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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Minutes
April 17, 2006

The April meeting of the Unionville-Chadds Ford School Board was held on Monday, April 17, 2006 in the Unionville High School Large Group Instruction room. Mr. Baker, President, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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 Dr. John Kenney, District Superintendent, Dr. Brenda O'Hern, Robert Cochran, Thomas Marinelli, Maria Schwab, Jim Fulginiti, Rick Hostetler, Rich Hug, Dr. Jim Price, Charlene Stone, Bruce Vosburgh, Gail Wolfel, Lexi Crampton, student representative, community residents, members of the press, and Denise Miller, recording secretary.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charles Quinn, Pennsbury Township resident, complimented the Board for the quality of their contributions to the community regarding budget, human relations, litigation, and many other areas of the school district. If Board members were to give the kind of hours they do to a NASDAQ-traded corporation, they could be given \$100,000/year.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

He listened very attentively to the numbers that were spun around regarding the facilities study and stated that if anyone had to have a medical procedure done, they would get a second opinion. He encouraged the Board to get a second opinion on some things that he heard last week.

When it comes to Mr. Cochran's presentation, we deal with static, built-in budget busters (i.e. rising medical costs, dental costs and the exponentially increasing contribution to the teachers' and employees' pension funds). Mr. Quinn stated that even if we don't sprinkle grass seed at the high school, we would have a 6-7% increase. He doesn't get how Mr. Cochran said there would be an increase rate of two mills in both counties that would factor out at .4 (four tenths) of a mill over five years. If you do what you are contemplating doing (stadiums, astro-turf, 17 hires), and experience increasing costs, there is not way it will be two mills. Please get a second opinion. Thank you.

Mr. Baker thanked Mr. Quinn for his comments.

Keith Knauss, East Marlborough Township resident, commented that he heard some good comments at the earlier meeting on fiscal responsibility but there is another budgeting process that the Board has wrong. What he always hears is that this is our plan, we've put our list together of musts and wants and what it invariably leads to is far-above inflation spending. In most households and businesses, the list is prioritized until it fits the budget; that way we have responsible spending. He urged the Board to adopt the second method rather than the first method. Maybe a starting point would be to look at the Act 72 index. He would love to see the Board prune the budget to 3.9% and hold it there. He thanked the Board very much.

**RESIDENTS'
COMMENTS
(Continued)**

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2006 Regular Board Meeting (pp. 3.a.1-17).

**MINUTES
APPROVED**

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Trigg to approve the Minutes of the April 4, 2006 Special School Board Meeting (p. 3.a.22).

Motion carried (9-0).

The following committee meeting minutes were reviewed:

1. Board Curriculum Committee – April 10, 2006 (pp. 3.a.18-21)

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

The following financial statements and reports were reviewed:

1. General Fund Treasurer's Report – March, 2006 (p. 3.b.2)
2. 2005-2006 GF Function Revenue Analysis with Details of 6100's and 7000's as of March, 2006 (p. 3.b.3)
3. 2005-2006 General Fund Function-Object Expenditure Analysis as of March, 2006 (pp. 3.b.4-5)
4. Category Expenditures Analysis – March, 2006 (p. 3.b.6)
5. Capital Projects Fund Report – March, 2006 (p. 3.b.7)
6. Capital Reserve Fund Report – March, 2006 (p. 3.b.11)
7. Outstanding Projects Summary – March, 2006 (p. 3.b.10)
8. Construction Project Reports – March, 2006
 - a. Unionville High School HVAC Project (pp. 3.b.8-9)

**FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

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

The following activity account report was reviewed:

1. Unionville High School Activities Balance Sheet – January 31, 2006 to February 28, 2006 (pp. 3.c.1-2)

Mr. Baker requested that the secretary file the report.

It was moved by Mrs. Halstead and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the Bill List for March 29, 2006 in the amount of \$1,027,491.74 (pp. 3.d.1-17).

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Dr. West and seconded by Mr. Wandersee to approve the 2005-06 April Budget Transfers as on the attachment (p. 3.b.1).

Motion carried (9-0).

Mr. Swayze stated that a meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. this evening regarding the future direction regarding facilities. We have two items for consideration this evening.

It was moved by Mrs. Halstead and seconded by Dr. West to approve the returning Buildings and Grounds Summer Employees as listed on the attachment (p. 4.a.1).

Motion carried (9-0).

Mr. Swayze stated that the second item was to conduct a lottery for additional Buildings and Grounds summer positions as needed. Dr. Kenney stated that we need six additional summer employees and as others are needed, we will move to person number seven, etc. The results of the lottery are as follows:

1. Barbara Kerns
2. Jake Hoffman
3. Emily Woodland
4. Kelly Lipp
5. Christiaan Sidel
6. Brianna DeLuca
7. Megan Riley
8. Devin Sidell
9. Zachary Pino
10. Kristie Pollock
11. Bethany Welch
12. Jack Goodall
13. Peter Schilthius
14. Peter McLean

**Routine
Business
(Continued)**

**BILLS
APPROVED**

**BUDGET
TRANSFERS**

FACILITIES:

**Buildings &
Grounds
Summer
Employees**

**Lottery –
Additional
Buildings &
Grounds
Summer
Positions**

Mrs. Brown stated that there were courses to approve for next year on this evening's agenda. Each of them was up for its six-year review cycle. These classes were put up to the current Standards if there were standards. Dr. O'Hern stated that the Information Literacy kind of fits in with the Information Technology. Guidance uses the national standards.

Mrs. Brown commented that all of the courses will require new funding and stated that we are not approving the funding for these classes. She feels there is no point approving the secondary digital media course because without the funding these three classes don't exist.

In response to Mr. Wandersee's question, Dr. O'Hern stated that the approximate cost associated with Item 5.2.a – Digital Media Center – was \$89,000 across three departments (Technology Education, Music, and Art). In response to his second question, Mrs. Brown stated that these funds would be included in this year's budget and that they would not have this class if the funding were not provided in the budget. She commented that they could still teach health if the textbook was not provided but they could not teach this course without the digital media.

It was moved by Mrs. Trigg and seconded by Dr. Sweeney to approve the K-5 Art courses as on the attachments (pp. 5.a.1-24).

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Dr. West and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the K-5 Elementary Guidance courses as on the attachments (pp. 5.a.25-29).

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Mrs. Halstead and seconded by Mr. Swayze to approve the Grade 3-5 Elementary Health courses as on the attachments (pp. 5.a.30-41).

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Mr. Swayze and seconded by Dr. Sweeney to approve the Grades K-2 Information Literacy courses as on the attachments (pp. 5.a.42-49).

Motion carried (8-1). Mrs. Halstead voted nay.

CURRICULUM

New Courses:

K-5 Art

K-5 Guidance

Gr. 3-5 Health

**Gr. K-2
Information
Literacy**

It was moved by Mr. Swayze and seconded by Dr. Sweeney to approve the Gr. 1-5 Information Technology courses as on the attachments (pp. 5.a.50-62).

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Mrs. Trigg and seconded by Dr. Sweeney to approve the Grades K-5 General Music courses as on the attachments (pp. 5.a.63-89).

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Trigg to approve the Grades 4-5 Elementary Music – Band courses as on the attachments (pp. 5.a.90-96).

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Mr. Swayze and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the Grades 4-5 Elementary Music – Strings courses as on the attachments (pp. 5.a.97-103).

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Mrs. Trigg and seconded by Dr. West to approve the Grades 1-5 Physical Education courses as on the attachments (pp. 5.a.104-126).

Motion carried (8-1). Mrs. Halstead voted nay.

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Halstead to approve the Grades 9-12 Digital Media Center course as on the attachments (pp. 5.a.128-129).

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Mr. Wandersee and seconded by Dr. Sweeney to approve the following courses as on the attachments:

- 5.2.b. Health, Grade 9 (pp. 5.a.130-142)
- 5.2.c. Health, Grade 11 (pp. 5.a.143-159)
- 5.2.d. Proficiency Course – Language Arts, Grade 9 (pp. 5.a.160-164)
- 5.2.e. Proficiency Course – Mathematics, Grade 9 (pp. 5.a.165-169)

Motion carried (9-0).

**CURRICULUM
New Courses
(Continued)**

**Gr. 1-5
Information
Technology**

**Gr. K-5
General Music**

**Gr. 4-5
Elementary
Music – Band**

**Gr. 4-5
Elementary
Music – Strings**

**Gr. 1-5
Physical
Education**

**Gr. 9-12
Digital Media
Center**

**Gr. 9 Health
Gr. 11 Health
Gr. 9
Proficiency-
Lang. Arts
Gr. 9
Proficiency-
Mathematics**

It was moved by Mrs. Halstead and seconded by Mr. Wandersee to approve the Chester County Intermediate Unit #24's 2006-2007 Core Services Budget in the amount of \$11,690,230 as on the attachments (pp. 6.a.1-3). Mr. Murray commented that there was a 0.7% decrease in U-CF's share from 2005-06.

Motion carried (9-0)

It was moved by Mrs. Halstead and seconded by Mr. Wandersee to approve the Chester County Intermediate Unit #24's 2006-2007 Occupational Education Budget in the amount of \$16,780,605 as on the attachment (p. 6.b.1). Mr. Murray commented that there was a 26.9% increase in U-CF's share from 2005-06. This increase was due to the fee for services that will be rendered to the U-CF population of students who will be served.

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Dr. West and seconded by Mr. Wandersee to approve the following personnel items (agenda items a. through g.):

- a. Professional Conferences (7)
 - 1. Approve attendance at Professional Conferences as on the attachment (p. 7.a.1)

Mrs. Halstead suggested that people attend conferences that are closer to home when they are available. She also expressed concern over the costs for conferences.

- b. Retirement (1)
 - 1. Barbara Roney – Food Service Assistant, effective March 7, 2006

Mrs. Halstead commented that she would miss Barbara Roney.

- c. Resignation (1)
 - 1. Stacey Stanolis – Unionville High School Custodian, effective March 27, 2006

Mrs. Halstead suggested that we look into the sliding door of people leaving the high school custodial force.

FINANCE:

**Chester Co. I.U.
2006-2007 Core
Services
Budget**

**Chester Co. I.U.
2006-2007
Occupational
Education
Budget**

PERSONNEL:

**Professional
Conferences**

Retirement:

B. Roney

Resignation:

S. Stanolis

Personnel (Continued)

- d. Substitutes (11)
 - 1. Michele Consorti - Elementary
 - 2. James Pruitt – K-12
 - 3. Jacqueline Henry - Elementary
 - 4. Robert Bertrando – Social Studies
 - 5. Eleanor Butler – Language Arts
 - 6. Lois Vanderburg – Language Arts
 - 7. Elaine Fiocchi – K-12
 - 8. Kate Hodges – K-12
 - 9. Janet Sarcione - Elementary
 - 10. Jana Venturella – Elementary
 - 11. Matthew Ramus – Health & Physical Education

- e. Supplemental Contract (1)
 - 1. Jennifer Caputo – Middle School Track Coach

- f. Employ (2)
 - 1. Robert Mozzani – Assistant Mechanic Grounds, effective April 17, 2006, at a salary of \$14.50 per hour
 - 2. Lori Beck – Unionville High School full-time, 12-month Custodian, effective April 17, 2006, at a salary of \$12.22 per hour

- g. Leaves (3)
 - 1. Shannon Freehart – Patton Middle School Team Teacher, Extend Maternity Leave through the end of the 2005-06 school year, per her doctor’s note, followed by a Child-Rearing Leave for the first semester of the 2006-07 school year
 - 2. Joanna Johnson – Unionville High School Spanish Teacher, Six-Week Maternity Leave, per her doctor’s note, effective approximately June 4, 2006, followed by a Child-Rearing Leave, for the 2006-07 school year
 - 3. Susan Smith – Chadds Ford/Hillendale Elementary Art Teacher – Medical Leave for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year, per her doctor’s note

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Mrs. Halstead and seconded by Mrs. Trigg to approve the following personnel item:

- h. Extended School Year Program
 - 1. Approve the employees for the 2006 Extended School Year Program as on the attachment (p. 7.b.1)

Motion carried (9-0).

**PERSONNEL
(Continued)**

Substitutes

**Supplemental
Contracts**

Employ:

R. Mozzani

L. Beck

Leaves:

**S. Freehart
(Extended)**

J. Johnson

S. Smith

**Extended
School Year
Program
Employees**

Mrs. Halstead reported for Transportation regarding:

1. Safety – The childrens' safety is of utmost importance to the UCFSD staff. With the arrival of spring also comes the added exuberance of the children. Even though they are out of school when traveling on the buses, they are still expected to follow the same behavior that is expected when they are in the classroom.
2. Parent Memo – A safety memo was provided to the elementary schools to be sent home to parents, including tips and expected behavior on the school bus to be followed at all times. This helps to insure that the children will arrive to school and home safely each day. The parents' continued support is appreciated.
3. Chester County Safety Competition – Seven drivers will participate this year on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at CAT-Brandywine in Coatesville. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will include bus drivers from all Chester County school districts. Top drivers will compete at the State Competition that will be held in State College in June. The public is welcome to attend and cheer for their drivers.

Dr. West extended her thanks to Mr. Marinelli and to Mr. Hug for volunteering to join the Communications Committee. She feels it will really facilitate things. In response to requests from a community member, Dr. West stated that she hopes to have biographical information about each Board member available on the district's web site within the month. She commented that she has had some fairly significant medical issues during the last month and thanked the Communications Committee for their understanding. She is much better and stated that they would get back on task to get this work done.

Mrs. Trigg stated that we have the first reading of Board Policy No. 137.1 (Programs – Extracurricular Participation by Home-Educated Students) this evening. This is a reaction to a law passed last year by the legislature in Harrisburg. We are now required to be more inclusive in some areas, while there are no changes in other areas of this policy. There will be a month in which this could be discussed if anyone has input but we are basically bringing ourselves into compliance.

Lexi Crampton, Student Representative, provided her report regarding:

1. Mr. UHS – Chris Colazzi won this competition
2. Talent Show – Alex Silver won with a comedy routine
3. MORP (Prom spelled backwards) Techno Dance (anti-Prom) will be held
4. Student Council – Elections were held
5. End of School Year – Students are counting down the days

TRANSPOR- TATION

COMMUNI- CATIONS

BOARD POLICY

Policy No. 137.1 Programs– Extracurricular Participation by Home-Educated Students

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Murray reported for the Center for Arts & Technology/ Intermediate Unit and Special Education. He attended the I.U. meeting in March regarding the approval of budgets. The Executive Director encouraged all school districts to approve the Core and Occupational Educational budgets that we passed tonight.

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

Mr. Wandersee reported for Legislation regarding:

1. School Director Legislative Breakfast – This has been a pretty popular thing with our Board and we have an opportunity to express our view to legislators. It will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2006 (Registration at 8:15 a.m.; Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.) at the Sheraton Great Valley. Mrs. Miller will register those who expressed an interest in attending (Mr. Baker, Mrs. Halstead, Mr. Murray, Mr. Swayze, Mr. Wandersee, Dr. Kenney and Mr. Cochran). Mrs. Trigg and Dr. West will check their schedules regarding their availability to attend the breakfast.
2. House Bill 39 – There has been no action in either the Special Conference Committee or in the Education Committee. There will be a meeting of the full Senate and House in a week or two. The Special Session on property tax reform continues to languish.

**LEGISLATIVE
REPORT**

Dr. Kenney extended wishes for a happy spring to everyone and provided the Superintendent's report:

1. Spring Sports – He has enjoyed watching the students playing spring sports and participating in extracurricular activities.
2. Tax Reform – There was a late communiqué at the end of the day today indicating that there is a compromise on tax reform. The other pending issue is whether schools should start after Labor Day.

**SUPER-
TENDENT'S
REPORT**

Charlene Stone, Chadds Ford Elementary School Principal, provided the Elementary School Report:

- Hillendale Elementary –
 - Artist in Residence – Earl Lehman started today and will work with the students for two weeks. He is a muralist and will work primarily with 5th grade students in designing and painting murals for the school. He works on plywood which gives the work some mobility. He will also work on some of his own art work and discuss it with the students.
 - TV Studio – Should be up and running within a month. Thanks to the U-CF Education Foundation for their support with the project and to Teacher, Nancy Hofer and Technology Specialist, Linda Feathers who are working very hard!

**Elementary
Report**

Superintendent's Report – Elementary Schools (Continued)

- Pocopson Elementary –
 - New Office Manager – Welcome to Kathleen Reynolds who has quickly become an integral part of the Pocopson family.
 - PSSA's – The 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have completed the math and reading tests. Congratulations!
 - National Handwriting Contest – Student Mattie Ross, Mrs. DeTitta's class, won the national contest! Great job, Mattie!
 - Ronald McDonald Fund-Raiser – Pocopson received the *Read for Donald* award for participating in this fund-raiser.

- Unionville Elementary -
 - Super-Speller Contest - Mr. Silknitter and the students who participated in this contest raised close to \$5,000 for the American Lung Association. They will celebrate with a short assembly on May 17th from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.
 - Art in Action – Thanks to the P.T.O. for their continued progress on these projects. The cafeteria and entrance lobby are new worlds of shapes and color. The Kindergarten wing is growing into a giant celebration of the book, *Chick-A-Chick-A-Boom-Boom!*

- Chadds Ford Elementary –
 - Artist Paul Scarborough – Spent the entire day on March 22nd working with students. He demonstrated his sketching and painting techniques for students as part of the PTO's annual Art in Action project. Mr. Scarborough and the students will be painting five canvas murals about local features and history that will be hung in the hallways of Chadds Ford Elementary!
 - May Fair – Will be held on May 18th with the theme of *Heroes*
 - Spring Open House – Will be held on Thursday, May 4th
 - Rosetree-Media Song Fest – Virginia Jackson and Natalie Walden (5th graders) participated on April 7th.
 - Volunteer Luncheon – Will be held on April 29th to honor them for all of their hard work and support of their school.

**SUPER-
TENDENT'S
REPORT –
Elementary
Schools
(Continued)**

Superintendent's Report – Middle School

Mr. Bruce Vosburgh provided his report for Patton Middle School:

- PSSA's – Completed over 1,000 PSSA tests in math and reading during the week of March 20th
- Middle School Study Open Forum – Held second meeting on March 28th with 12 people in attendance
- Informal Parent Orientation Meetings – Have been held for parents of 5th grade students at the elementary schools; will conclude on Wednesday at Unionville Elementary
- 5th Grade Parent Orientation – will be held on Wednesday, April 26th from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium.
- Course Sign-Ups – for 7th grade language and 8th grade specials will begin tomorrow
- Report Cards – Were sent home today with percents and letter grades
- Spring Sports – have begun in baseball, softball, boys'/girls' lacrosse and boys'/girls' track
- District-wide Orchestra – will be held in the Unionville High School Auditorium on Thursday, April 27th
- Delaware Valley Science Research Contest – six students participated; four of them won awards
- Spring Carnival – will be held on Friday, April 28th

Mr. Jim Fulginiti provided the Unionville High School report:

- Shannon Strawley – Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and support for the tragic loss of Shannon. Special thanks to the psychologists, student assistance specialists, and the guidance counselors in particular.
- Assistant Principal – Mr. Rudy Reif started today; it's great to have him here!
- Report Cards – went out on April 7th
- Course Approvals – Thank you to the School Board for approval of these courses tonight. It will help our building to continue to lean forward as we meet the mission.
- PSSA's – The logistical adjustments this year provided a smooth process and did not impact on the day-to-day operations but we got the tests accomplished.
- *Cruising Not Boozing* Assembly – will be held on Wednesday, April 19th; We feel this is appropriate to keep the message out there for students regarding appropriate choices.
- 8th Grade Transition – SHOC (Students Helping Other Classmates) activities will take place in early May
- Prom – Will be held on May 20th; After-Prom is a big effort by the School & Homes folks.
- Senior Awards Night – Date changed to May 24th at 7:30 p.m. (change from the district calendar)

SUPER- TENDENT'S REPORT – Middle School (Continued)

High School Report

Superintendent's Report – High School (Continued)

- Senior Exams – Information will be going home regarding exams.
- Graduation – Monday, June 5, 2006 at 1:30 p.m., University of Delaware-Carpenter Convocation Center. Underclassmen will have a modified schedule that day and their exams will start the next day.

Dr. Kenney discussed No Child Left Behind and testing in the city of Baltimore, Maryland where some high schools did not meet AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) for the last four years. The Maryland legislators indicated that they would pass a law saying they would not take them over. The federal government has said they will not get Title I money, which represents millions and millions of dollars for Maryland. It will be interesting to see how that is finally resolved.

Keith Knauss, East Marlborough Township resident, commented regarding last month's presentation about facilities. What he would like to see as far as communications is the presentation placed on the web site ahead of time so people could look at it before they come, understand it better, and have some good comments. Mr. Hug, Technology Director, stated that it has been on the front page for about a week now.

Shawn Weigel, *Kennett Paper* reporter, inquired about the three departments involved in the Digital Media course at the high school. Dr. Kenney stated that the course involves the art, music and technology education departments. In response to Mr. Weigel's question, Dr. Kenney stated that this would be the first time this course is offered.

Mr. Murray stated that he had the opportunity to attend the National School Boards Association (NSBA) conference in Chicago while there for business. He went through the exhibit area and also saw Colin Powell's headline speaking. It was nice to see the people from school districts from Pennsylvania and interesting to see that the things with which they are dealing are not too dissimilar to ours (i.e. wellness policies, biometric scanning devices for safe schools - thumbprint check before coming into the door).

With regard to Senate Bill 39, Mr. Murray commented that he is probably in the minority but whenever he sees legislation lining up that benefits the legislators, he thinks they will come up with a compromise. He feels they will want something to come home with before the primary election to say they've done something with property tax reform. The legislation as it sits now requires back-end referendum and most schools are evaluating the merits of their budgets, as we are doing, in the case it needs to be at the index. He feels we will wake up some day and be subject to a back-end referendum and a budget that does not exceed the index.

**SUPER-
TENDENT'S
REPORT –
High School
(Continued)**

**RESIDENTS'
COMMENTS**

**BOARD
MEMBERS'
COMMENTS**

**BOARD
MEMBERS'
COMMENTS
(Continued)**

Mrs. Brown commented that we are trying to do a lot more in public and advertising the meetings in the hope that more people will come to them. When we do that, we get a lot of information from whomever is out there. The Board may like some of it and may not like some of it. She commented that some members of the public are saying the Board is going to do a \$90 million project; the Board has not decided on anything. When we operate in the sunshine, these things get out there but when people say we have decided to do something we have not decided to do, it's irresponsible. Keep that in mind when you read some of the newspaper articles.

Mrs. Halstead commented regarding the following items:

1. Facilities Report – It was very encompassing and she felt the firm truly found all kinds of things for which we could work. We are still looking at what we should do and must look at what is most immediate and what is most important in order to plan over the next two to three years so that it is responsible.
2. Technology – Robin Martin, from the middle school, has been presenting at schools regarding the childrens' use of the Internet. Mrs. Halstead applauded her for a very worthwhile cause. She is thinking of having a *MySpace* for herself. She also has a report from Rich Hug regarding all of the technology that is going on right now.
3. Basket Bingo – She cannot attend Friday's lacrosse game in order to run this program at Unionville Elementary. It is an evening worth your time and money!

Mr. Swayze thanked each Board member for their valuable holiday time that was taken to discuss facilities issues. It was all very helpful in focusing our conversation tonight and he felt that significant progress was made. Mr. Swayze is interested in finding out more about the MORP Techno Dance and Mrs. Halstead stated that she would attend as our undercover representative!

Mrs. Trigg commented that it was nice to see a few more faces in the audience. She hopes they will return on May 1st for the Budget Meeting (and on May 2nd and 3rd, as needed).

Mr. Wandersee congratulated the Chadds Ford P.T.O. and staff members for the fine effort on the Art in Action program. He also gave accolades to artist, Paul Scarborough, for all of his time and stated that Mr. Scarborough really enjoyed working with the kids and also the annual Art Show, which is an outstanding success.

Dr. West commented about her middle school child who came home with the report card that included the percentage grades. It made for a much more in-depth and interesting conversation.

Dr. Sweeney commented regarding Internet security. She has always believed in snooping, and although her children are off at college, she signed on the *Facebook* journal page as herself and had all of the U-CF kids asking her to be their friends. It was a lesson and she should have used someone else's name!

Mr. Baker congratulated Dr. O'Hern and Mr. Vosburgh on their good work with the common assessments. He sincerely appreciates their efforts on this important and valued work. He commented regarding the final P.T.O. Advisory Committee meeting that was held recently and could not comment highly enough about the good work that the P.T.O.'s do. The parent involvement is one of the pillars around which this district was built and the P.T.O.'s are the primary lobby for that. He is looking forward to working with the new presidents as they come on board next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Brown
Secretary

**BOARD
MEMBERS'
COMMENTS
(Continued)**

**MEETING
ADJOURNED**