

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

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Monday, May 21, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.

High School LGI Room

PRESIDING: Mark G. Trombetta, President

Notice having been advertised and posted and members duly notified, the regular meeting of the Board of School Directors was held on Monday, May 21, 2007, in the High School LGI Room.

The following Directors were present:

Dr. Mark G. Trombetta, President (departed @ approximately 10:20 p.m.)
Mr. David E. Bluey, Vice-President (departed meeting early/time unknown)
Mr. Glenn G. Groninger (arrived @ 8:20 p.m.)
Mr. Daniel Iracki
Mr. Jeffrey W. Joyce
Mrs. Angela B. Petersen
Dr. William M. Sulkowski (departed meeting early/time unknown)

School personnel in attendance:

Dr. Patrick O'Toole, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Terrence Kushner, Assistant Superintendent & Director of Secondary Education
Dr. John Bornyas, Director of Programming, Operations & Middle Level Education
Dr. Judith Bula zo, Director of Professional Development & Elementary Education
Ms. Frosina Cordisco, Director of Business & Finance
Mrs. Jean Toner, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Raymond Berrott, Director of Technology
Ms. Eloise Stoehr, Supervisor of Pupil Personnel
Dr. Sharon Suritsky, Supervisor of Special Education
Mrs. Mary Ann Stabile, Stenographer
Mr. W. Theodore Brooks, Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER/STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Dr. Mark G. Trombetta called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Procedure for residents' comments was explained.

The following members of the High School Men's Ensemble sang the Star Spangled Banner: Pankaj Aggarwal, Grant Bezek, Tyler Brantner, Gage Colangelo, Stephen Crowe, Joey Kennedy, Adi Kumar, Sidney Kushner, Joseph Jaquay, Adam Matonic, Marty Pawlak, Rio Roye, Santino Tomasetti, and Brian Willson.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

There were no residents' comments at this time.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Josh Jackson, student council president, and Arjun Prabhu, student council vice president, reported on the various high school and student council activities.

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' TENNIS TEAM

Dr. O'Toole announced that the High School Boys' Tennis team won the WPIAL finishing second in the state.

RECOGNITION OF WPIAL DIVING CHAMPION

Amanda Lohman was recognized for winning the WPIAL Diving Championship. Dr. O'Toole presented Amanda with a certificate of recognition and USC pen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Joyce: I move the approval of the minutes of the April 23, 2007 regular Board meeting. Seconded by Bluey, and carried on unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT & REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION: By Bluey: The Superintendent recommends and I move the approval of the Treasurer's Report AS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING, including approved totals of the Bill List and Check File Listing as follows. Seconded by Sulkowski, and carried on unanimous voice vote.

Fund 10 (General Fund) – \$1,378,725.60

Fund 31 (Capital Reserve Fund) – \$13,412.57

COMMENDATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

Dr. O'Toole stated that the awards received by the Pittsburgh Business Times' Guide to Western Pennsylvania Schools of the Upper St. Clair School District being ranked 1st overall, the 11th and 8th grade students being awarded 1st place, and the 5th graders ranking 48th out of 303 schools is a tribute to the students, teachers, administrators, staff, Board, and community. He noted that this is the second year in a row that School District has received this prestigious award.

MOTION: By Iracki: The Superintendent recommends and I move the approval of the following Commendations & Recognitions. Seconded by Joyce, carried unanimous voice vote.

The Upper St. Clair School District is pleased to announce that it has received the following awards from the Pittsburgh Business Times' Guide to Western Pennsylvania Schools: 1st Place in Honor Roll Rank – Upper St. Clair School District; 1st Place in 11th and 8th Grade Ranks; 48th Place in 5th Grade Rank out of 303 schools.

Congratulations to the following students who represented Ft. Couch Middle School at the National Middle School Science Bowl on Friday, April 13th. The competition consisted of an Academic Bowl and a Hydrogen Fuel Cell Car Race. Ft. Couch Team 1 consisted of Shane Heil, Thomas Holmes, Vijay Viswanathan, Ben Zhang and Maya Chandrasekeran. Pat Davis, Matt Vernacchia, Jason Wassel, Greg Williams and Colin Burns represented Ft. Couch Team 2. Team 3 from Ft. Couch was Jessica Cohen, Geetha Reddy, Ken Syme, Andy Tomiczek and Michelle Hoch. Team 2 was the overall winner of the two-part competition and will represent Region 25 (Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia) in Denver, Colorado at the National Competition June 21-24, 2007. Team sponsor is Mr. David Silvers.

Congratulations to the Junior Varsity hockey team for winning the PIHL Tier I Championship, defeating Erie McDowell in triple overtime. The JV team compiled a 16-1-4 overall record including a 20 game unbeaten streak to end the year. The entire hockey program was recognized recently at the USC Hockey banquet.

Congratulations to the Upper St. Clair High School Pantheon Choir, under the direction of Ms. Lorraine Milovac, for their recent award winning performance at the International Azalea Festival in Norfolk, Virginia. The group was awarded First Place Concert Choir, First Place Madrigal Choir and Grand Champion Vocal Ensemble. The Choir also performed at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Congratulations also go out to “The Pride of Upper St. Clair”, the Upper St. Clair High School Marching Band, and its Auxiliaries; The Pantherettes, Majorettes and Color Guard. The group was awarded a Bronze Medal for their performance in the International Azalea Parade. The Marching Band, Drumline and Auxiliaries also performed at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Virginia. The band is under the direction of Mr. Donald Pickell.

The following students are to be recognized for outstanding results in the Odyssey of the Mind Pennsylvania State Finals, held on April 14th in Altoona, PA:

DIVISION I -

3rd Place Honors, 5th graders from Boyce Middle School: Brenna Carse, Joshua Kane, Shubham Kakkula, Nikhil Narayanan, Genevieve Tankosich, Aditya Thakur, and from Streams: Rishabh Kewalramani.

DIVISION II -

4th Place Honors, 6th graders from Boyce Middle School: Andrew Belack, Jarrod Browne (5th grade), Sharon Gao, Michael Hartman, Garrett Himler, Katherine Kepler and Michele Scherf.

DIVISION III -

5th Place Honors, from the High School: Noah Simmons, Johnny Simons, Ray Van Cleve, Lucas Wilson, Adeeb Yunus, Chris Meenen, David Bucholtz.

Upper St. Clair varsity baseball coach, Jerry Malarkey, won his 300th career game as the Panthers earned a 10-3 win in Class AAAA, Section 3 against visiting Baldwin. Mr. Malarkey has been Upper St. Clair's coach for 24 seasons and has a 300-149 record.

Upper St. Clair's "Hometown High Q" team had an exciting and successful year, finishing in the honored "Top Nine." The competition begins each September with 81 teams representing schools throughout Western Pennsylvania. The "Top Nine" teams were honored at a special luncheon held at the Heinz History Center which was emceed by KDKA's Ken Rice. At this event, the Upper St. Clair High School team received a check for \$2000 for their school. Upper St. Clair's 2006-2007 Hometown High Q Team members are Juniors, Tyler Lehman and Shawn Summers, and Senior and Team Captain, Jonathan Weimer. The "back up" team members (equally important in preparation) are Seniors, Eric Cheng, Neha Mehta, and Andrew Savinov. Gifted Coordinator Pat Palazzolo is the High Q Team adviser.

Jayna Lyn Rubin, Guidance Counselor at Fort Couch Middle School, recently received the Graduate Cornerstone Award from Chatham College. This award recognizes the achievements and leadership of Chatham graduate alumni who demonstrate the essence of a Chatham College graduate education. One student is selected from each graduate program at the school each year. This year, Jayna was selected to receive the Graduate Alumni Award from the Counseling Psychology Program from which she graduated in 2004.

The Upper St. Clair tandem of Jay Jones and Chris Foster claimed the WPIAL Class AAA boys' doubles tennis title at Oxford North courts. They defeated Peters Township in the final, 6-3, 6-4 and finished third in the WPIAL and the PIAA tournaments last year.

Congratulations to the following students who were accepted into Governor's School, a five week program offered by the Governor of the state of Pennsylvania, held at various state universities:

Thomas Hoffman	Arts - Dance
Hillary Maloney	Arts - Dance
John Simons	Arts - Music
Scott Bussey	Agricultural Sciences
Hannah Mann	Agricultural Sciences
Terri Clister	Agricultural Sciences
Alexander Cook	Global Entrepreneur
Liyun Jin	International Studies
Sandeep Jain	Information Technologies
Akhilesh Venkatesan	Information Technologies
Jessica Frey	Sciences
Liyun Jin	Sciences
Andreea Manolache	Sciences
Silvia Manolache	Sciences
Cassandra Miller	Sciences
Omar Rahman	Sciences
Varun Viswanathan	Sciences

Alternates

Cassandra Miller	Teaching
Terri Clister	Sciences
Angela Liu	International Studies
Mohit Kudaravalli	International Studies
Faith Beck	Agricultural Sciences
Varun Viswanathan	Agricultural Sciences
Jessica Frey	Health Care
Meghan Christie	Health Care
Nicole Gans	Health Care

Michele Mellick of Fort Couch Middle School was one of three students selected to receive a National PTA Reflections Program Award, considered as the best-of-the-best in one of six art categories. Michele received the Award of Merit in the middle school dance category for “Rosemary's Granddaughter.” She will receive a letter and a certificate of participation from the national PTA.

Two students from Fort Couch Middle School competed at the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair held March 30, 2007 at Heinz Field. Michael Boyas and Avisha Shah completed an independent science research project and presented their projects at the Fair. Students from Frank Eisenreich's Jazz I class participated in the 2007 Slippery Rock University Jazz Festival on Saturday, May 5. In addition to receiving a Superior rating for the entire ensemble, they also won the Outstanding Trumpet Section Award. Individual solo award winners were, Cassie Miller for flute, Benny Benack for trumpet and Jun Iida for trumpet.

The video media department at the high school recently won two awards at the Teachers of Video and Television contest at Robert Morris University. Students won awards for entries in School Announcements and for Live Sports. The following students worked on these entries: Pete McCann, Adam Wicks, Kyle Lucas, Grayson Mitchell, Tori Tomiczek, Andy Poljak, Steve Disalle, Matt Howard, Jason Falce, Kevin Flanigan, and Alex Smith.

Congratulations to the Boys Tennis team as they recorded their 4th straight WPIAL Championship at Mt. Lebanon High School, defeating Shadyside Academy 3-2.

Congratulations to J. Matthew Kaufman, high school student, for completing his Eagle Scout project by constructing a butterfly and memorial bench garden at Eisenhower Elementary School.

Congratulations to the following high school students for being recognized as gold medal winners by the Pittsburgh Tribune Review for their academic achievement and community involvement: Brendan Lovasik, Arjun Prabhu, and Margaret Van Cleve.

ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY 2007-08 BUDGET & APPROVAL TO SET DATE FOR ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET

MOTION: By Sulkowski: The Superintendent recommends and I move that the Board adopt the following resolution. Seconded by Bluey, carried on unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget for the 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$53,357,039, including the supply bids for the 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$63,661.15, with a real estate tax rate of 22.45 mills be and is hereby approved as the proposed budget for the School District AS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING; and further,

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board be and is hereby directed to make copies of such proposed budget available for public inspection in accordance with the requirements of the school code at least 20 days prior to the adoption of the budget, and the Secretary be and is hereby further directed to give not less than 10 days notice to the public of the meeting at which the final budget shall be adopted.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board set the date of Monday, June 25, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School LGI Room for the adoption of the 2007-08 school district budget.

Mr. Joyce requested that the Board reconsider hiring an elementary reading specialist and purchasing temporary classrooms for Boyce Middle School if monies are available before adopting the final 2007-08 budget.

ACADEMICS, ARTS & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Iracki reported that the Academics, Arts & Activities Committee met on Monday, May 14. He noted that an update regarding the International Baccalaureate Review Study Committee was provided under Old Business.

Approval of Early Dismissal at High School

MOTION: By Iracki: The Committee recommends and I move that the Board approve the change in dismissal time for Upper St. Clair High School students on Friday, June 15, 2007, from 2:20 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of conducting an orientation program for all 8th grade pupils to their 2007-08 schedules. Seconded by Sulkowski, carried on unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Change in 2007-08 School Calendar (Elementary Open Houses)

MOTION: By Iracki: The Committee recommends and I move that the Board approve a change in the 2007-08 School Calendar to move the Elementary Open Houses from Thursday, September 20, 2007 to Tuesday, September 18, 2007 AS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING. Seconded by Bluey, carried on unanimous voice vote.

FINANCE, FACILITIES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Trombetta reported that the Facilities Renovation Ad Hoc Committee has been discussing a report from the architectural firm of Graves & McLean regarding a number of building renovation options. Mr. Bluey explained that Mr. Dave McLean gave a PowerPoint presentation with the emphasis on renovations for Boyce and Fort Couch Middle Schools and reviewed the areas in need of significant improvements. Mr. Bluey reviewed the various options that the architect presented and thanked the ad hoc committee members and staff who were involved in the process.

Dr. Trombetta stated that the Finance, Facilities & Operations Committee reviewed the financial statements and consent calendar and discussed the condition of the high school track with respect to repair or replacement. He noted that discussions regarding the hall of presidents, review of facilities leases, student transportation requests for proposals and organizational chart will occur at future meetings.

MOTION: By Bluey: The Committee recommends and I move that the Board approve the following. Seconded by Sulkowski, and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Acceptance of Auditor General Audit for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2004 and 2003

Accept the Auditor General audit report for fiscal years ending June 30, 2004 and 2003, which did not contain any findings or observations for these years, and the commendation letter from the Secretary of Education be ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

Approval of Contract Extension with Equitable Gas & Hess Corporation for Natural Gas

Approve the extension of the Equitable Gas Company Delivery Service and the Agency Agreements and the new contract with Hess Corporation effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010 AS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

Approval of Renewal of Diesel Fuel Purchasing Arrangement with AIU

Approve the continued participation in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Consortium for diesel fuel for the 2007-08 school year AS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

Approval of Section 356 Agreement with PA Department of Revenue

Approve the Section 356 Agreement, Memorandum of Understanding and Information Request Authorization with the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue for 2005 state tax data AS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

Approval of Contract Renewal with NovaCare for Athletic Training Services

Approve the Athletic Training Services Agreement with NovaCare Outpatient Rehabilitation effective August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2010 AS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

Approval of Contractual Enrollment Agreement with Wesley Spectrum Academy

Approve the Contractual Enrollment Agreement for Special Education Full Time Program with Wesley Spectrum Academy effective April 24, 2007 for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year AS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

Approval of Contractual Enrollment Agreement with Wesley Spectrum Integrated Services

Approve the Contractual Enrollment Agreement for Education Program with Wesley Spectrum Integrated Services effective April 13, 2007 for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year AS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

Approval of Agreement for Provision of Speech Pathology & Audiology Services

Approve the Agreement for Provision of Speech Pathology and Audiology Services with Crossroads Speech & Hearing, Inc. for the 2007-08 school year AS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

Approval of Resolution Regarding Act 1 and Installment Payments

Adopt the Resolution Providing an Option to Eligible Taxpayers for Installment Payment of Real Estate Taxes on Approved Homestead and Farmstead Property Pursuant to the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006) AS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

Approval of Lease Agreement with AIU DART Program

MOTION: By Bluey: I move that the Board approve the Lease Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit DART Program for the 2007-08 school year AS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING. Seconded by Iracki, and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVALS (Pending Receipt of Paperwork)

MOTION: By Iracki: The Superintendent recommends and I move the approval of the Consent Calendar, pending receipt of all paperwork. Seconded by Bluey, carried unanimous voice vote.

Leave of Absence- Professional Staff

Colleen Czekaj – Special Education Curriculum Leader Unpaid Personal Leave effective 4-23-07 through 6-18-07

Election- Professional Staff

Giulia Gouker – High School English – (TPE) effective 8-23-07 at \$43,550
Thomas Yochum – High School English – (TPE) effective 8-21-07 at \$42,800

Resignation – Classified Staff

Deborah Royer – Bus Attendant effective 6-15-07

Retirement – Classified Staff

Sarah Keller – High School Teacher Aide effective 6-18-07
Ann Marie Quealy – Bus Driver effective 6-29-07

New Appointments – Extra Curricular Activities

Katie Ryan - F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Event Leader - \$400
Stephanie McHugh – Hip Hop Club Sponsor effective 5-13-07 (Volunteer)
Matt Zangaro - Hip Hop Club Choreographer effective 5-13-07 (Volunteer)

Additions to District Substitute List

Professional:

Angela Romanello – School Counselor effective 4-30-07
 Samantha Schwoeble - Art effective 5-4-07
 Marissa Capuzzi - Elementary effective 5-8-07
 Timothy Wagner - Elementary effective 5-8-07
 Christine McCarron - Special Ed effective 5-8-07
 Jocelyn Hladio – Elementary effective 5-8-07
 Jenny Dumas – School Counselor effective 5-22-07

Classified:

Deborah Royer – Bus Attendant effective 6-18-07
 Janice Caputo – Nutrition Center Worker effective 5-16-07
 Angela Stabile – Secretary effective 5-22-07
 Denise Luckenbach – Summer Secretary effective 6-19-07
 Laura Goldner – Summer Secretary effective 6-19-07
 Ann Marie Quealy – Bus Driver, Bus Attendant, Aide effective 6-30-07
 Michael Culligan – Custodian effective 5-22-07

Deletions from District Substitute List

Professional:

Kasie Strang -Elementary, Special Ed effective 4-19-07
 Lisa Mayfield – Mathematics effective 5-14-07
 Laura Serena –Elementary effective 5-14-07
 Amy Sivak –Elementary effective 5-14-07

Classified:

Kasie Strang- Aide/Secretary effective 4-19-07
 Cheryl Palmer – Nutrition Center Worker effective 4-23-07
 Irene Snyder – Aide, Bus Attendant effective 5-22-07
 Marjorie Townsend – Aide, Bus Attendant effective 5-22-07

CONTINUING BUSINESS ITEMS**Academics, Arts & Activities Committee**

Zone 3 Draft Term Sheet for Holiday Basketball Tournament
Curriculum Recommendation to Adopt and Implement the K-8 Comprehensive Health Education Curriculum
Middle School Grading Study (Curriculum Recommendation)
Elementary School Recess
Review of Proposed School Board Policy #3026 – Halls of Fame Policy

Finance, Facilities & Operations Committee

High School Stadium Turf
E-Mailing Board Packets
Discussion Regarding Gifts and Purchases for High School Theatre – C. Coliane
Review of Proposed & Revisions to School Board Policies – M. Trombetta

- **1001 – Philosophy of the Board of Education (revision)**
- **2000.1 – Evaluation of the Superintendent (revision)**
- **2001 – Standing Committees (revision)**
- **2001R – Standing Committees (revision)**
- **2002R – Code of Ethics for Employees (revision)**
- **2003 – Filling a Vacancy on the School Board (revision)**

- **2004 – Policy Formulation and Implementation (revision)**
- **2005 – Rules of Procedure for Hearings Before Board of School Directors (revision)**
- **2006 – Attendance at Conferences and Workshops (revision)**
- **2007 – School Board/Administration Communication Policy (revision)**
- **2008 – Powers of the Board President**
- **3001 – School District of the Township of Upper St. Clair (revision)**

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Announcement of Executive Session

Dr. Trombetta announced that an executive session was held on the following date:

May 14, 2007 – Personnel, Negotiations & Legal Matters

PRESENTATION BY INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE REVIEW STUDY COMMITTEE

Dr. Trombetta explained that the presentation this evening is one of the steps of the curriculum review process, Strategic Plan and International Baccalaureate settlement agreement. Dr. O’Toole thanked Ms. Eloise Stoehr, Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services, for her leadership of the International Baccalaureate Review Study Committee and also thanked the members of the Review Committee for their hard work.

An informational handout regarding the presentation was distributed to Board members. Ms. Stoehr explained that in September 2006 ten residents and six School District employees were appointed to serve on the International Baccalaureate Review Study Committee to determine the educational and cost effectiveness of the program. She announced the members of the committee and noted that they represent a variety of ages and years in the community, with some members having students who already graduated high school, some in school, some not in school yet, some with children in the IB program and others not. Ms. Stoehr reviewed the charge of the Review Committee and the questions which they were to answer. She stated that the Review Committee met weekly from October 10 through April 10 at which time the report from the Review Committee was submitted to Dr. O’Toole, which is posted on the School District’s website. Ms. Stoehr explained that the Committee’s work was comprised of written materials, interviews, a meeting with a representative of the International Baccalaureate Organization, and surveys. She noted that six subcommittees were formed and a member of each subcommittee will be present their information.

Winifred Feise presented information from the Mission Subcommittee. She reviewed the philosophy of the IB Review Committee, the USC Mission Statement and the International Baccalaureate Organization Mission Statement.

Siddharth Chandra of the Survey Methodology and Results Subcommittee shared information regarding the types of surveys that were conducted and results from the parent surveys, residents’ surveys, and cost research results.

Martha Clister reviewed information from The IB Program: Common Misconceptions Versus the Facts Subcommittee including the popularity and cost of the IB Program, ideology, local control, Program access, IB versus AP in math, science and college recognition, and opportunity costs.

Stacie de le Parra from the Program Cost Subcommittee shared information regarding if the cost of the IB Program justified the extra expenditures and resource allocations, which included the range of costs, savings to the District if the program were discontinued, and per participant cost/number of participants of various programs in the School District.

Michael Harris shared information from the Primary Years Program Subcommittee by reviewing the USC IB Primary Years Program Wheel that outlines commonalities and differences of the traditional and Primary Years Program classrooms.

Gary Graminski summarized information from the Conclusions and Recommendations Subcommittee explaining that the Review Committee recommends that the District keep the International Baccalaureate Program, that there should be more awareness of the Program for parents and residents, and that there be an opportunity to increase enrollment in the Program through a marketing campaign thereby raising District revenues by accepting tuition students into the Program.

Dr. Trombetta and Board members thanked the Review Committee for their efforts and the huge amount of work that they completed.

Board members expressed comments and there was discussion among the Board and the administration including extensive commentary regarding the Upper St. Clair application of the Program questioning whether it was being implemented in accordance with the IBO standards, an opinion expressed that the membership of the Review Committee consisted of approximately 2/3 with a vested interest in IB, the submission of an alternative report, the curriculum review process, agreement by the Review Committee to submit their report including the members' responses to various questions, the interview with Dr. Cline and comments being published without permission (Mr. Brooks opined that the District did not have approval from Dr. Cline to use his comments and requested that he not be quoted during this discussion), the cost of the Program, IB versus AP courses, the contract with the International Baccalaureate Organization, the number of students in the Diploma Program and the program failing to meet accrual goals graduating only 18 students instead of the promised 200 plus, the USC IB Program and teaching practices and methodology used, assessment data for students in the IB program, an opinion expressed that there was lack of data collection over the eight-year time period that encompassed the program to allow for critical review, administration of the USC IB Program, issues among the Review Committee members including discussion that the facilitator personally contacted each Review Committee member who was only advised of calendar conflicts as the date of the review changed from that originally scheduled, e-mails to Board members regarding Review Committee meetings and report, class sizes of IB Program courses, conclusions of the Review Committee's report, surveys of other school districts' involvement in AP and IB Programs, weaknesses of the IB Program not being included in the presentation since suggested changes and improvements were included in the Review Committee's report, substitute costs associated with the IB program, IB course offerings and the number of students taking IB foreign languages, board members making judgments rather than asking questions regarding the presentation, information not being shared with all Board members with respect to potential litigation issues, the only school district in the state having a K-12 IB program, meeting the educational needs of all students, information shared at a PSBA workshop, learning communities and segregating students, student use of resource centers, costs of IB exams, having a divided Board but not a divided community, the role of a school board member, the full Report of the IB Review Committee being more informative than the recommendation and conclusion provided at the presentation due to the time constraint imposed, and the overall Board's process in reviewing the IB Program.

Dr. O'Toole explained that the International Baccalaureate Program will remain in place for the 2007-08 school year and the Program is being reviewed through the curriculum review process.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS (Any School Related Business)

Dr. Trombetta explained that residents' comments would be accepted for 20 minutes.

The following residents expressed comments regarding the International Baccalaureate Program.

Linda Ambroso, 192 Boxfield Road
 Siddharth Chandra, 2291 Sidgely Drive
 Winifred Feise, 2715 Carmelita Drive
 Matt Prorok, 268 Trotwood Drive
 Dalena Klavin, 406 Oaklawn Drive
 Andrew Savinov, 2412 Mill Grove Road
 Anna Vainchtein, 2412 Mill Grove Road

Elise Boyas, 1591 Tiffany Drive
Karen Moellenberg, 2596 Corteland Drive
Martha Clister, 2348 Norton Road
Stacey de la Parra, 3411 Brookdale Drive
Pierette VanRyzin, 2031 Allison Drive

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved, seconded, and carried on unanimous voice vote that the meeting adjourn at approximately 10:40 p.m.

Mark G. Trombetta, President
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Frosina C. Cordisco, Secretary
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Submitted by: Mary Ann L. Stabile
School Board Stenographer