



Good evening, Upper Darby School District Families and Staff,

On December 3rd the school board of directors met for its regularly scheduled meeting of the board of school directors. On December 17th the Board met for its regularly scheduled meetings of the Education and Pupil Services and Finance and Operations Committees. All documents and presentations can be found on Board Docs:

<https://www.boarddocs.com/pa/udar/Board.nsf/Public>

The board meetings are now videotaped and are available on our website. You can find them here: <https://www.upperdarbysd.org/domain/976>

The information included in these briefs are not intended to be complete and do not replace official Board minutes. Official meeting minutes, agendas and packets are available at <https://www.upperdarbysd.org/domain/976>. Also, the Board meetings are now videotaped and are available on our website. You are encouraged to follow the issues the school board is considering and to attend meetings to stay informed.

Please visit our website at www.upperdarbysd.org for the most updated information available.

December Board Action Highlights

December 3rd - Annual Board Reorganization Meeting was held

1. The board welcomed and swore in, Mr. David Neil, Mr. Damien Christopher Warsavage, and Dr. Meredith Hegg to the Board. Mr. Don Fields and Mrs. Curry were also sworn in as returning members of the Board.

2. The Board elected Mr. Edward Brown as School Board President and Mrs. Rachel Mitchell as School Board Vice President for the following year.

December 3rd - Regular Board Meeting

1. Instruction and Curriculum
 - a. Adopted *Into Literature* published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for the 2020-21 school year.
 - b. Approved the Junior ROTC High School elective, pending approval by the US Army.
 - c. Approved the following clubs:

Drexel Hill Middle School

Cleaning Clique Club– AngelaSettimio

LGBTQ-munity Club– Steven Hofberg

Upper Darby High School

African Culture Club – Jeremy Park

Culinary, Wellness, and Chill – Tara Zampirri

G.S.A. Genders Sexuality Alliance – Michael Moore

Piano Club – Molly Radford

Upper Darby High School Art Club – Alison Maddex

Upper Darby Arts & Education Foundation (UDAEF) – DaynaYael

2. Policy - The following policies were in their 1st reading and were reviewed at the December 2019 Committee Meeting. The following policies were existing policy revisions.

- a. 333 - Professional Development
- b. 705 - Facilities and Workplace Safety
- c. 709 - Building Security
- d. 805 - Emergency Preparedness
- e. 805.1- Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
- f. **New Policy Proposal-** 805.2- School Security Personnel

Residents, parents and teachers can also learn more on the ***district's building plans*** by reading the list of Frequently Asked Questions can also be found on the Upper Darby website at:

<https://www.upperdarbysd.org/cms/lib/PA02209738/Centricity/Domain/4/Frequently%20>

[Asked%20Questions%20about%20the%20Phase%201%20Facility%20Plan%20April%202023.pdf](#)

Upcoming Meetings

January 14	7:30pm	Board Meeting	Upper Darby High School
January 21	5:30pm	Board Vacancy Interviews	Upper Darby High School
January 28	6:00pm	Committee Meetings/ Board Appointment	Upper Darby High School
February 11	7:30pm	Board Meeting	Upper Darby High School
February 25	6:00pm	Committee Meeting	Upper Darby High School

District Home and School Association Presidents Meetings

February 4, 2020	6:30 p.m.
March 31, 2020	6:30 p.m.
June 1, 2020	6:30 p.m.

Save the Dates

Special Education Information Nights

1. Monday February 3rd, 6:00-7:00PM - Continuum of Services/Extended School Year (ESY)
2. Monday April 27th, 6:00 -7:00 PM - Social and Emotional Learning/Positive Behavioral Supports

Where: Upper Darby High School Board Room

Who: Upper Darby School District parents/guardians and staff interested in growing their knowledge base in the area of special education topics.

District Events

3. Saturday, January 18th, 3pm - Upper Darby Arts and Education Gala
<https://udfoundation.org/ways-to-give/udaef-events/gala/>
4. Martin Luther King Day of Service - January 20th - Drexel Hill Middle School- Dream Box Collection (non-perishable food and toiletries for the Upper Darby Food Cupboard to give to their needy families) 9:45am-10:45am
<https://www.upperdarbysd.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=10&Mo>

Announcement

Lastly, the school board has a vacancy! Would you be interested in school board service?

UPPER DARBY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS PUBLIC
NOTICE OF VACANCY

*Notice is hereby given of the following vacancy of the
Upper Darby Board of School Directors:*

The Upper Darby Board of School Directors is currently seeking interested persons to fill a vacancy on the School Board for an interim basis until the first Monday of December, 2021. Applicants must meet the following requirements: Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be a U.S. citizen. Must be a resident of Upper Darby School District for at least one (1) year. Additional requirements are listed in UDSD Policy 004 Membership and Policy 004-BOG-2 Board of School Director Application Form and job description. These documents can be found on the Upper Darby School District website <https://www.upperdarbysd.org/boardvacancy>, click on Policy 004 Membership and Policy 004-BOG-2 Board of School Directors Application Form. Send completed applications to: Craig Rogers CFO/Board Secretary Upper Darby School District 4611 Bond Avenue Drexel Hill, PA. 19026. Or, fax the application to 610-789-0796. All applications must be received by noon on Thursday, January 16, 2020.

<https://www.upperdarbysd.org/boardvacancy>

Sincerely,

Upper Darby School Board of Directors
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