

**UPPER ST. CLAIR BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**



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**MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD ROOM**

6:30 P.M. - EXECUTIVE SESSION - LEGAL & PERSONNEL MATTERS

Notice having been advertised and posted and members duly notified, a Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of School Directors was held on August 3, 2015 in the Central Office Board Room.

School Board Members in attendance:

Mr. Frank J. Kerber, President
Mrs. Amy L. Billerbeck
Mrs. Barbara L. Bolas
Mr. Harry F. Kunselman
Mr. Louis P. Mafrice, Jr.
Mr. Louis M. Oliverio
Mrs. Rebecca A. Stern

School personnel in attendance:

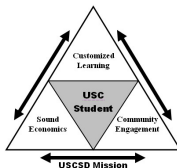
Dr. Patrick O'Toole, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Sharon Suritsky, Assistant/Deputy Superintendent
Dr. John Rozzo, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Frosina C. Cordisco, Director of Business & Finance
Ms. Judith Bulazo, Director of Curriculum & Professional Development
Ms. Eloise Stoehr, Supervisor of Pupil Services
Ms. Melissa Garvin, Supervisor of Special Education
Mrs. Mary Ann Stabile, Stenographer
Mr. Robert Prorok, Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Kerber)

Mr. Kerber called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

READING OF THE MISSION

Mr. Oliverio read the following School District Mission Statement:



Developing lifelong learners and responsible citizens for a global society is the mission of the Upper St. Clair School District, served by a responsive and innovative staff who in partnership with the community provides learning experiences that nurture the uniqueness of each child and promotes happiness and success.

SHARED BELIEF STATEMENT #10 FROM STRATEGIC PLAN

Mrs. Stern read the following Shared Belief Statement #10 from the Strategic Plan:

We believe that:

education is most effective when decision-making is focused on the best interests of the student.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS (REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There were no residents' comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Kerber)

MOTION: By Mafrice: I move that the Board amend the agenda to postpone Agenda Item #8B - Approval of Special Education Settlement Agreement until the August 17 Board meeting so that more information could be provided. Seconded by Bolas, and carried on unanimous voice vote.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

ROBERT FISH, BUS DRIVER (Hired September 2002)

Dr. O'Toole recognized Robert Fish, Bus Driver. Mr. Fish was hired in September 2002 and retired in June after 13 years of dedicated service to the School District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (O'Toole)

REQUEST APPROVAL OF BUS STOPS FOR 2015-16

Dr. O'Toole requested approval of the bus stops for the 2015-16 school year. He commended Mr. Jonn Mansfield and his team for their efforts in preparing the bus stops for the upcoming school year for the students.

The Committee will recommend approval, to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF TWO VOTING DELEGATES AT PSBA CONFERENCE

Dr. O'Toole explained that two voting Board members should be approved to serve as voting delegates at the Voting Delegate Assembly Meeting at the PSBA Conference in Hershey, PA on Tuesday, October 13.

Mrs. Bolas stated that she will be attending the PSBA Conference. Mrs. Billerbeck and Mr. Kunselman volunteered to serve as voting delegates.

The Committee will recommend Mrs. Billerbeck and Mr. Kunselman to serve as voting delegates, to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL LISTINGS
(Requires Board Vote at 8/3 Board Meeting - See Agenda Item #9)

Dr. O'Toole recommended that the Board approve the Personnel Listings at a meeting to be convened this evening.

The Committee will recommend approval at the voting Board meeting to be convened.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

REQUEST APPROVAL OF PHONE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (Berrott)

Mr. Berrott requested that the Board extend the Phone Maintenance Contract with Advent Communications to August 31, 2018, with license-based maintenance at a cost of \$.98 per license, as per the terms and conditions of the original agreement approved on June 8, 2009 and amended in August of 2012.

The Committee will recommend approval, to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (Garvin) (Requires Board Vote at 8/3 Board Meeting - See Agenda Item #9)

Agenda item postponed until the August 17 Board meeting.

CONVENE BOARD MEETING (Kerber)

The Committee of the Whole meeting recessed at approximately 7:17 p.m. to convene a Board meeting.

The Committee of the Whole meeting was reconvened at approximately 7:21 p.m.

BUSINESS & FINANCE (Cordisco)

REQUEST APPROVAL OF BILL LIST & CREDIT CARD FOR 2015-16

Ms. Cordisco requested approval of the Bill List and credit card payment for the 2015-16 school year.

The Committee will recommend approval, to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS, CREDIT CARD & BILL LIST FOR 2014-15

Ms. Cordisco requested approval of the budget transfers, credit card payment and Bill List for the 2014-15 school year.

The Committee will recommend approval, to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION OF GASB 45 ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORT FROM MOCKENHAUPT BENEFITS GROUP (AUGUST 17)

Ms. Cordisco stated that the GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation Report from Mockenhaupt Benefits Group will be presented to the Board at the August 17 Board meeting.

MATTERS OF INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT & ADMINISTRATION

UPDATE REGARDING 2015-16 STATE BUDGET

Dr. O'Toole stated that there is no update regarding the 2015-16 state budget at this time. Board members requested information regarding at what point the lack of a state budget would impact the cash flow of the School District. Ms. Cordisco stated that she will prepare a detailed cash flow analysis for the Board.

Dr. O'Toole stated that the summer STEAM and Student Leadership Academies were very successful. He stated that reports regarding both will be presented at the August 17 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved, seconded, and carried on unanimous voice vote that the meeting adjourn at approximately 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann L. Stabile
School Board Stenographer

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