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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Minutes
July 31, 2009

A special meeting of the Unionville-Chadds Ford School Board was held on Friday, July 31, 2009 in the Unionville High School Library. Mrs. Brown, President, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Kathleen Brown, President, Edward Murray and Curt Baker (via telephone conference call), Karen Halstead, Dr. Paul Price, Timotha Trigg, and Dr. Therese West. Also present were Sharon E. Parker, District Superintendent, Rick Hostetler, Rich Hug, Dr. John Sanville, and community residents.

Mrs. Brown requested that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Hostetler reviewed the process that is necessary for approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to move forward with repairs to Unionville High School as a result of the fire on July 23, 2009:

- We must go to PDE for approval of a project.
- Due to liability issues, the insurance company will not contract directly with the contractors.
- He contacted Shirley Warner at PDE regarding the form for the Department to determine if our project qualifies as an emergency. We received word this morning that it does qualify as an emergency.
- The District must complete PDE Form 3074-B (for a non-reimbursable project).
- The insurance company will cover all costs, excluding a \$5,000 deductible.

Mrs. Brown commented about efforts being made to dry and preserve the gymnasium floor. Air is being pumped over the floor to reduce the humidity level to about 10%. Mr. Hostetler stated that, as of today, there are about six areas where the humidity level is approximately 30%. Most areas of the floor are under the 20% level.

In response to Mrs. Brown's question, Mr. Hostetler stated that even if the floor needs to be replaced, we are still only liable for the \$5,000 deductible cost.

In response to Mrs. Trigg's question, Mr. Hostetler stated that the roof was cut in two places in order to ventilate the fire. It is temporarily fixed, and we hope to have it repaired within several weeks.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

**MEMBERS
PRESENT**

FACILITIES:

**PDE Form 3074-B
– Approval of
Emergency; July
23, 2009 Fire at
UHS**

Mrs. Brown requested that Mr. Hostetler review the time line for the bidding and repairs:

- Bid package was assembled (with MM Architects);
- Pre-bid meeting was held with contractors yesterday;
- Bids packages requested by next week;
- Requested completion of main gymnasium lobby by August 24;
- Requested completion of gym lockers and auxiliary gym by August 28;
- Requested completion of main gym by the end of September.

Mrs. Halstead requested a motion on the agenda item. It was moved by Mrs. Trigg and seconded by Dr. West to approve Pennsylvania Department of Education Form 3074-B, as attached, for repairs necessitated as a result of the fire at Unionville High School on July 23, 2009.

Motion carried (7-0).

It was moved by Dr. West and seconded by Mr. Baker to authorize the District Administration and insurance carrier (Willis) to proceed with the award of the bids. The bids are to be presented to the Board for ratification on August 17, 2009.

Motion carried (7-0).

Mrs. Brown announced that Edward Wandersee had resigned from the School Board, effective July 30, 2009. Mr. Wandersee has moved to the Jenners Pond community. The procedure for the vacancy will be:

- Advertise vacancy on District website today
- Advertise vacancy in the newspaper on Monday and Tuesday
- 30-day window to find a replacement
- Application form will be available on the District website and in the District Office; must be submitted by 12:00 noon on Friday, August 14, 2009

By law, the Board cannot meet to discuss the candidates in Executive Session. Individuals applying for the vacancy must reside in Region "C" of the school district. We are also requesting that applicants indicate their desire to run in the General Election in November. This appointment will continue until December 7, 2009. Republicans and democrats will place a name on their respective ballot in the fall. The Board will place names of applicants for the appointment through December 7, 2009 on the August 17, 2009 agenda, hold discussion, and conduct a vote.

Ms. Parker offered great appreciation to Rick Hostetler and Jim McLimans for their diligence and work in assisting firefighters on July 23rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Cochran
Secretary

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**Authorize
Administration/In
surance Carrier
to Proceed with
Bid Awards –
UHS Fire**

**MEETING
ADJOURNED**