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**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**August 25, 2003**

The August meeting of the Unionville-Chadds Ford School Board was held on Monday, August 25, 2003 in the Unionville High School LGI.

Mr. Brown, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He requested that the group stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The following members were present: Herb Brown, Corinne Sweeney, Kathleen Brown, Keith Knauss, Stephen McClaskey, Anne Michelini, Ed Murray, Bruce Swayze, and Ed Wandersee. Also present were Dr. Jack Kenney, Superintendent, Dr. Brenda O'Hern, Robert Cochran, Tom Marinelli, Robert Bertrando, Maria Schwab, Bruce Vosburgh, Joyce Reeves, Rick Hostetler, Gail Wolfel, Solny Adalsteinsson, student representative, community residents, members of the press, and Denise Miller, recording secretary.

There were no comments from residents this evening.

It was moved by Mr. Wandersee and seconded by Mrs. Michelini to approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2003 Regular Meeting. Motion carried (9-0).

The following financial statements were reviewed:

1. General Fund Treasurer's Reports dated June, 2003 and July, 2003
2. Term Investment Report dated June, 2003 and July, 2003
3. Capital Reserve Fund Report dated June, 2003 and July, 2003
4. Capital Projects Fund Report dated June, 2003 and July, 2003
5. Construction Project Reports:
  - a. Unionville Elementary School – June, 2003 and July, 2003
  - b. Chadds Ford Elementary School – June, 2003 and July, 2003
  - c. Pocopson Elementary School – June, 2003 and July, 2003
  - c. Stadium/Track Project – June, 2003 and July, 2003

Mr. Brown requested that the secretary file these reports.

**MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

**RESIDENTS'  
COMMENTS**

**MINUTES  
APPROVED**

**FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS**

The following financial statements were reviewed:

1. Pocopson Elementary Activities Reports – September 18-October 15, 2002; November 20-December 17, 2002; February 19-March 18, 2003; and May 21-June 17, 2003
2. C. F. Patton Middle School Activities Reports – March, 2003; April, 2003; May, 2003; and June, 2003
3. Unionville High School Activities Reports – April 30, 2003 and May 31, 2003

Mr. Brown requested that the secretary file these reports.

It was moved by Mr. Murray and seconded by Dr. Sweeney to approve the Bill Lists dated June 24, 2003 in the amount of \$3,009,204.18 and August 6, 2003 in the amount of \$2,325,110.08. Motion carried (9-0).

Mr. Wandersee provided the Buildings and Grounds Report:

1. Chadds Ford Construction Project – The mason has been off site for almost two months; the roofer is also off site. The building has been secured in the evening. We do have a preliminary walk-through scheduled for August 27 with the final L&I inspection scheduled for September 29, 2003. The first day of school is still scheduled for October 13, 2003. Our custodial staff is working on the classrooms - we expect to have more rooms turned over soon. Dr. Kenney, Rick Hostetler, and he will schedule a full walk-through in early to mid-September for all board members (approximately one week after Labor Day).
2. Track & Stadium Project – Trailers and equipment are gone and the work is 99% complete. Final grading and seeding will be done next week. A problem encountered with the sod has been corrected by reseeding. The field should be in good shape by October 4; games scheduled prior to that date will be held at Garnet Valley. We are most appreciative of Garnet Valley's willingness to cooperative with us in locating alternative playing fields. The track should be ready by next week.
3. Hillendale Elementary Treatment Plant – Plant was upgraded and the complete system is in operation.

Mr. Wandersee reviewed the change order request for Chadds Ford Elementary. This request is not to exceed \$38,827.57 and includes work in the "E" unit (built in 1924) as substantiated by the memorandum from David Lynch Associates. The original request of \$44,843 has been lowered to the requested amount of \$38,827.57 and we will go back to the surety who is acting through the contractor, Purcell.

It was moved by Mr. Wandersee and seconded by Mr. Swayze to approve the change order for Chadds Ford Elementary School (not to exceed \$38,827.57) as on the attachment (pp. 4.a.1.1-3). Motion carried (9-0).

**FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS  
(Continued)**

**BILLS PAID**

**BUILDINGS &  
GROUNDS  
REPORT**

**CHANGE  
ORDER –  
CHADDS FORD  
ELEMENTARY  
PROJECT**

Mrs. Michelini stated that there were no action items tonight. She commented that the staff was extremely busy over the summer. Big items this summer were:

1. Literature Assessment for K-5 students
2. Middle School Science Courses (grades 6 and 7) - were rewritten and will be piloted this year
3. Report Card Committee – There will be a pilot this year with full implementation next year.
4. Director of Elementary Education – Our new director, Maria Schwab, will be busy getting started.

Mrs. Michelini stated that the first meeting of the Curriculum Committee will be held on September 8.

Mr. Murray stated that the bid award item had been discussed at both the Finance Committee Meeting and the August 18 Work Session. It was moved by Mr. McClaskey and seconded by Mr. Knauss to award the bids for science supplies as follows:

1. Forestry Suppliers -	\$ 1,339.74
2. L. Miller Precision -	26,425.00
3. Para-Scientific -	11,147.50
4. Wards -	44.56
5. Sargent-Welch -	4,384.88
6. Bio-Rad Labs -	<u>4,285.60</u>
<b>Total -</b>	<b><u>\$47,627.28</u></b>

Motion carried (9-0).

Mr. Murray stated that the Business Office had interviewed several people regarding short-term investments. This will give them the availability of four other depositories that have a better yield than what we are receiving now. It was moved by Mr. Wandersee and seconded by Mr. McClaskey to approve the short-term investment accounts as follows:

1. Citizens Bank – Currently 1.22%
2. National Penn Bank – Guaranteed 1.25% until 12/31/03
3. Sovereign Bank – LIBOR + .25%, Currently 1.35%
4. M & T Bank – Currently 1.25% (as on the addendum to the agenda)

Motion carried (9-0).

## CURRICULUM REPORT

## FINANCE:

## BID AWARDS – SCIENCE SUPPLIES

## SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Michelini to approve the following personnel items (agenda items a. through e.):

a. Professional Conferences

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

b. New Employees

1. Tabatha Bray – Unionville High School Biology/Science Teacher (.6 LTS and .4 TPE) – effective August 26, 2003, at the Bachelor's, Step 1 salary level
2. James Conley – Unionville High School English Teacher (TPE), effective August 26, 2003, at the Bachelor's + 24, Step 3 salary level
3. Ron Phillips – Unionville High School Computer/Math Teacher (TPE), effective August 26, 2003, at the Bachelor's, Step 1 salary level
4. Jennifer Reigel – Unionville High School Math Teacher (LTS) – effective August 26, 2003, at the Bachelor's, Step 1 salary level
5. Kelly Burbank McVaugh – Hillendale Elementary Learning Support Teacher (TPE), effective August 26, 2003, at the Bachelor's, Step 2 salary level
6. Jennifer Clark – Hillendale Elementary Second Grade Teacher (TPE), effective August 26, 2003, at the Bachelor's, Step 1 salary level
7. Shawn Cruice – Pocopson Elementary Fourth Grade Teacher (TPE), effective August 26, 2003, at the Bachelor's, Step 1 salary level
8. Megan Sherlock – Hillendale Elementary Instructional Support/Academically Talented Teacher (LTS), effective August 26, 2003, at the Bachelor's, Step 1 salary level
9. Jennifer Spencer – Unionville Elementary Fourth Grade Teacher (LTS), effective August 26, 2003, at the Bachelor's, Step 1 salary level
10. Julie McGirl – Pocopson Elementary First Grade Teacher (TPE), effective August 26, 2003, at the Master's, Step 1 salary level
11. Jan Biagiotti – Unionville High School Paraprofessional, effective August 26, 2003, at a salary of \$10.65 per hour
12. Betty Jean Hayes – Chadds Ford/Hillendale Elementary Guidance Clerk (25 hours per week), effective August 26, 2003, at a salary of \$10.02 per hour
13. Kathleen Manning – Chadds Ford Elementary Paraprofessional (5 hours), effective August 26, 2003, at a salary of \$10.53 per hour
14. Darci Giovan – Chadds Ford elementary Reading Specialist, effective August 26, 2003, at the Master's, Step 8 salary level

**PERSONNEL:**

**PROFES-  
SIONAL  
CONFERENCES**

**NEW  
EMPLOYEES:  
T. Bray**

**J. Conley**

**R. Phillips**

**J. Reigel**

**K. Burbank  
McVaugh**

**J. Clark**

**S. Cruice**

**M. Sherlock**

**J. Spencer**

**J. McGirl**

**J. Biagiotti**

**B. J. Hayes**

**K. Manning**

**D. Giovan  
3.a.4**

Personnel (Continued)

b. New Employees (Contd.)

15. Allison Goldberg – Patton Middle School Learning Support Teacher, effective August 26, 2003, at the Bachelor's, Step 1 salary level
16. Kevin Brode – Unionville High School Emotional Support Teacher, effective August 26, 2003, at the Bachelor's, Step 6 salary level
17. Megan Young – Hillendale Elementary First Grade Teacher (LTS), effective August 26, 2003, at the Bachelor's, Step 1 salary level
18. Laura Gittings – Hillendale Elementary Fourth Grade Teacher (LTS), effective August 26, 2003, at the Bachelor's + 24, Step 1 salary level
19. Barbara Harra – Chadds Ford Elementary Paraprofessional (6.5 hours x 182 days), effective August 26, 2003, at a salary of \$10.85 per hour
20. Susan Carrier – Pocopson Elementary One-on-One Paraprofessional (6.5 hours x 182 days), effective August 26, 2003, at a salary of \$10.85 per hour
21. Katie Bowen – Pocopson Elementary Paraprofessional (5 hours x 182 days), effective August 26, 2003, at a salary of \$10.85 per hour
22. Marylou Sarraf – Patton Middle School Paraprofessional (7 hours x 187 days), effective August 26, 2003, at a salary of \$10.53 per hour
23. Jeannine Thompson – Patton Middle School Library Paraprofessional (7 hours x 185 days), effective August 26, 2003, at a salary of \$12.00 per hour
24. James Johnson – Pocopson Elementary Custodian (8 hours x 260 days), effective August 26, 2003, at a salary of \$11.46 per hour

c. Reclassifications

1. Tanya Pollock – Hillendale Elementary, from part-time to full-time Paraprofessional, effective August 26, 2003
2. John Austin – from part-time to full-time Bus Driver, effective August 26, 2003
3. Theresa Riale – from part-time to full-time Bus Driver, effective August 26, 2003
4. Alison Hutton – from Chadds Ford/Hillendale Elementary Special Education Teacher to Chadds Ford Elementary Fifth Grade Teacher (TPE), effective August 26, 2003

**PERSONNEL  
(Continued)**

**NEW  
EMPLOYEES  
(Continued)**

**A. Goldberg**

**K. Brode**

**M. Young**

**L. Gittings**

**B. Harra**

**S. Carrier**

**K. Bowen**

**M. Sarraf**

**J. Thompson**

**J. Johnson**

**RECLASSI-  
FICATIONS:**

**T. Pollock**

**J. Austin**

**T. Riale**

**A. Hutton**

**3.a.5**

Personnel (Continued)

c. Reclassifications (Contd.)

5. Amy Haehle – from one-on-one Paraprofessional to Unionville Elementary Learning Support Paraprofessional, effective August 26, 2003
6. Martin Reber – from Bus Driver to Chadds Ford Elementary Technology Support Specialist (7.5 hours per day/185 days), effective August 26, 2003, at a salary of \$16.50 per hour
7. Beverly Rose – from one-on-one Paraprofessional to Hillendale Elementary Library Paraprofessional, effective August 26, 2003
8. Diane Middleton – from Unionville High School Cook to Lead Cook, effective August 26, 2003, at a salary of \$13.60 per hour
9. Amanda Leflar – from Unionville Elementary Cook to Lead Cook, effective August 26, 2003, at a salary of \$10.30 per hour

d. Substitutes

1. Chester Gibson – Bus Driver
2. Mattie Kellett – Bus Driver / Office
3. Janet Worrell – English

e. Supplementals

1. Approve the 2003-2004 Supplemental Contracts as on the attachments (pp. 7.e.1-4)

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Knauss to approve the following personnel item (agenda item f.):

f. Retirements

- a. Marie Hartmann, Chadds Ford Elementary Reading Specialist, as per her letter dated June 30, 2003
2. Carol Madron – Unionville High School Secretary, effective August 12, 2003

Motion carried (9-0).

**PERSONNEL  
(Continued)**

**RECLASSI-  
FICATIONS  
(Continued):**

**A. Haehle**

**M. Reber**

**B. Rose**

**D. Middleton**

**A. Leflar**

**SUBSTITUTES**

**SUPPLE-  
MENTALS**

**RETIREMENTS:**

**M. Hartmann**

**C. Madron**

Personnel (Continued)

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the following personnel items (agenda items g. and h.):

g. Resignations

1. Melinda Bloomfield – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, effective August, 2003
2. Gwen Traynor – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, effective August, 2003
3. Valerie Orwig – High School Math/Computer Teacher, effective August, 2003
4. Ned Jenny – Director of Student Assistance, effective August, 2003
5. Nancy Gibson – Paraprofessional, effective August, 2003
6. Glenda Cassidy – Food Service Assistant, effective August, 2003
7. Pat Kotkin – Learning Support Paraprofessional, effective August, 2003
8. Sylvia McGonigle – One-on-One Paraprofessional, effective August, 2003
9. Laurie Tomiak – Paraprofessional, effective August, 2003
10. James Brunken – High School Special Education Teacher, effective, August, 2003
11. Lisa Facciolo – Chadds Ford One-on-One Paraprofessional, effective August 20, 2003

h. Leaves

1. Melissa Bechtel – Child-Rearing – effective for the 2003-2004 school year
2. Bridget Telenko – Child-Rearing – effective for the 2003-2004 school year
3. Deni-Lyn Lane – Child-Rearing – effective for the 2003-2004 school year
4. Christina Brunschwyler – Maternity – effective from September 20, 2003 for an eight-week period
5. Charlene Stone – Child-Rearing – as per the attached letter dated August 13, 2003

Motion carried (9-0).

**PERSONNEL  
(Continued)**

**RESIGNA-  
TIONS:**

**M. Bloomfield**

**G. Traynor  
V. Orwig**

**N. Jenny**

**N. Gibson  
G. Cassidy**

**P. Kotkin**

**S. McGonigle**

**L. Tomiak  
J. Brunken**

**L. Facciolo**

**LEAVES:**

**M. Bechtel**

**B. Telenko**

**D. Lane**

**C.  
Brunschwyler  
C. Stone**

Personnel (Contd.)

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. McClaskey to approve the following personnel items (agenda items i. and j.):

i. Home Game Rates

1. Approve the High School Home Game Rates for 2003-2004 as on the attachment (p. 7.i.1)

j. Substitute Rates

1. Set the substitute teacher rates for 2003-2004 as follows:
  - a. \$90 per day for the first twenty (20) days
  - b. \$100 per day after twenty (20) days
  - c. \$125 per day for 21-89 consecutive days

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Knauss to approve the following personnel item (agenda item k.):

k. Tenure

1. Award tenure to the following teachers who have satisfactorily completed three years of contracted teaching at Unionville-Chadds Ford:

- a. Jeremy Dickson
- b. Scott Stoltzfus
- c. Deborah Collins
- d. Christine Gregori
- e. George Crowley
- f. Ashley Keller
- g. Wendy Farina
- h. Paula Hait
- i. Donna Hayden
- j. Judy Jordan-Roney
- k. Allison Sweeney
- l. Elizabeth Vantre
- m. Ann Marie Wallace
- n. Kelley Wilson
- o. Christina Brunschwyler
- p. Stephanie Madsen
- q. Paul Wolf
- r. Joanna Johnson

Motion carried (9-0).

**PERSONNEL  
(Continued)**

**HOME GAME  
RATES**

**SUBSTITUTE  
RATES**

**TENURE:**

- J. Dickson**
- S. Stoltzfus**
- D. Collins**
- C. Gregori**
- G. Crowley**
- A. Keller**
- W. Farina**
- P. Hait**
- D. Hayden**
- J. Jordan-  
Roney**
- A. Sweeney**
- E. Vantre**
- A. Wallace**
- C.  
Brunschwyler**
- S. Madsen**
- P. Wolf**
- J. Johnson**

Personnel (Continued)

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. McClaskey to approve the following personnel item (agenda item l.):

l. Change

1. Salary for Erica Sorrentino-Sutton, .4 High School English Teacher (PE) from Bachelor's + 24, Step 1 to Bachelor's + 24, Step 4

Motion carried (9-0).

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. McClaskey to approve the following personnel item (agenda item m.):

m. Representative to Dormant Central Chester County Vocational Technical School Authority:

1. Adopt the attached resolution appointing Edward V. Wandersee to serve on the dormant Central Chester County Vocational Technical School Authority as on the attachment (pp. 7.m.1-5)

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

It was moved by Dr. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Knauss to approve the following personnel item (agenda item n.):

n. Board Hearing Examiner

1. Appoint John S. Halsted, Esquire, as the Board's Hearing Examiner in the matter of the expulsion of Student "X" and to authorize payment to him at his customary municipal rate of \$145.00 per hour.

Mr. Brown instructed board members to refrain from comments because of the nature of this item.

Motion carried (9-0).

**PERSONNEL  
(Continued)**

**CHANGE:**

**Salary –  
E. Sorrentino-  
Sutton**

**REP. TO  
DORMANT  
CHESTER CTY.  
SCHOOL  
AUTHORITY**

**BOARD  
HEARING  
EXAMINER**

It was moved by Mr. Swayze and seconded by Mr. Knauss to award the bid for a used Type “A” school bus, for immediate delivery, to Brightbill Body Works at a total cost of \$38,715.00 as on the attachment. Motion carried (9-0)

Mr. Swayze provided the report for Transportation:

1. New Routing Software – Implementation is moving along very well. We still have our back-up system that will run parallel to the new system for this year.
2. Review of Routes – We’ve looked at the routes very carefully this year in order to keep the buses to a minimum. We have three less Kindergarten routes and have consolidated some of the bus stops.
3. Letters to parents were mailed on August 22<sup>nd</sup> with bus stops.
4. Sneak-a-Peek Program – we’ll participate in this program at each elementary school so that Kindergarten and new students can go for a ride. School officials will talk with the students about expected behavior on school buses.
5. State Police Inspection of Buses – Went very well. Six to eight students worked on cleaning and polishing the buses.
6. Gail Wolfel – Transportation Supervisor – has received professional certification from PASBO (Pa. Association of School Business Officials) as a Pennsylvania Registered School Business Specialist. Congratulations!

Mrs. Brown stated that there were no action items for Communications this evening. In response to her question regarding the proposed calendars for 2004-05, Mr. Brown stated that two different calendar proposals are being considered. He commented that it would be great to have input from residents regarding the calendar proposals.

It was moved by Mr. Knauss and seconded by Mr. McClaskey to approve Policies 401-433 (Professional Employees) and Policies 501-523 (Support Employees) in the Board Policy Manual. All previous policies, or parts thereof, that are inconsistent are hereby rescinded and declared void. Motion carried (9-0).

Mr. Knauss reviewed the first reading of Section 600 (Finance) of the School Board Policy Manual that will be considered for adoption at the September board meeting. It will be available for public review in the District Office and in school libraries.

Solny Adalsteinsson, Student Representative, stated that high school activities are underway. The UNITY Barbecue was attended by 55 of the 58 new upperclassmen, which was a great response. This year, we have students coming from Jordan, Switzerland, Japan, and India. Homecoming is scheduled for October 4 and Spirit Week will begin on September 29. Students are very excited about the new track and stadium. Solny is looking forward to working with everyone.

**BID AWARD –  
TYPE “A” BUS**

**TRANSPOR-  
TATION  
REPORT**

**COMMUNI-  
CATIONS**

**BOARD POLICY  
MANUAL:**

**ADOPTION -  
SECTIONS  
400 AND 500**

**FIRST READING  
– SECTION 600**

**STUDENT  
REP. REPORT**

Mr. McClaskey reported for the Center for Arts & Technology, Special Education, and the Intermediate Unit:

- The annual organization meeting for C.A.T. was held in July. Kathy Pettiss (Great Valley School District) will serve for another year as President.
- CDC (Career Development Center) – Renovations to the existing building that began right after the end of school will be ready to go for the opening of school.
- I.U. Offices – Projected opening date for the new offices on Boot Road is October 1
- There was no meeting scheduled for August.
- Summer Career Academy at CAT-Pickering – 169 students attended in areas such as auto services, etc.
- Downingtown Graduation – was shown for the first time via cable (ChescoNet/Comcast) on Channel 66
- Goals for 2003-04 – 12 new goals were approved for the I.U. Mr. McClaskey will be happy to provide a report to interested residents.

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

Mr. Wandersee provided the Legislative Report:

- Chester County Legislative Group – did not meet this summer. The General Assembly of Pennsylvania also remains in recess for the summer.
- State Budget – He has it on good authority that the Governors proposal for a .95% increase will probably pass. The gambling proposal is still being considered.
- Senate Education Committee – met but there were no action items on their agenda. They discussed Elinor Taylor's bill to raise the age where children must be in school from 17 to 18 and to lower the beginning entrance age for school from eight to six years-old.

**LEGISLATIVE  
REPORT**

Dr. Kenney provided the Superintendent's Report:

- State Audit – Auditors have reviewed district financial and other documents from the last four years (1999-2002). No findings or written recommendations were found as discussed in the exit meeting with the auditors. This is a credit to the past and present administrations. Dr. Kenney has sent a note of thanks to Dick Merryman.
- Congratulations to Coaches – Lee Krug (Girl's Lacrosse) and Mark Laciaanca (Track) were chosen as Coaches of the Year by a local newspaper!

**SUPER-  
INTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Superintendent's Report (Contd.)

- AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) – Two district schools were placed on the state warning list (*Philadelphia Inquirer*) because of low attendance. The Department of Education did not contact the district regarding these items. In reviewing this report, administrators found that data for Pocopson was not available in 2001-02 (The school was not in existence that year.) Hillendale Elementary did exist as a grade 4/5 school (not a K-5 grade school). In reviewing current data, we see that more than 96% of students are attending school on a daily basis. The District has filed an appeal to remove us from the warning list. We anticipate being removed from the list following the State's review.
- PSSA Scores – Much information has been placed in newspapers; the district will provide a report at the October board meeting. Scores for 2003 are:
  - Grade 5 – Math – 1530; Reading – 1510
  - Grade 8 – Math – 1480; Reading – 1480
  - Grade 11 – Math – 1480; Reading – 1460
- Standards & Poors Database – In reviewing the 2001 data, the mean highest PSSA score Dr. Kenney found was 1462 (Radnor). If it remains the same, our mean would be 1492 for 2002-03 – a positive statement on behalf of the staff and students. It's very important that everyone is taking this very seriously.
- Goals for 2003-04 – Proposed goals were given to the board for review. They will be discussed and voted upon at the September 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Our new achievement goal for PSSA scores will be 1500. We are very close to that goal and a little tweaking of the curriculum should allow us to meet it. There are no longer similar schools bands reported for the PSSA. If Standard and Poors continues to do their analysis, we should be able to compare scores for our school system on-line.

Mr. Brown thanked Dr. Kenney for this very good news.

Bruce Yelton, Pocopson Township resident, asked whether the personnel changes approved this evening were within the constraints of the approved budget. Mr. Brown responded that they were very much so – most are replacing other positions.

Karen Halstead, East Marlborough Township resident, asked whether the whole Intermediate Unit was moving to Boot Road. Mr. McClaskey responded that they are and stated that he will meet with her after the meeting to discuss additional details.

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

**RESIDENTS'  
COMMENTS**

**3.a.12**

**BOARD  
MEMBERS'  
COMMENTS**

Mr. McClaskey stated that he is especially pleased with the increase in the elementary PSSA scores but is still a little concerned with Pocopson Elementary. In comparing data from the Pa. Department of Education (percent at proficiency levels), it looks like two of our elementary schools could be in the top 10 in the state! In comparing eighth and eleventh grade scores to the “similar schools scores”, some are still beating us - we can raise the bar somewhat. He offered his congratulations to everyone involved.

Mrs. Brown stated that she’s looking forward to the upcoming school year and getting back to curriculum meetings in the fall.

Mr. Wandersee commented regarding the exit meeting with State auditors. They had very fine remarks as a result of their spending 60 days here going through books and information. Mr. Wandersee enjoyed the meeting, adding that this kind of cooperation speaks very well of the administrative staff. Mr. Wandersee also concurs with Dr. Kenney’s goal for the district of 1500 on the PSSA’s.

Dr. Sweeney commented regarding the importance of the test score and the curriculum but she emphasize the that people are what makes this a very special school district. Relating a personal story, she commented about kind wishes that were extended to her son as he enters college by people like Karen Halstead, Betsy Hickman and a PTO President around the town. This is a very warm area.

Mr. Swayze stated that he is delighted with the test scores – we’re on the right track. He is also pleased to see the end of virtually all construction at all schools for the foreseeable future. It’s comforting to see that the children will be housed where they should be.

Mr. Brown congratulated the past and present administrations regarding the audit. He thanked Mr. Wandersee and Mr. McClaskey for joining him at the exit meeting. The auditors’ comments were exceptional – an assignment they loved to have and where they ranked U-F at the top of the top. He added that in looking at our test scores, the audit, and the new five-year teachers’ contract, these are all indicators of our great school district. Mr. Brown extended his thanks to everyone for their participation in achieving that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Brown  
Secretary