

The following Minute honoring Jeffrey Legum's long service to the Board was presented by Emile Bendit:

Jeffrey Legum, '59, who was elected to the Board in 1979, served on the Executive Committee for ten years from 1980 to 1990 and as Treasurer from 1983 to 1990.

Tough-minded, fair, realistic and practical, Jeffrey Legum's actions and insights as a trustee always fulfilled the belief that the vital part of responsibility was to know where one stood; his steady witness to this principle was to know the facts fully and objectively before drawing conclusions.

As Treasurer, he practiced this virtue with admirable and particular consistency and success in his stewardship of the school's financial matters, balancing and reconciling the difficult conflict between tuition charges and salaries for teachers. As Chair of the Investment Committee, he gave shrewd attention to the school's endowment performance with a polite but penetrating logic and precise knowledge that was never daunted, confused, or even often much impressed with the elaborations and enthusiasms of advisors from Wall Street. These attentions produced a major increase in the school's endowment, and in the school's ability to apply these resources fairly and prudently.

Similarly, Jeffrey's presentations of the budget, or his contributions to discussions of other issues always showed careful preparation and exact study. He knew whereof he spoke, yet sensitively supplied documentation that invited us to think about where we were going, even though he often knew ahead of time where that should be.

This characteristic habit of mind was equally exact and cogent when applied to people, or programs, or political issues faced by the school. He was particularly good at seeing difficulties that might lie ahead, and skillful in giving cautionary but not timid counsel that kept the school out of trouble. Here too, his concerns were with seeing things clearly, keeping track of details, being thoughtful, thorough, and consistent; here too his steady goal was the welfare of the school, its resources, its reputation, and its performance.

In all these matters, he offered a punctilious sense of good manners and fair dealing, and in spite of periods of serious difficulties with back pain, treated others with kindness and humor and understanding.

On the occasion of his retirement as a trustee, the Board of Trustees adopts this Minute of Gratitude, June 6, 1994, in grateful acknowledgement of Jeffrey Legum's fifteen years' service as a trustee and in recognition of the lasting contributions to the school's welfare.

Following the reading of the Minute, Parvin Sharpless spoke to Jeff's distinctive service, citing multiple ways in which he has exemplified the "ideal" trustee.

Jeff thanked Emile and Parvin for their remarks and commented on his pleasure in serving the school.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary