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**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**June 16, 2008**

The June meeting of the Unionville-Chadds Ford School Board meeting was held on Monday, June 16, 2008 in the Unionville High School Large Group Instruction room. Mr. Murray, President, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The following members were present: Edward Murray, Dr. Therese West, Kathleen Brown, Karen Halstead, Dr. Paul Price, Dr. Corinne Sweeney, Timothea Trigg, and Edward Wandersee. Also present were Sharon E. Parker, District Superintendent, Kenneth Batchelor, Sharon Allen-Spann, Robert Cochran, Steve Dissinger, Jim Fulginiti, Rick Hostetler, Rich Hug, John Nolen, Mark Ransford, Dr. John Sanville, Colleen Shearburn, Bruce Vosburgh, community residents, members of the press, and Denise Miller, Recording Secretary.

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

Ms. Parker commented regarding the 400 community members that stood around the softball field with clergy and family members. Abby Miller, who just completed her junior year at Unionville High School, was involved in a fatal car accident on Friday. She was deeply loved by her friends, family, and the broader school community. Ms. Parker encouraged everyone to continue to offer those positive memories of Abby. Also involved was 2007 UHS graduate, Molly O'Brien, who was in Intensive Care but is now progressing.

Superintendent Parker stated that graduation was a lovely ceremony. She extended thanks to Principal, Jim Fulginiti, Rich Hug, and everyone who facilitated the arrangements for the day.

A trophy was presented to the staff of U-CF from Activate Chester County. The Chester County Intermediate Unit and Chester County have had a competition to look for healthful living around the county. Unionville-Chadds Ford had the highest participation rate in the county and also ranked high in the competition. Sharon Allen-Spann, Sharon Baillie and Ms. Parker attended the award ceremony recently. This could not have happened without Sharon Baillie, who continually sent messages of inspiration to the staff.

Mr. Baker joined the meeting via telephone conference call at 7:42 p.m.

Shannon Pitt, student representative, commented about the memorial service for Abby Miller. She was well liked and it was helpful for students to share their remarks about Abby. Shannon mentioned Shinauk Kishore's competition in mathematics. Mrs. Trigg stated that he finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the *USA Math Olympiad*, which includes top students from the U.S. and Canada. Shinauk is now competing to be a member of the six-student team in the *International Math Olympiad*. Ms. Parker mentioned Shaina Sklar's competition in the nationals for debate in Wisconsin. Shaina broke into finals, and will compete in the Las Vegas tournament this weekend.

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

**MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

**SUPER-  
INTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE  
REPORT**

Shannon is in awe of the colleges our students are attending. Mike Welsch will be attending Stanford University. Five students will attend Cornell University, and two have enrolled at M.I.T.

Mr. Murray requested that residents limit their comments to three minutes.

Dave Armstrong, Pocopson Township resident, referenced the accusations in today's newspaper regarding the eligibility of non-resident students. He requested that the Board look into the matter and hopes we would adhere to regulations and policy. Ms. Parker thanked Mr. Armstrong for his comment, stating that such a discussion had been held at a Board meeting over a year ago. In addition to our guidelines, we are bound by the McKinney Act. The Act states that we must educate children who are declared homeless. A child who is residing in our community, even without the benefit of a lease, is our child. They must be educated under the FAPE (Free And Appropriate Public Education) guidelines.

The District also has an Affidavit of Residency process that comes to us from the state. If a student resides and sleeps in this district Monday through Friday and their parents signed an agreement, that is fully recognized as residency. There are also situations of emancipated minors. Ms. Parker assured Mr. Armstrong that she would connect personally with the writer of the letter in today's paper. In reviewing our records, one of our first lines of investigation comes from our bus drivers. Some of these pieces of legislation do not appear in our policy and should possibly be attached to them.

Holly Manzone, Pocopson Township resident, stated that she has always wanted a Taj Mahal for our district. She has had many conversations in the district, and many people agree with her. There are many more who do not agree, people from the greatest generation – World War II. Mrs. Manzone hopes she never sees the day we have to reach into the pockets of that generation. We all know our needs and the overcrowding in the district.

Mrs. Manzone commented regarding the overcrowding at the middle school and the looming crisis. By putting off the middle school for 10 years, we have the inevitability of modular classrooms there also. She is very worried about the under-the-cap spending. We dodged a bullet with redistricting our elementary schools. The only thing to do would be to cut back the scale. Mrs. Manzone requested that we give time to the Unionville Sports Council to raise funds.

Keith Knauss, East Marlborough Township resident, commented about last month's motion to re-engage MM Architects. He stated that we had paid \$800,000 to date and had broken the contract. Mr. Knauss inquired as to whether the motion was to authorize the design development phase at \$271,000 or the next phase also at \$1.4 million. He asked whether the Board was willing to wait until the August report from Public Financial Management.

Mr. Knauss commented that the Board stated that cutting 1.5% to 3% from the budget was manageable. The Board will vote on the budget tonight that does not include those cuts and does include the maximum amount allowable under Act 1. He suggested to the five Board members who voted "yes" that they consider how to cut 3% out of the budget since they would have to do it sooner or later.

**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE REPORT  
(Continued)**

**RESIDENTS'  
COMMENTS**

Dr. Price stated that the budget before us is what was presented before the project motions were made in May, 2008.

It was moved by Mr. Wandersee and seconded by Mrs. Halstead to approve the Minutes for the May 5 Budget Hearing (pp. 3.a.1-9 rev.) and the May 19, 2008 Regular Board Meeting (pp. 3.a.10-28).

Motion carried (9-0).

The following financial statements and reports were reviewed:

1. General Fund Treasurer's Report – May, 2008 (pp. 3.b.2)
2. 2007-2008 GF Function Revenue Analysis with Details of 6100's and 7000's as of May, 2008 (p. 3.b.3)
3. 2007-2008 General Fund Function-Object Expenditure Analysis as of May, 2008 (pp. 3.b.4-6)
4. Category Expenditures Analysis – May, 2008 (p. 3.b.7)
5. Capital Projects Fund Report – May, 2008 (p. 3.b.8)
6. Construction Project Reports – May, 2008
  - a. Unionville High School & Fields Renovation Project Budget Reports – May, 2008 (pp. 3.b.9-10)
7. Outstanding Projects Summary – May, 2008 (p. 3.b.11)
8. Capital Reserve Fund Report – May, 2008 (p. 3.b.12)
9. Health Care Trust Fund Report – May, 2008 (p. 3.b.13)
10. Debt Service Reserve Fund Report – May, 2008 (p. 3.b.14)
11. UHS Activities Balance Sheet – March 31-April 30, 2008 (pp. 3.c.1-2)
12. U-CF Cafeteria Service Profit & Loss Statement – January through May, 2008 (pp. 3.c.3-4)

Mr. Murray requested that the secretary file the statements and reports.

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Halstead to approve the Bill List for May 28, 2008 in the amount of \$1,969,552.82 (pp. 3.d.1-16). Mr. Baker recused himself for any checks related to the Chester County Intermediate Unit due to a conflict of interest.

Motion carried (8-0-1). Mr. Baker abstained.

It was moved by Mr. Wandersee and seconded by Mrs. Halstead to approve the Budget Transfers for June, 2008 (p. 3.e.1).

Motion carried (9-0).

Mr. Murray stated that the next agenda items would allow us to file the final project accounting documents for the Chadds Ford, Unionville, and Pocopson Elementary School Projects.

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Dr. West to enter into the Board minutes the Plancon Part J: Project Accounting Based on Final Costs for the following construction projects:

1. Chadds Ford Elementary School (pp. 4.a.1-11)
2. Unionville Elementary School (pp. 4.a.12-24)
3. New (Pocopson) Elementary School (pp. 4.a.25-35)

Motion carried (9-0).

**MINUTES  
APPROVED**

**FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS  
& REPORTS**

**BILLS  
APPROVED**

**BUDGET  
TRANSFERS**

**FACILITIES:**

**Plancon J:  
Project  
Accounting –  
Chadds Ford,  
Unionville,  
Pocopson  
Elem. Schools**

It was moved by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Dr. Sweeney to approve the new textbooks for adoption in the 2008-09 School Year as on the attachments (pp. 5.b.1-2, revised).

Mrs. Brown reviewed the proposed list of textbooks.

Mrs. Halstead questioned the English (Sports Literature) books and requested that they be reevaluated.

Mrs. Trigg stated that she understands that sometimes things happen but she hopes we will have the list of books sooner. She will vote yes but hopes this is the last time we do this. Mr. Murray suggested having the proposed list of books a month ahead next time.

Mr. Wandersee stated that he respects Mrs. Halstead's comment although it is about the process. Mrs. Halstead commented about the books having been discussed at a Curriculum meeting. There was not a lot of discussion since the meeting ran short on time. Mr. Wandersee commented that if we pass the textbook adoption, we pass it for all of the books.

Mr. Batchelor stated that the books could be reevaluated. We had so many courses, and the curriculum is being rewritten. The teachers did not want the textbook to drive the writing. We will need to move the schedule up next year.

Mrs. Halstead referred to the six books being purchased for the Sports Literature course. If 60 students enroll in this course, that is a lot of books. She is not sure these books are worthy.

In response to Dr. West's question, Mr. Batchelor stated that some of the courses (i.e. American Literature) do not require the purchase of a new textbook. We may be using the same text and, perhaps, reducing the length of courses. Dr. Sanville stated that some of the courses are second semester courses that are being written over the summer. There would be plenty of time to request those textbooks in August.

Ms. Parker stated that the Pennsylvania School Code is specific for textbook approval and materials. She is hearing that there is an openness to reviewing these materials and believes the Curriculum Department could offer updates over the summer. As indicated by Mrs. Brown, we are committed to go forward with these courses as electives for this year.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Dr. Sweeney to approve the applications for Federal Program Grant Funds for 2008-09:

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Title I -                    | \$117,333 |
| 2. Title II -                   | \$71,926  |
| 3. Accountability Block Grant - | \$98,564  |
| 4. Safe & Drug Free Schools -   | \$7,500   |
| 5. Classrooms for the Future -  | \$234,168 |

Motion carried (9-0).

**CURRICULUM &  
EDUCATIONAL  
TECHNOLOGY:**

**Textbook  
Adoption –  
2008-09**

**Federal Program  
Applications**

It was moved by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Halstead to approve the attached contract with the Pennsylvania Arts, Sciences, and Humanities Foundation for grant support in 2008-09 (p. 5.c.1).

Motion carried (9-0).

Mr. Batchelor reported that seven summer enrichment academies are being offered. Two programs started today and have gone well. He offered apologies to the families who signed up for programs that did not run. Enrollment was held open until about a week ago in the hope of filling them. We have learned a lot this year and will work to make it happen next year.

Mr. Wandersee commended Superintendent Parker, Bob Cochran, and the Administration for their diligence and effort in a well-structured budget. It is not easy to estimate, adjust, and further align all of the numbers in these difficult times that include compressed lead times.

It was moved by Mr. Wandersee and seconded by Mrs. Halstead to approve the attached budget resolutions which provide for the adoption of the proposed 2008-09 budget with total appropriations of \$67,854,540; real estate taxes of 22.53 mills per dollar (\$2.253 per hundred dollars) of assessed valuation of taxable property in Chester County and 21.14 mills per dollar (\$2.114 per hundred dollars) of assessed valuation of taxable property in Delaware County; and the 1% real estate transfer tax to be continued for the 2008-09 school year (pp. 6.a.1-33).

The budget, formulated with the “under- the-cap philosophy,” provided a tax increase of 4.45% (Chester County) and 14.39% (Delaware County), specifically Chadds Ford Township. This was due to an inequitable formula dictated by the Pennsylvania Public School Code, Section 672.1 (that uses two year-old data in the calculations). Assuming the budget increase was halved, the Chadds Ford portion would still be above 10%. So much for the stability of “under the cap” funding in planning your tax burden.

Mr. Wandersee stated that he would vote “no” on this tax increase as a protest for change in what he considers an inequality concerning two-county school districts. His vote also serves as a red flag to the predictability of “under the cap” reliance.

Mr. Baker asked where we stand in terms of depleting the operating balance over time in order to help shelter the increase with medical costs and other recurring expenses. Mr. Cochran stated that the medical will be at about \$1.5 million at the end of the fiscal year. We will not have the final figure until August. The current budget projects that we will break even. Mr. Baker referred to the 2004-05 operating fund balance of \$1.1 million, and asked whether our net grew by \$500,000. Mr. Cochran confirmed the figure. Mr. Baker commented that it is very difficult for him to vote for a deficit budget on the operating side. He will vote yes this year, although we are net imbalanced on the medical side.

**CURRICULUM &  
EDUCATIONAL  
TECHNOLOGY  
(Continued)**

**Pa. Arts,  
Sciences &  
Humanities  
Foundation  
Contract –  
Grant Support**

**FINANCE:**

**2008-2009  
Budget**

Mrs. Trigg referred to Mr. Murray's past comment to find \$750,000 to apply to the Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Cochran recalled this as a side comment to that effect. Time and effort were not put into that area. Mrs. Trigg referred to her comments during the budget hearing that she may cast a symbolic "no" vote on this budget. Comments were made to her by the public to decrease the budget by \$2 million if it is not difficult to do so. Since that time, the Board voted to have MM Architects proceed. Under-the-cap funding will make things very difficult. If we are taking on that burden, we should find at least \$750,000 to help out the district in future times. It would be very valuable if our budget increase was changed by \$1-2 million. She will be voting "no" for those reasons.

Mr. Murray stated that if we had a zero mill increase in Chester County, there would still be an 11% increase in Delaware County because of the state formula. The state formula is based on market values from two years prior. The Board cannot do anything to change that. Mr. Murray agrees with Mr. Wandersee about continuing to send this message to the legislature. It's difficult in U-CF because the two counties are not aligned.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Baker -	Yes	Dr. Sweeney -	Yes
Mrs. Brown -	Yes	Mrs. Trigg -	No
Mrs. Halstead -	Yes	Mr. Wandersee -	No
Dr. Price -	Yes	Dr. West -	Yes
		Mr. Murray -	Yes

Motion carried (7-2).

It was moved by Mr. Wandersee and seconded by Dr. Sweeney to approve the 2008 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution as on the attachments (pp. 6.b.1-2).

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Mr. Wandersee and seconded by Mrs. Trigg to approve the purchase of software for accounting, payroll, taxes, and human resources from SunGard Pentamation in the total amount of \$169,503 over two fiscal years, as on the attachment (p. 6.c.1).

Mr. Murray stated that we have delayed this purchase for two years now. Mr. Cochran commented about the review process with members of the district group, as well as discussions with staff in other organizations who have used the software. We looked at software programs from four different firms. The implementation schedule will take 1-1/2 years, beginning with payroll and human resources in January, 2009 and accounting, accounts payable, and taxes in July, 2009. Implementation will begin this fall.

Motion carried (9-0).

**FINANCE  
(Continued)**

**2008-09  
Budget  
Approved**

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Halstead to approve the following personnel items (agenda items 7.a. through 7.i. and 7.k. through 7.m.):

- a. Professional Conferences (5)
  - 1. Approve the Attendance at Professional Conferences as on the attachments (p. 7.a.1)
- b. Retirement (1)
  - 1. Nick Cross – Skilled Mechanic – Buildings & Grounds, effective July 4, 2008
- c. Resignations (0)
- d. Reclassifications (17)
  - 1. Sharon Baillie – from District Benefits Specialist (6 hours per day x 260 days) to District Benefits Specialist (7 hours per day x 260 days), effective July 1, 2008
  - 2. Karen Carson – from 0.6 Chadds Ford Elementary School Librarian to 0.8 Chadds Ford Elementary School Librarian, effective August 13, 2008
  - 3. Jennifer Dickinson – from Unionville Elementary School 0.5 Kindergarten Teacher to 1.0 Fourth Grade Teacher, effective August 13, 2008, at the Bachelor's Step 2 salary level
  - 4. Paula Drumheller – from Unionville High School FCS Paraprofessional to S-III Secretary (7.5 hours per day x 260 days), effective July 1, 2008, at a salary of \$16.00 per hour
  - 5. Linda Feathers – from Hillendale Elementary School Technology Support Specialist (7 hours per day x 185 days) to (7 hours per day x 195 days), effective July, 2008
  - 6. Marie Geib – from Chadds Ford Elementary School Technology Support Specialist (7 hours per day x 185 days) to (7 hours per day x 195 days), effective July, 2008
  - 7. Dianna Hatton – from Unionville Elementary School Technology Support Specialist (7 hours per day x 185 days) to (7 hours per day x 195 days), effective July, 2008
  - 8. Donna Hayden – from Chadds Ford Elementary School Second Grade Teacher to Hillendale Elementary School Academically Talented Teacher, effective August 20, 2008
  - 9. Diana Keller – from Pocopson Elementary School Technology Support Specialist (7 hours per day x 185 days) to (7 hours per day x 195 days), effective July, 2008
  - 10. David Listman – from Unionville High School Technology Support Specialist (7 hours per day x 185 days) to (7 hours per day x 195 days), effective July, 2008
  - 11. Fran Mall – from Unionville Elementary School Forth Grade Teacher to Chadds Ford Elementary School Pre-First Grade Teacher, effective August 20, 2008

**PERSONNEL:**

**Professional Conferences**

**Retirement:**

**N. Cross**

**Reclassifi-  
Cations:**

**S. Baillie**

**K. Carson**

**J. Dickinson**

**P. Drumheller**

**L. Feathers**

**M. Geib**

**D. Hatton**

**D. Hayden**

**D. Keller**

**D. Listman**

**F. Mall**

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**3.a.7**

Personnel - Continued

12. Michael McGarvey – from 0.5 Unionville High School Special Education Teacher (Temporary Professional Employee) to 1.0 Special Education Teacher (TPE), effective August 13, 2008, at the Bachelor's Step 1.5 salary level
  13. Rhlon Miller – from Unionville High School Custodian (I hours per day x 260 days) to Night Shift Supervisor Custodian (8 hours per day x 260 days), effective June 2, 2008, including fifty center extra per hour
  14. Andrew Moister – from 0.6 Unionville High School/0.4 Unionville Elementary School Health & Physical Education Teacher to 1.0 Unionville High School Health & Physical Education Teacher, effective August 13, 2008, at the Bachelor's Step 3.5 salary level
  15. Vicki Treadway - from Unionville High School Technology Support Specialist (7 hours per day x 185 days) to (7 hours per day x 195 days), effective July, 2008
  16. Heather Weigner – from 0.6 Long-Term Substitute /0.4 Temporary Professional Employee Unionville High School Spanish Teacher to 1.0 TPE Spanish Teacher, effective August 13, 2008, at the Bachelor's Step 3 salary level
  17. Joe West – from Transportation Head Mechanic to Skilled Mechanic, effective June 2, 2008
- e. Substitutes (2)
1. Mark Agostini - Support Staff
  2. Rozella Kleaver - Elementary
- f. Leaves (7)
1. Hilary Brogan – Patton Middle School Science Teacher, Six-Week Maternity Leave beginning approximately July 15, 2008, followed by an Unpaid Child-Rearing Leave through the end of the First Semester of the 2008-2009 school year
  2. Marisa Gehris – Chadds Ford Elementary School Academically Talented Teacher, Unpaid Child-Rearing Leave for the First Semester of the 2008-2009 school year
  3. Honey Beth Kropp – Patton Middle School English Teacher, Six-Week Maternity Leave beginning approximately June 23, 2008, followed by a Twelve-Week FMLA leave beginning August 20, 2008
  4. Maribeth Lyles – Unionville High School Counselor, eight-week Maternity Leave beginning approximately August 24, 2008, followed by FMLA Leave, total of twelve weeks out, returning November 17, 2008
  5. Michele Showalter – Pocopson Elementary School Third Grade Teacher, Unpaid Child-Rearing Leave through the end of the 2008-2009 school year, following a Six- to Eight-Week Leave beginning approximately September 19, 2008
  6. Amy Thompson – Pocopson Elementary School Third Grade Teacher, Unpaid Child-Rearing Leave for the First Semester of the 2008-2009 school year
  7. Kathleen Walsh-Shell – Patton Middle School Trainer, Military Leave, May 27-20, 2008 and June 3-6, 2008

**Reclassifications  
(Continued)**

**M. McGarvey**

**R. Miller**

**A. Moister**

**V. Treadway**

**H. Weigner**

**J. West**

**Substitutes**

**Leaves:**

**H. Brogan**

**M. Gehris**

**H. Kropp**

**M. Lyles**

**M. Showalter**

**A. Thompson**

**K. Walsh-Shell**

Personnel - Continued

- g. Supplemental Contracts (113)
  - 1. Carol Campenni - Mentor – Half Year, 2007-2008
  - 2. 2008-2009 Supplemental Contracts signed as of June 9, 2008 (112)
- h. Employ (8)
  - 1. Jordan Becker – Unionville High School Social Studies Teacher (Temporary Professional Employee), effective August 13, 2008, at the Bachelor's Step 1 salary level
  - 2. Mary Kamelhar – Pocopson Elementary Third Grade Teacher (Long-Term Substitute), full year, effective August 13, 2008, at the Bachelor's + 24 Step 1 salary level
  - 3. Robyn Mascioli – Chadds Ford Elementary School First Grade Teacher (Temporary Professional Employee), effective August 13, 2008, at the Bachelor's Step 2 salary level
  - 4. Diane Schafer – Unionville High School Biology Teacher (Temporary Professional Employee), effective August 13, 2008, at the Master's Step 2 salary level (pending receipt of Master's degree)
  - 5. Kristie Spina – Pocopson Elementary School Third Grade Teacher (Long-Term Substitute), first semester 2008-2009, effective August 13, 2008, at the Bachelor's Step 1 salary level
  - 6. Eva Thomas – Pocopson Elementary School Librarian, effective August 13, 2008, at the Master's Step 5 salary level
  - 7. Charles Manning – Unionville High School Biology Teacher (Temporary Professional Employee), effective August 13, 2008, at the Bachelor's + 24 Step 1 salary level
  - 8. Kimberly Ann Weatherill – Bus Driver (5 hours per school day), effective June 2, 2008, at a salary of \$14.71 per hour
- i. Summer Enrichment Academy (4)
  - 1. Approve the following additional U-CFSD employees for the 2008 Summer Enrichment Program:
    - a. Betsy Ballard
    - b. Janis Robertson
    - c. Linda Sordi
    - d. Susan Hayes
- k. Appointments (5) - Approve the following appointments for the 2008-2009 school year:
  - 1. School Physician - Dr. Peter Soraruf
  - 2. School Dentist - Dr. Merle Saldivar
  - 3. Transportation Physician - Dr. Karl Zimmerman
  - 4. Solicitor - John R. Merrick, Esq.
  - 5. Treasurer - Dominick V. Guiseppe
- l. Substitute Service Contract
  - 1. Approve the agreement with Substitute Teacher Service to provide district-wide substitute calling and attendance reporting for professional and paraprofessional employees for the school year 2008-2009 as on the attached contract (pp. 7.l.1-5)

**Personnel  
(Continued)**

**Supplemental  
Contracts**

**Employ:**

**J. Becker**

**M. Kamelhar**

**R. Mascioli**

**D. Schafer**

**K. Spina**

**E. Thomas**

**C. Manning**

**K. Weatherill**

**Summer  
Enrichment  
Academy**

**Appointments –  
2008-2009**

**Substitute  
Service Contract**

Personnel - Continued

m. Settlement and Release

1. Approve the settlement for medical benefits with Ed Spang in the total amount of \$1,500

Motion carried (9-0).

Ms. Parker stated that there are positions that have not been filled but have been approved through the budget process. They will be posted in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Trigg to approve the following personnel item (agenda item 7.j.):

j. Approve Wages and Benefits

1. Approve the Professional, Administrative, and Support Staff Wages and Benefits for the 2008-2009 School Year as on the attachments

Motion carried (9-0).

Mrs. Halstead reported for the Co-Curricular and Student Life Committee:

- Strategic Plan for Student Life – Will be actively working on philosophy of athletics and activities
- National Honor Society – There has been a review of the requisites for NHS
- Kennett Senior Center Prom – Unionville and Kennett students came together to decorate, provide music and serve. A wonderful chef, Sharon Parker, cooked the meal. There were many parent volunteers, but the students really organized the evening. It all came together and we hope to hold it again.

Dr. West reported for Communications regarding continuation of the work with Communications Consultant, David Voss. A meeting will be held sometime toward the end of July to discuss his evaluation and recommendations.

Mr. Wandersee reported for Legislation and Policy regarding the proposal for Graduation Competency Assessments (GCA's). It is gaining more negative impact and stronger opposition as the days go on. The General Assembly's objective is to stop the GCA's with Senate Bill 1442, which was approved by the Senate Education Committee (10 to 1). Senator Domenick Pileggi expects that it will pass in the full House. Governor Rendell supports the GCA's but is not committed if he would veto any bill in the General Assembly preventing their action. The State Board of Education said the GCA's will prevail, regardless of the outcome in the General Assembly.

Mr. Murray reported for the Center for Arts & Technology/ Intermediate Unit and Special Education that the I.U. meeting will be held this Wednesday. As of last month's meeting, the Southern Chester County High School College is on time and under budget. Students are being enrolled currently for next year. Everything seems to be going well in getting the school completed and classes running. Mr. Murray commented regarding the fairly significant process for dual enrollment, which is going well. Several Open House programs will be offered for the facility.

**Personnel  
(Continued)**

**Settlement/  
Release –  
E. Spang**

**Wages &  
Benefits  
Approved –  
2008-2009**

**CO-CURRICULAR  
& STUDENT LIFE**

**COMMUNI-  
CATIONS**

**LEGISLATION  
AND POLICY**

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

There were no additional comments from residents.

Dr. West referred to the tragedy of Abby Miller's death, and asked that everyone have a safe summer.

Mr. Wandersee wished a happy summer to everyone and asked that they get rested for an exciting year ahead.

Mrs. Brown extended wishes for a great summer to everyone.

Mrs. Trigg thanked the teachers for another great year. She congratulated the students and stated that we want to celebrate everyone's success. It is a difficult time with the tragedies we have had. Mrs. Trigg clarified that her "no" vote on the 2008-09 budget was not a reflection on Mr. Cochran's budget.

Mrs. Halstead mentioned the lovely comments she received from two people at the Kennett Senior Center regarding the memorial service for Abby Miller today. The community came together to celebrate the life of our student who was taken too soon. The graduation ceremony was one of our best ceremonies, and includes marvelous speeches. Two of the speeches were presented by her former students. Mrs. Halstead would like to see the students' and Ms. Parker's speeches posted on the web site.

Mr. Baker echoed Mrs. Halstead's sentiments regarding the graduation ceremony.

Ms. Parker stated that an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's Board meeting to discuss personnel matters. This discussion will continue following the meeting. The Administration appreciates the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Board. She heard many extraordinary ideas come out on the table this evening. Had we come out a month ago in our discussions, the Administration might have responded differently. Ms Parker encouraged the Board to feel free to contact us at any time with their thoughts.

She also brought attention to the grant writing that continues. We are up to \$500,000 and need to get to her target of \$1 million. If you have further thoughts regarding grant opportunities over the summer, please continue to express them.

Superintendent Parker thanked the staff, Board partners and members of our community who, whether with a voice of acclaim or challenge, make us better at what we do.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Brown  
Secretary

**RESIDENTS'  
COMMENTS**

**BOARD  
MEMBERS'  
COMMENTS**

**MEETING  
ADJOURNED**