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**2006 Tax Study Commission  
Organizational Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2006**

The initial meeting of the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District Tax Study Commission was held on Thursday, September 21, 2006 in the Unionville High School Library. Mr. Robert Cochran began the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The following Commission members were present: Zack Brown, Robert Kane, James Romine, Charles Rudershausen, Ed Wandersee, William Wilson and Bruce Yelton. Also present were Sharon Parker, District Superintendent, Robert Cochran, Director of Business & Operations, and Sharon Baillie, recording secretary. One member of the public was present. Commission members Mark Berry and Barbara Siegel were expected to arrive late, as was Ed Murray, School Board Finance Committee Chairman.

MEMBERS  
PRESENT

At Mr. Cochran's request each member present introduced himself, stating his occupation and residence.

MEMBER  
INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Cochran began the meeting with an explanation of the member application and selection process. He reviewed the demographic factors that were used in the process, noting that all Townships within the District were represented with the exception of West Marlborough. No applications were received from West Marlborough.

SELECTION  
PROCESS

Committee members Mark Berry and Barbara Siegel arrived.

Ms. Parker introduced herself to members of the Committee, reviewed the intent of the Commission and thanked the members for their time.

MS. PARKER'S  
COMMENTS

Mr. Cochran explained the requirements mandated by the law for the Committee and asked for nominations for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.

MR. COCHRAN'S  
COMMENTS

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Mr. Wandersee, acting as temporary Chairperson asked for nominations for Chairperson. With no nominations received, Mr. Yelton volunteered. Mr. Berry seconded.

**ELECTION OF  
COMMITTEE  
OFFICERS**

A voice vote was taken with Mr. Yelton being elected Chairperson by a vote of 9 – 0.

Mr. Yelton, who asked for nominations/volunteers for Vice-Chairperson, then chaired the meeting. Mr. Bowen volunteered.

A voice vote was taken with Mr. Bowen being elected Vice-Chairperson by a vote of 9 – 0.

Mr. Yelton asked for nominations/volunteers for Secretary. Mr. Romine volunteered. A voice vote was taken with Mr. Romine being elected Secretary by a vote of 9 – 0.

School Board Finance Committee Chairperson, Ed Murray arrived and explained the role of the School Board in the process.

**SCHOOL BOARD  
ROLE**

Mr. Cochran and Mr. Murray reviewed the by-laws, the current tax structure, and the time line requirements set forth by the State Legislature. All the resources of the District Office, Staff and School Board are available to the Committee. Mr. Cochran and Mr. Murray will provide any available data requested by the Committee.

The Committee is to have its recommendation to the School Board within 90 days (December 13, 2006). The School Board must vote on the recommendation before 3/13/07.

Mr. Berry left the meeting for a previous commitment.

At 7:00 p.m. the web cast from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) began. The overview of the Law and requirements presented in the web cast is contained in the information distributed to the Committee Members. The web cast lasted approximately 1 hour.

**PSBA WEBCAST**

Following the PSBA web cast, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Murray

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responded to questions presented by the members of the Committee.

Members agreed to digest the contents of the material provided to date and develop a work plan at the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for **Thursday, September 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.** in the District Office Large Conference Room.

Mr. Yelton adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Romine  
Secretary

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT