

Unionville Chadds Ford School Board
Meeting Notes
April 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:35p.m. All Board members, with the exception of Curt Baker, were present. Recognition was given to students from Chadds-Ford and Unionville Elementary schools for their singing of the National Anthem.

Superintendent's Report – Sharon Parker commented on the Summer Enrichment Program. Ken Batchelor gave an overview of the programs being offered which included 39 different programs. This is a self-funding program. The courses will not run if fewer than 8 students register.

Presentation from USC – Joseph Carney presented information from the findings of the USC (Unionville Sports Council) study. USC feels the district should provide an environment for extra-curricular that are consistent with that of academics. This would equal: more space, more equipment, better facilities. Presentation can be found on the district website.

Student Representative Report: Shannon Pitt – Student Council MORP dance was a big success. Elections for Student Council were held for next year. National Honor Society is currently preparing for Spring inductions. Speech & Debate team members are going on to Nationals. Student Council toured the Valley Forge Convention center and was pleased with what they found. SHOC will be taking place in a few weeks. The Spring play Rumors will take place this weekend. New murals are in the Library. There has been an overwhelmingly positive response to the incentive for the Junior PSSA testing.

Resident Comments:

E. Marlborough resident – stated he feels the current renovation plan is that of a scenario of getting a medical diagnosis.

Pocopson resident – stated they will be voting no tomorrow.

E. Marlborough resident – thanked the School Board for doing their homework last Fall and informing the public with the facts. Regardless of what the outcome is tomorrow, thanks for doing the right thing.

Pocopson resident – commented on the questions that were asked at a previous meeting and yet those asking the questions didn't return for the answers. (town hall meeting)

School Director's Comments:

Dr. Price – any no voter will cost yourself more money in the long run. Just vote yes.

Mr. Wandersee – thanked Mr. Carney for his presentation. Glad to see the clubs coming together and organizing.

Mrs. Brown – wished the Polo Team students luck for their match in Dallas, TX.

Mrs. Trigg – wished Shaunak Kishore her best as he continues on with the Math Challenge.

Mrs. Halstead – thanked USC for their positive presentation. Hopes we can all come together tomorrow with whatever the decision happens to be. She hopes never again to see the divide that has occurred in the community.

Mr. Murray – wanted to congratulate Mr. Litzenberg on how he has handled himself with the recent occurrences.

Routine Business: Routine business of the Board was conducted. Minutes were approved, financial statements reviewed and filed, activity reports were reviewed and filed.

Facilities – Mr. Murray filled in for Mr. Baker. All bids were reviewed and approved. No renovations will take place at the Middle School for at least 5-10 years.

Curriculum & Educational Technology – Mr. Wandersee thanked the IU for attending the Work Session and giving their presentation. There will be a decrease in the Core IU budget. With regard to the Occupational Education budget, there will be an increase.

Personnel – Dr. Sweeney – approvals were given for conferences, retirements, resignations, reclassifications, supplemental contracts, etc.

Co-Curricular & Student Life – Mrs. Halstead – athletic & class fees will be incorporated into the accounting system. National Honor Society eligibility was discussed.

Communications – Dr. West – Advisory Board meeting will be held May 13th. Coffee chats will be held at the Dilworthtown Starbucks & Landhope.

Policy – Mr. Wandersee stated there were no issues. As a result of the “Slots for Tots” in PA, the school district will receive a tax credit (state wide gambling). Graduation Competency Evaluation is getting an overwhelming rejection.

Arts & Technology - There continues to be good news regarding the Technical College/High School as their construction is coming in under budget.

Resident Comments:

Teacher at Middle School – hopes the issue of safety at the middle school is not put on the back burner in light of the recent information of the middle school renovation project being delayed.

Chadds Ford resident – encouraged and hopes the Board will continue to have town meetings in the future.

Pocopson resident – commended the Board on communication; encourages the Board to keep up the communication. Is there a planned communication for the day after the election?

Pocopson resident – feels the reason why attendance dropped off at the meetings was because no answers were given the first night of the town hall meeting.

Board Directors' Comments

Mrs. Trigg – thanked Mrs. Cleveland for attending the various meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Everitt, UHS PTO School Board Representative