the Pledge of Allegiance had been recited moments before at the start of the reorganization meeting.

Mrs. Moore stated that the Board had met in executive session to discuss the promotion and appointment of several employees and legal issues related to real estate assessment appeal settlements. She reported that the meeting lasted approximately 30 minutes.

**Recognition:** Dr. Gorodetzer praised the success of the Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PWHS) girls' volleyball team for winning its conference championship, advancing to the District 1 Championship match and the State Championship quarterfinals. She introduced Coach Seely Byler who presented her team to the Board. For a complete list of students honored, please see attachment A.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mrs. Moore sought Board action on the minutes of the general session of November 14 and the Facilities Committee meeting of November 10. See enclosures #1 and #2.

Mr. Tabachnick moved and Mrs. Finegold 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. More stated that the financial reports and treasurer's reports had previously been approved through October 31. She asked the Board for approval to pay November bills during December, noting that the November financial reports would be available for Board action in January.

Mr. Raimondo moved and Mr. Brady seconded a motion to pay November bills during December. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion was carried, 9-0.

**Comments on the Agenda:** None.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Gorodetzer summarized her report which included the Personnel report and Substitute List and the Extra Duty/Extra Pay List. See enclosures #3 and #4. She stated

that the Personnel Report and Substitute List included two resignations, one retirement, five leaves of absence and one salary change. Dr. Gorodetzer noted that the Extra Duty/Extra Pay List included the appointment of winter sports coaches and several changes and resignations. She reported that the personnel actions 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:** Mrs. Suchsland sought Board approval of the professional negotiations agreement between the School Board and the Colonial Education Association covering August 15, 2017 through August 14, 2021. Mrs. Suchsland stated that she was proud of the relationship between the Board and teachers' union and noted that the negotiations were conducted with respect and professionalism on both sides. Mrs. Moore stated that the negotiation was the most respectful and productive she had ever participated in. She also noted that the agreement was not due to expire until August and the parties were not required to begin formal negotiations until January. Mrs. Moore stressed that the term of the agreement was for four years, instead of the customary three years.

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

Mr. Brady asked Board members to consider two out of state trips requested by the PWHS cheerleaders. See enclosure #5. He noted that the first trip was to compete in the PIAA Championships from January 19-22, 2017 in Hershey, Pa. The second is to attend a national competition in Orlando, Fla. from February 10-14, 2017.

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

Mr. Brodsky asked the Board to act on two real estate assessment appeal settlements. The first is for Parcel #65-00-10603-00-6 and the second is for Parcel #65-00-10603-01-5. He stated that both properties were located in Whitmarsh Township.

Mr. Brodsky moved and Mrs. Oxberry seconded a motion to approve the real estate assessment appeal settlements. On a roll call vote, all but Mr. Brady voted in favor. The motion was carried, 8-1.

**Public Comments:** Colonial Education Association President Robert Slagle extended his appreciation and that of the union to the Board for the professionalism and mutual respect throughout the contract negotiations. He stated that the union was looking forward to continuing regular communications and working together with the Board.

There being no other business before the Board, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Sherman  
Board Secretary

2016 PWHS Volleyball Team

Lily Acquaviva.  
Kaleigh Branagh  
Olivia Carbo  
Lauren Coscia  
Allison Helferty  
Corrine Kalala  
Annie Mascio  
Bridget McTamney  
Sydney Melillo  
Taylor O'Brien  
Megan Peuser  
Giavanna Piazza  
Danielle Rippert.  
Emilee Waltz  
Samantha Ward  
Quinn Watton