

UPPER ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA 15241

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Monday, April 28, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.  
High School LGI Room

## **AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER (Petersen)
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & STAR SPANGLED BANNER (Chanteclairs)
3. RESIDENTS' COMMENTS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Petersen)
5. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCEL REPORT (Hanna Mann & Louis Tambellini)
6. RECOGNITION OF BARBARA BOLAS, NSBA PRESIDENT (Petersen/O'Toole)
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Petersen)
  - 7.1 MARCH 24, 2008 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
8. BUSINESS & FINANCE (Cordisco)
  - 8.1 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL & CASH FLOW STATEMENTS, BUDGET TRANSFERS & BILL LIST
  - 8.2 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT
  - 8.3 ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWNSHIP & SCHOOL DISTRICT RELATED TO TAX COLLECTIONS
  - 8.4 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING AUDIT SERVICES
  - 8.5 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF AN ACTUARY FOR GASB 45 COMPLIANCE
  - 8.6 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF DIESEL FUEL FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE AIU CONSORTIUM
  - 8.7 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT
  - 8.8 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING GEOTECHNICAL, PROPERTY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS RENOVATION PROJECT

**8.9 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OUTSOURCING FOR PRIVATE & PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL STARTING TIME**

**MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

**9. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS**

**9.1 PERSONNEL APPROVALS (Toner)**

**MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

**10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (O'Toole)**

**10.1 COMMENDATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

**10.2 REQUEST APPROVAL OF ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT 2008-09 PROGRAM OF SERVICES BUDGET**

**10.3 REQUEST APPROVAL OF REAPPOINTMENTS TO YOUTH STEERING COMMITTEE**

**10.4 REQUEST APPROVAL OF AMENDED 2007-08 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**10.5 REQUEST APPROVAL OF PSBA CODE OF CONDUCT & STANDARDS FOR EFFECTIVE SCHOOL GOVERNANCE**

**10.6 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE**

**10.7 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION COMMUNITY WORKSHOP & DIALOG  
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008 – 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL LGI ROOM  
BOARD GOALS WORKSHOP**

**11. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**11.1 ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION  
APRIL 14, 2008 – LEGAL & STUDENT MATTERS  
APRIL 21, 2008 – REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS**

**12. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**13. RESIDENTS' COMMENTS**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS  
APRIL, 2008

Congratulations to the following 7th through 9th graders for being selected to participate in the PMEA District 1 JHS/MS Orchestra Festival held at Upper St. Clair High School Theatre on April 5 & 11, 2008.

**USCHS Orchestra members (Freshmen):**

Kevin Boyer, trombone  
Yudi Chen, violin  
Jessica Cohen, viola  
Masashi Iida, violin  
Tiffany Kitner, French Horn  
Joe Merchant, bassoon  
Jon Phillips, violin  
Vijay Venkatesan, violin

**Fort Couch MS Orchestra members:**

Elizabeth Altherr, viola  
Joe Ardolino, string bass  
Brooke Boehmer, French Horn  
Kathy Chen, violin  
Michelle Hoch, flute  
Beth Mittelman, violin  
Rachel Szucs, violin  
Akhil Venkatesh, violin  
Dan Zora, violin

Congratulations to the Girls Basketball Team on another successful season. The Girls Team won their 6th WPIAL Championship by defeating Peters Township and made it to the second round in the PIAA playoffs while finishing with a 23-6 record.

Freshman swimmer, Kyle Dudzinski, is the WPIAL champion in the 200 meter freestyle and the 100 meter backstroke. He went on to win a gold medal at the PIAA championships in the 100 meter backstroke as well. Kyle is just 1.4 seconds away from qualifying for the Olympic trials in the 100 meter backstroke. Congratulations Kyle!

"Shadow in the Outfield", a poem written by Eisenhower custodian, Jay Walsh, in tribute to Roberto Clemente, was printed in the *Upper St. Clair Today* magazine and has been placed in the Baseball Hall-of-Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

The following Boyce students participated in the Shakespeare Monologue & Scene contest February 15, 2008, at the O'Reilly Theater, performing portions of *Hamlet*, *Romeo & Juliet*, *Antony & Cleopatra*, *Macbeth*, *Julius Caesar*, *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*:

Spencer Davis  
Christian Stage  
Sean Ketchel  
Lisa Smith  
Taylor Rongaus  
Carson Mafrice  
Cole Kepler  
Haylee Gans  
Kylie Fultineer  
Brenna Carse  
Amanda Seiner  
Sam Zelik  
Macy Miller  
Virginia White  
Melissa Levine  
Isabel Goodman

Congratulations to Christopher Besser, a 7th grader at Fort Couch Middle School, for coming in second place in the 2008 Environmental Policy Essay Contest sponsored by the Rachel Carson Institute at Chatham University. Matthew David Sweitzer, also a 7th grader at Fort Couch Middle School, placed third. The students wrote essays answering the question "If you were running for office, what policies would you propose concerning energy?"

Congratulations to the Western Pennsylvania Kennel Association Dog Poster Contest Winners:

First Place: Andrew Troy--received \$100 Savings Bond and tickets to the Dog Show

Second Place: Adam Yunus--received \$50 Saving Bond and tickets to the Dog Show

Teacher sponsor: Dawn Yoder.

PHSSL (Pennsylvania High School Speech League) hosted its annual state forensics championship at Susquehanna University on March 28th and 29th. Students from 141 schools across the state competed in various speech and debate events. The Upper St. Clair team scored an extraordinary fifth place statewide. Individual recognition goes out to Mishan Blecher and Brendan McNally who placed first in "Duo Interpretation," Chelsea Cramer who placed second in "Dramatic Interpretation," and Jalpa Patel who placed third in the "Oral Interpretation of Prose" category.

Boyce Middle School participated in the 14th annual "Pasta for Pennies" program this year benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. During the 3 week program, Boyce Students raised \$5,746.91. Congratulations to our students on a job well done.

Congratulations to high school senior Eric Kasunich on the completion of his Eagle Scout Award. Eric's project was to build and install benches on the walking trails at Boyce-Mayview Park, a project that involved 123 hours of work to complete.

Congratulations to the Upper St. Clair Symphonic Band, who earned an Excellent Rating at Friday's PMEA Adjudication, and to the Wind Ensemble and String Orchestra, both of whom received Superior Ratings.

Several 8th Graders from Fort Couch Middle School competed in the 69th annual Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair on April 4-5th at Heinz Field. The participating students were: Michael Boyas, Maya Chandrasekaran, Carleton Gibson, Ian Park, Brian Rollick, Matthew Snyder, Vijay Viswanathan, Austin Wilding and Ben Zhang. Mr. Dennis Foor and Ms. Susan Fleckenstein sponsored the students. The award winners were:

Computer Science/Math - Intermediate Second Place: Vijay Viswanathan

TEAM Intermediate Second Place - Matthew Snyder and Ben Zhang

Physics - Intermediate - Honorable Mention - Maya Chandrasekaran

Congratulations to the Fort Couch 7th and 8th grade teams for their recent success in the Pennsylvania Math League (PML) contest.

The 7th Grade team placed 2nd in the State and 1st in the region.

The 8th Grade team placed 2nd in the State and 2nd in the region.

Individual awards went to Megan Adamo and Chenhao Yang in the 7th grade, and Maya Chandrasekaran, Poorwa Godbole, and Akhil Venkatesh in the 8th grade.

Congratulations to the High School Jazz Ensembles for outstanding performances at California University's "California Jazz Experience" held April 10. The bands performed for noted adjudicator and jazz performers Ray Defade and Jim Sheppard.

On Saturday, April 12th, five USC Odyssey of the Mind teams competed in the Pennsylvania State Finals. Congratulations to all who represented USC with such pride and distinction.

Special congratulations are extended to our High School Odyssey team who received the most prestigious Odyssey Award, the "Ranatra Fusca". This honor is bestowed on those who demonstrate exceptional creativity and qualifies the team for advancement to the World Finals held at the University of Maryland.

**2008 USC Worlds Team Members include:**

Riyana Bilimoria, Bridget Hubbard, Abby Massaro, Molly Patterson, Noah Simmons, Rachel Simmons and Johnny Simons

Other USC placement results include:

**Boyce - Division II (4th Place)**

Brenna Carse, Joshua Kane, Rishabh Kewalramani, Shubham Kokkula, Nikhil Narayanan, Genevieve Tankosich, Aditya Thakur

**Fort Couch - Division II (6th Place)**

Paul Austin, Victoria Cavrigh, Nicole Churbock, Rahul Das, Michael Gollihugh, Adam Snyder, Paul VanRyzin

**Fort Couch - Div II (9th Place)**

Kyle Austin, Jaime Lease, Josh Simmons, Sydney Turnwald, Helena Zatawski

**Streams - Division I (9th Place)**

Brendan Allen, Connor Byrnes, Liam Carse, Neal Sharma, Jimmy Vitcavage, Tia Watts

Thus far in 2007-08, Michelle Szucs has attended PMEA Honors Band, District 1 Band, District 1 Orchestra, Region I State Band and Region I State Orchestra, and the PMEA All-State Concert Band in Hershey, totaling six advance music festivals. Congratulations Michelle.

Six students from USC high school recently participated at the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair. Participants include Seniors, Jessica Frey, Chrissy Lee, Peter Wang; Junior, Kevin Goodlett; Sophomore, Victor Frazao; and Freshman, Avisha Shah.

The following winners were announced at the awards presentation held at Heinz Field on Saturday, April 5.

Peter Wang--Navy Research Organization--sponsor award

Kevin Goodlett--Aviation Foundation--sponsor award

Chrissy Lee--Honorable Mention, Senior division Behavioral and Social Science

Avisah Shah--3rd place, Senior division Engineering and Robotics

Jessica Frey--Honorable Mention, senior division Chemistry

Congratulations to high school junior, J. P. Gooderham on winning the Perspectives Round Robin Debate Tournament held at the University of Pennsylvania.

High School Science teacher, Tracy Doyle Smith has been accepted into the High School Summer Internship Program in Materials Research at Carnegie Mellon University. This is a 4 week summer program during which Tracy will develop classroom activities to introduce physics students to the field of materials science. Part of the stipend for the program will be used to purchase materials testing equipment for use in the physics lab.

The video media department recently attended the annual Teachers of Video and Television festival at Robert Morris University. The Morning Announcement crew was recognized in School Announcements for the 5th straight year. Dave DeBor, Laura Blank, Andrew Graham, and Liz Bennett were recognized for their work. Zach Weber was also recognized for his video project in the Imaginative category.

# USC

## Middle School Renovation Community Workshop & Dialog

Upper St. Clair School District  
1820 McLaughlin Run Road  
Upper St. Clair PA 15241

### Workshop & Dialog



What does a 21<sup>st</sup> Century School look like?  
How does the building design contribute to  
the education of our students ?

**Monday, May 5, 7:00 PM**  
**Upper St. Clair High School L.G.I.**

The Upper St. Clair School District needs your input.  
Join us for a community dialog  
as we plan for the renovations of  
Boyce and Fort Couch Middle Schools.

Facilitator: Dr. Bill DeJong

If you plan to attend, please call  
412-833-1600, option 1, ext. 2202,  
by May 2<sup>nd</sup> or email  
renovation@usesd.k12.pa.us.



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