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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Minutes
February 26, 2007

The February meeting of the Unionville-Chadds Ford School Board was held on Monday, February 26, 2007 in the Unionville High School Large Group Instruction room. Mr. Baker, President, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The following members were present: Curt Baker, R. Bruce Swayze, Kathleen Brown, Karen Halstead, Ed Murray, Dr. Corinne Sweeney, Timotha Trigg, Edward Wandersee, and Dr. Therese West. Also present were Sharon E. Parker, District Superintendent, Dr. Brenda O'Hern, Robert Cochran, Jim Fulginiti, Rich Hug, Thomas Marinelli, John Nolen, Dr. Jim Price, Bruce Vosburgh, Gail Wolfel, Lexi Crampton, student representative, community residents, members of the press, and Denise Miller, recording secretary.

Mr. Baker requested that the group stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Ms. Parker stated that we have come together in the spirit of children and have begun an opportunity for students to bring their achievement and joy to the lobby for our meeting. As we sat in an Act 1 hearing tonight, we heard the Bell Choir performing in the lobby. We will recognize a variety of students from the Charles F. Patton Middle School who bring joy to us each day.

She introduced the Lego Robotics Team (MOEllecular Maniacs) who presented their skit outlining needle contamination and the pros/cons in using gloves constructed from various materials. The students reviewed their research on materials (STF only, STF with chopped Kevlar and STF with Kevlar pulp). They determined that the STF with Kevlar pulp on Kevlar fabric combination was the most effective and with further development, these gloves could prevent accidental needle sticks through the use of nanotechnology.

Ms. Parker commented about the students' use of problem-solving skills and working together as a team on the project. There are eight Lego teams from the district who competed in the Lego Olympics at the University of Delaware recently. We are extremely proud of their achievement.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

**MEMBERS
PRESENT**

**SUPER-
INTENDENT'S
REPORT**

**Student
Demonstrations
and
Recognition –
Charles F.
Patton Middle
School**

Superintendent's Report (Continued)

She introduced the Lego Research Team who provided a presentation and video regarding the use of nano-technology in creating nano-braces. The students interviewed local orthodontist, Dr. Hendrix, who stated that there was no current technology incorporating all of their ideas. He commented about complaints that he has heard regarding the size of braces, aesthetics, and discomfort. The students used problem-solving skills to research their ideas about using nano-technology to reduce the size of orthodontic appliances, reduce discomfort, and lower the cost.

The students thanked their coaches, Ms. Tierney and Ms. Fellowes, as well as Dr. Hendrix for allowing them to visit his office and videotape.

Ms. Parker presented certificates of achievement to each of the students who performed prior to the Board meeting this evening:

- Bell Choir:
 - Patton Middle School – Bhaskaran Balaje, Brittany Baumeister, Meg Boeni, Amanda Chou, Andrew Chou, Chris Chou, Jeanette Cohen, Emily Garbenis, Justin Gawthrop, Cailin Hayes, Domingo Mancuello, Caily Oehler, Emma Tierney, Chris Trombetta, Gabriel Yayac
 - Unionville High School – Agatha Carlin, Mark Bradley Kitay, Greg Trevorrow
- Songfest Students –
 - Patton Middle School – Brittany Baumeister, Amanda Ellis, Justin Gawthrop, Cailin Hayes, Ross Leiser, Domingo Mancuello, Chris Trombetta, Maddy Wills
- MOEllecular Maniacs Lego Team – Michael Krause, Bhaskaran Balaji, Connor McShane, Roland Lindmayer, Sonia Berg, Nick Koban-Hogue, Joshua Combs
- Lego Research Team – Ben Gorko, Adam Carl, Tyler Fellowes, Sean Tierney, Joseph Garver

Mr. Vosburgh thanked teachers Sara Hagopian, Young Choi, and John Walsh for their work with the students.

Superintendent Parker shared a brief update on student safety, health, and welfare:

- Middle School Security – The new buzzer system is in place. Visitors will be asked to use this system to enter the school (as we do in our elementary schools)
- Bullying, Harassment, and Cyber-bullying – We've had conversations lately on these topics and the misuse of technology. U-CF kids are bright, talented, compassionate, and high achieving. Each child, no matter where they live, has a time to experience a down day, has the opportunity to make missteps

**SUPER-
INTENDENT'S
REPORT -
Continued**

**U-CF Students
Honored**

Student Safety

Superintendent's Report (Continued)

and our children are no different. They are our treasures. We will take time as a staff and community to be able to assist them in making right judgments and decisions.

- Communities That Care – The task force will gather tomorrow at 7:00 PM (UHS Library). Six members of the group have begun an intensive training program to become leaders in this initiative. They will present their findings and work tomorrow evening.
- Anti-Bullying Policy - In a strong stride, the district is developing an anti-bullying policy. The state legislature has not defined bullying yet. This gives us a level of pause when we want to begin a legally defensible policy. Ms. Parker is working with our solicitor, Jack Merrick, and hopes to come forward at the March Board meeting with the first reading of a policy. She thanked the members of the School Board for their support and members of the community for strongly calling out and asking for this policy. We are taking a step where other districts have not yet gone.

The draft language will be shared with parents tomorrow night and will also be shared with students to gain their input. The district is healthy and well. We know we can grow in stamina at all times. She thanked everyone for their commitment, devotion, attention and efforts that will promote the health, welfare and safety of our children.

Lexi Crampton, Student Representative, reported about the following items:

1. Cross Country – We had excitement over the weekend when Paul Springer broke records and ran a 4.12-minute mile! Congratulations!
2. Wrestling – Three students will go on to compete at regionals!
3. Debate Team – Several students qualified for states.
4. Science Olympiad – Will compete for the first time tomorrow
5. Nutrition/Wellness – They really enjoyed the pizza that Mrs. Wickersham provided at their last Student Council meeting. She really wanted their input regarding how to make things better in the Cafeteria Program.
6. Student Council is planning events (Mr. UHS, Student-Faculty Basketball Game, Talent Show, and more). All of these events will occur later in the spring.

Ms. Parker stated that she was appreciative of having had the opportunity to meet with the high school students and looks forward to other occasions to talk with the Student Council.

SUPERIN- TENDENT'S REPORT – Continued

Student Safety (Continued)

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Keith Knauss, East Marlborough Township resident, commented regarding whether the \$70 million high school renovation plan that will be discussed on March 8th is the best plan for the best cost. He stated that the Board would not make plans to finance it until after its adoption.

Holly Manzone, Pocopson Township resident, commented about her opposing view to Mr. Knauss's regarding the need for the renovations at the high school. New housing developments are being built throughout the district. Although no one likes to spend \$70 million, she is impressed with the architect's plans. The Board and administration have paired it down to just what we need. Other districts such as Avon-Grove are spending money to put into their districts.

Bruce Yelton, Pocopson Township resident, thanked Ms. Parker for finding the reconfiguration study and loaning it for his review. He inquired as to why Mr. Baker had not answered his question from the last meeting regarding the consideration of reconfiguring grade levels to lower the project costs. He estimates that the average taxpayer will spend \$700 annually for this project and \$1,000 annually with the inclusion of the middle school and athletic upgrades.

Carol Catanese, Pennsbury Township resident, commented regarding the U-CF Education Foundation's Dinner Dance last Saturday. She thanked Sharon Parker, Brenda O'Hern and Karen Halstead for representing the school administration and supporting their programs. The Foundation gives money to all schools to enrich educational initiatives.

Sharon Gabor, East Marlborough Township resident, agrees that we need to expand and improve this building. She defers to the educational, financial and design experts and thinks they are doing a good job. Mrs. Gabor supports the plan that addresses every need of every child. She invited everyone to attend the Musical March 15-17 and stated that tickets would go on sale this Wednesday.

It was moved by Mrs. Halstead and seconded by Dr. Sweeney to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2007 Regular Meeting (pp. 3.a.1-22).

Motion carried (9-0).

The following committee meeting minutes were reviewed:

1. Board Curriculum Committee – February 12, 2007 (pp. 3.a.23-34)

Mr. Baker requested that the secretary file the committee meeting minutes.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

MINUTES APPROVED

The following financial statements were reviewed:

1. General Fund Treasurer's Report – January, 2007 (p. 3.b.1)
2. 2006-2007 GF Function Revenue Analysis with Details of 6100's and 7000's as of January, 2007 (p. 3.b.2)
3. 2006-2007 General Fund Function-Object Expenditure Analysis as of January, 2007 (pp. 3.b.3-5)
4. Category Expenditures Analysis – January, 2007 (p. 3.b.6)
5. Capital Projects Fund Report – January, 2007 (p. 3.b.7)
6. Outstanding Projects Summary – January, 2007 (p. 3.b.8)
7. Construction Project Reports – January, 2007
 - a. Unionville High School HVAC Project Budget Report – January, 2007 (pp. 3.b.9-10)
 - b. Unionville High School & Fields Renovation Project Budget Report – January, 2007 (p. 3.b.11)
8. Capital Reserve Fund Report – January, 2007 (p. 3.b.12)
9. Health Care Trust Fund Report – January, 2007 (p. 3.b.13)
10. Debt Service Reserve Fund Report – January, 2007 (p. 3.b.14)

Mr. Baker requested that the secretary file the financial statements and reports.

The following activity account reports were reviewed:

1. Unionville Elementary School Clearing Account Report – September 15, 2006 through December 21, 2006 (pp. 3.c.1-2)
2. Pocopson Elementary School Clearing Account Balance Sheet – July 1, 2006 through January 21, 2007 (p. 3.c.3)
3. C. F. Patton Middle School Activities Accounts Reports – October through December, 2006 (pp. 3.c.4-6)
4. Unionville High School Activities Balance Sheet – January, 2007 (pp. 3.c.7-8)
5. U-CF Cafeteria Service Profit & Loss Statement – July through December, 2006 (pp. 3.c.9-10)

Mr. Baker requested that the secretary file the reports.

It was moved by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Swayze to approve the Bill List for February 22, 2007 in the amount of \$1,661,715.02 (pp. 3.d.1-20).

Motion carried (9-0).

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BILLS APPROVED

Mr. Swayze stated that there were no action items for Facilities this evening. He invited everyone to attend the Facilities Committee meeting on Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 PM (UHS Library). There will be some comments and some basic numbers offered as far as finances and cost. This meeting may not be adequate for the Board to reach a decision on the next steps. We are looking forward to a unanimous vs. a 5-4 vote on the proposed design.

Mrs. Brown stated that there were no action items for Curriculum & Educational Technology. The Board Committee met on February 12 prior to the Work Session.

It was moved by Mr. Wandersee and seconded by Mrs. Halstead to approve the Resolution authorizing the Act 1 Tax Shifting Referendum Question for the May 15, 2007 Primary Election Ballot (p. 6.a.1).

Mr. Murray stated that there has been a lot of public discussion regarding Act 1 between the legislature and newspapers. It has been placed upon us by the legislature and we are required to have a ballot question in May regarding the implementation of an income tax to support this school district.

Mr. Wandersee stated that one to two people attended the Act 1 Public Hearing this evening at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Baker clarified that an affirmative vote would only be indicative that the Board would have a question on the ballot as required by law. It does not indicate that any individual supports the tax.

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Dr. West and seconded by Mrs. Halstead to approve personnel items 7.a., b. and c.1-2. Dr. Sweeney corrected the agenda items to approve Mr. Duggan's and Ms. Edwards' items as retirements and add Ms. Herman's and Mr. Morris' resignations:

- a. Professional Conferences (15)
 - 1. Approve the Attendance at Professional Conferences as on the attachments (pp. 7.a.1-2)
- b. Retirements
 - 1. Michael Duggan – Unionville High School Math Teacher, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year
 - 2. Sheri Edwards – Patton Middle School Language Arts Teacher, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year

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**FACILITIES
REPORT**

**CURRICULUM &
EDUCATIONAL
TECHNOLOGY**

FINANCE

**Act 1 Tax
Shifting
Referendum
Question – May,
2007 Ballot**

PERSONNEL:

**Professional
Conferences**

Retirements:

M. Duggan

S. Edwards

Personnel (Continued)

c. Resignations (2)

1. Lisa Herman – Unionville Elementary School part-time Paraprofessional (6.5 hours/day x 3 days/week), effective February 15, 2007
2. Christopher Morris – District Energy Education Manager, effective January 19, 2007

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Dr. West to approve the following personnel item (agenda item 7.c.3):

c. Resignation (1)

3. Charlene C. Stone – Chadds Ford Elementary School Principal, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year

Ms. Parker commented that Mrs. Stone and her family would be moving to Shanghai. She'd like to see her come back to this community when she returns to the area. It is with great sadness that we wish her well and will accept her resignation.

She reviewed the process to begin a separate Principal Search Committee from Hillendale's process. There will be discussion at Chadds Ford to meet with the parents, staff and students. We will open the 2007-08 school year with two new principals. We will begin interviews next week for the Hillendale Principalship. Superintendent Parker thanked Mr. Marinelli for getting that moving forward.

Mr. Wandersee stated that it's always tough to follow Ms. Parker but all of us who have worked with Charlene Stone know what a great job she has done. He commented about the newly renovated school having opened with Mrs. Stone. After having worked with the duPont Co. himself, he stated that it may be a longer assignment. It will be an adjustment and we will miss her.

Mrs. Trigg stated that she was inclined to vote no on this item. She has a daughter at Chadds Ford who has been there her entire time since Kindergarten.

Motion carried (9-0).

**PERSONNEL
(Continued)**

Resignations:

L. Herman

C. Morris

Resignation:

C. Stone

It was moved by Dr. West and seconded by Mrs. Trigg to approve the following personnel items (agenda items 7.d. through 7.g.):

d. Reclassifications (8)

1. Blanche Woodward – from part-time Van Driver to full-time Van Driver (6+ hours per school day), effective January 2, 2007
2. Nichole Westley - from part-time Bus Driver to full-time Bus Driver (6+ hours per school day), effective January 2, 2007
3. Jessica Turgoose - from part-time Bus Driver to full-time Bus Driver (6+ hours per school day), effective January 2, 2007
4. Michael Pugh - from part-time Bus Driver to full-time Bus Driver (6+ hours per school day), effective January 2, 2007
5. Elmer Paul Crosby - from part-time Bus Driver to full-time Bus Driver (6+ hours per school day), effective January 2, 2007
6. Francis Cooper - from part-time Van Driver to full-time Van Driver (6+ hours per school day), effective January 2, 2007
7. David Buck – from part-time Bus Driver (under 25 hours per week) to part-time Bus Driver (25 hours per week), effective January 2, 2007
8. Veronica Pryce – from full-time Bus Driver to part-time Bus Driver (5 to 5-1/2 hours per school day), effective January 2, 2007

e. Supplemental Contracts (5)

1. Jennifer Spisak – Half-Year Mentor (Joseph Grello)
2. Christina Ciglinsky – Half-Year Mentor (Jenny Steinen)
3. Elissa Severino – Half-Year Mentor (Michelle Boreman)
4. Jewell Thacher – Half-Year Mentor (Kim Parra)
5. Dan Cipollini – Half-Year Mentor (Erin Carey)

f. Substitutes (6)

1. Mariel Simon – Elementary & Reading Specialist
2. Jean Uptmor – Elementary & Math
3. Kelli Ann Siehl – Nurse Substitute
4. Cristin Marron – Elementary
5. Cynthia Schofield – Support Staff Substitute
6. Lisa Wickersham – Support Staff Substitute

g. Employ (2)

1. Lynette M. Freed – part-time Bus Driver (5+ hours per school day), effective January 16, 2007, at a salary of \$14.28 per hour
2. Joel Durborow – full-time, 10-month Custodian (8 hours per day x 182 days), effective January 29, 2007, at a salary of \$12.59 per hour

**PERSONNEL
(Continued)**

**Reclassi-
fications:**

B. Woodward

N. Westley

J. Turgoose

M. Pugh

E. Crosby

F. Cooper

D. Buck

V. Pryce

**Supplemental
Contracts**

Substitutes

Employ:

L. Freed

J. Durborow

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Mr. Swayze and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the following personnel item (agenda item 7.h.):

- h. Create Positions (2)
 - 1. ACCESS Coordinator – Approximately twenty (20) hours per week (*to be funded through the ACCESS Program*)
 - 2. Paraprofessional – three (3) hours per school day, through the end of the 2006-2007 school year (*to be funded by the principal's allocation*)

In response to Mr. Wandersee's question, Mr. Cochran confirmed that ACCESS funds are a government subsidy.

In response to Mrs. Halstead's question, Mr. Marinelli stated that item 2. was for the Unionville Elementary School Pre-1st class.

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Mr. Wandersee and seconded by Mrs. Halstead to approve the following personnel item (agenda item 7.i.):

- i. Memo of Understanding – School Social Workers
 - 1. Approve the Memo of Understanding for School Social Workers as on the attachment

Motion carried (9-0).

Mr. Baker reported for Co-Curricular and Student Life that the group met to set forth its work program which focuses on the non-curricular aspects of our educational program. They will look at athletics, music, debate team, and other co-curricular activities. The committee will focus on philosophy and will drive down but not to the direct level of oversight.

The student life area will focus on removing the negatives in providing safe and healthy schools. With the current focus around bullying and harassment, that is a removal, but the mere removal does not meet the standard of an outstanding student life; it merely sets the platform for that to occur. Individual issues and items relative to the committee that are brought forward by the administration and are somewhat outside the broader scope of co-curricular and student life will also be included.

**PERSONNEL
(Continued)**

**Create
Positions:**

**ACCESS
Coordinator**

Paraprofessional

**Memo of
Understanding
– School Social
Workers**

**CO-
CURRICULAR &
STUDENT LIFE**

Dr. West reported for Communications regarding:

1. E-Board System – Post cards will be mailed to community members in the district now that it is running successfully. We will be working through trial and error – so check the district's website to be sure regarding meetings.
2. Next Meeting – Will be held on March 8th at 9:00 AM; after that, we will be able to present something more formal to the Board about the things on which they have been working.

Mr. Wandersee requested that Mrs. Trigg introduce the two Board Policy items because of her background on them.

Mrs. Trigg stated that Policy 213 is a change to the grading scale to a plus/minus system. She also clarified that grades would be reported as percentages during the marking period. Final grades will be calculated with 80% from marking period grades and 20% from mid-term grades.

Mrs. Brown commented that this is Board policy but it was also recommended by the administration. The Board did not write the policy.

It was moved by Mrs. Trigg and seconded by Mrs. Halstead to approve Board Policy No. 213 – Pupils – Assessment of Student Progress (pp. 10.a.1-2).

Motion carried (9-0).

Mrs. Trigg stated that Policy 214 includes changes in the ranges and adds one (1) Quality point for Advanced Placement courses and one-half (.5) Quality point for Honors courses (as opposed to the current 1.25 weighting multiplier).

It was moved by Mrs. Trigg and seconded by Mrs. Halstead to approve Board Policy No. 214 – Pupils – Class Rank/Grade Point Average (p. 10.b.1, revised).

Motion carried (9-0).

Mr. Wandersee stated that Release and Settlement Agreements were highly confidential issues and the details could not be discussed. He assured the taxpayers that it has been studied and debated prior to reaching their final conclusion.

It was moved by Mrs. Trigg and seconded by Mr. Swayze to approve the Release and Settlement Agreement for Student No. 2006-07-4 as presented in Executive Session following the January 8, 2007 Work Session.

Motion carried (8-1). Mr. Baker voted nay.

COMMUNI- CATIONS

LEGISLATION & BOARD POLICY

Revised Policy No. 213: Assessment of Student Progress

Revised Policy No. 214: Class Rank/Grade Point Average

Release & Settlement Agreement – Student No. 2006-07-4

Mr. Wandersee reported for Legislation regarding the Governor's budget that included a 3.6% increase over last year. This included a 3.5% increase for Basic Education and a 3% increase for Special Education. He commented about having spoken with several Senators. They don't feel that budget will be approved on time, which will complicate our life further since we won't know how much money we have to put into our budget.

**LEGISLATIVE
REPORT**

He discussed impact fees on new residential developments to accommodate the increase in student enrollment. This bill will be reintroduced by a representative from Northampton but he doubts it will go very far toward real action.

Superintendent Parker stated that the district would be involved in a meeting to discuss the reaffirmation of No Child Left Behind with Congressman Joe Pitts on March 5, 2007 at 10:00 AM, Unionville Elementary School. While there is limited space available, she is sure we could make space if others are interested in attending. Members of the administration also attended a meeting today that was hosted by Congressman Joe Sestak at Delaware County Intermediate Unit.

Mr. Murray reported for the Center for Arts & Technology/ Intermediate Unit and Special Education that the Board met on Wednesday evening. The Core Budget is not increasing, which is good news. The Occupational Education budget is going up due to several factors, mainly increased enrollment. Copies will be distributed to everyone when they are received. Work is underway for the High School College and is ahead of schedule on site construction. They hope to open the school in September, 2008.

**C.A.T./
SPECIAL
ED. / I.U.**

Doug Keller, East Marlborough Township resident, complimented the Board on the wise decision to make the grading changes. He thanked resident Nick O'Neill for getting this started.

**RESIDENTS'
COMMENTS**

Sue Hayes, UHS Debate Coach, commented about taking the students to Harvard last weekend where 3,000 students turned out from the United States. Several of our kids ranked very high in the top of the U.S. Jason Trigg was kind enough to help judge for them. We've done a great job watching these kids go from the bottom to the top 10% in the country.

Ms. Parker thanked Ms. Hayes for all she has done. The event she attended two weeks ago was extraordinary and seeing how well our students fared was great. We can be extremely proud of our students and she looks forward to meeting them at an upcoming Board meeting.

Nick O'Neill, East Marlborough Township resident, commented that not everyone in the community agrees with what everyone does but the Board responded to the community and he applauds them for it.

Dr. Sweeney expressed appreciation to everyone in the community, including *The Kennett Paper*, for the concern and thoughts for the horse, *Barbaro*, who had been cared for in recent months at University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center.

Mr. Swayze thanked tonight's presenters, from the Lego group to the bell ringers. He spoke with music teacher, Sara Hagopian, earlier this evening to tell her how much his daughter had enjoyed working with her 13 years ago. He was somewhat surprised to learn that Mrs. Hagopian has been with the district for 32 years. The longevity among our staff is a tremendous compliment about how our district is run.

Mrs. Trigg thanked everyone who worked on the high school Book Sale this weekend. Hopefully, this will be a good influx of money for our district. Some of our students have been taking PSSA writing tests and the regular reading and math tests will be coming up in about a month. She thanked everyone for their hard work during this stressful time.

Dr. West thanked the students who were here earlier when the Board was holding its public hearing. It was lovely to go out and see them playing. She also thanked the Lego team members. Dr. West congratulated Charlene Stone and commented that her children had attended Chadds Ford Elementary School. Mrs. Stone was a fabulous person to have as Principal and we will miss her. She looks forward to the March 8th discussion regarding facilities. The Board has had a lot of opportunity to gather proposals but this will be the first opportunity to debate among them.

Mr. Wandersee congratulated Superintendent Parker for taking the initiative in doing the job she has done. The Communities That Care work has been excellent. He personally feels this is a very serious problem in our district. Mr. Wandersee commented to Nick O'Neill that the work regarding the grading policy changes was not as fast but was thorough. He thanked everyone who worked on it. Mr. Wandersee agreed with Dr. West's comments regarding the March 8 Facilities Committee meeting being the beginning and not the end of discussion. We will have a follow-up meeting as needed, followed by the Finance Committee meeting a few days later. There will also be a final presentation for public comment. He thanked Mrs. Stone and wished the best to she and her family as they go to China.

**BOARD
MEMBERS'
COMMENTS**

Board Members' Comments (Continued)

Mrs. Halstead attended the Forensic competition and it was great to see the students doing so well. She thanked their great coach for her hours as a volunteer. Mrs. Haslstead attended the Unionville and Pocopson Elementary Talent Shows, where there was a lot of spirit. The Book Fair was outstanding, thanks to the efforts of Janice Clark, the adult volunteers and students.

She hopes that students come out as well as taxpayers on March 8th. Mr. Knauss is very concerned about this and she is also concerned. We need to have the voice of more people speaking out. She has lived in the district for 40 years and not one renovation has been great. She will make it the best it can be. Last time the contractors had barely left the site and tiles were falling off the walls. Students are working in science labs that are not safe, nor are the trailers. She urged everyone to come to the March 8th meeting to listen. She doesn't want tons of e-mails but has had many phone calls and wants to hear what you all think. We will do the best we can do.

Mrs. Halstead commented that the Lego children were so enthusiastic. She asked that the Communities That Care meeting date be publicized on the website. Ms. Parker stated that Dr. Dickinson was using the list serve from those who had asked to be involved.

Mrs. Brown seconded Mrs. Trigg's, Mr. Wandersee's and Dr. West's comments. She thanked everyone who was involved in all of the activities this weekend (U-CF Education Foundation Dinner Dance, Book Sale, etc.).

Dr. Sweeney commented about a segment on cyber bullying last week on the national news. She expressed her continued respect for this administration and community. It struck her that we are addressing it before it hit the evening news!

Mr. Baker thanked Mr. Vosburgh for bringing so many of the kids out tonight. It was so great to see what is going on within our classrooms. As a truly great district, you look at our breadth of offering, our opportunity for enrichment, and the ability of our teachers, administrators and staff to achieve the joy of learning in our kids. It doesn't get any better than that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Brown
Secretary

**BOARD
MEMBERS'
COMMENTS
(Continued)**

**MEETING
ADJOURNED**