

**BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**  
**WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**  
**Monday, May 23, 2016**  
**Middle School Library 7:00 p.m.**

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AT THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
THE BOARD CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS

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**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Dr. Richard C. Sonntag, President  
Dr. Marylin Huff, Vice President  
Ms. Sally Morbeck, Treasurer  
Ms. Wendy Voet, Assistant Secretary  
Mr. Jerry Ballas  
Ms. Chapin Cimino, *absent*  
Dr. Allison Karpyn  
Dr. Robert C. Reiger  
Mr. Paul Schregel

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Danielle Berman reported on behalf of Student Representative, Charlotte Brake, and provided the Board of School Directors with a complete report on news and activities across the District schools.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Academic Awards Program

Last Wednesday night I had the opportunity to attend and participate in the Academic Awards program at Strath Haven High School. As I shared with the seniors and their parents, I told the *presumptive* members of this year's graduating class that I only will have one graduating class as the Acting Superintendent of Schools, but I consider myself very fortunate to have *this one* for they have been a class act in every way. The bond that clearly exists between and among the class members themselves and with them and the faculty and the high school administration was as impressive as all the many achievements that were recognized that evening.

B. Some Special Community Events

Over the last two weeks, I had the privilege of representing the District at two special community events. The first was the recent Nether Providence Township Commissioners Meeting where School Board President Dr. Richard Sonntag formally thanked the Commissioners for all their support as the formal closing agreement was finalized for the sale of

the Summit School property. The second involved a meeting in Swarthmore Borough Hall that grew out of an *Aging in Place* initiative commissioned by the Swarthmore Borough Council. The meeting brought together a number of different stakeholders to discuss quality of life issues related to the topic of *Aging in Place*. One special thing to look forward to is the new, soon to be opened amphitheater in front of the Borough Hall that represents a great venue for community outreach for many of our school's very talents music and other performing arts groups.

#### C. Some Special School Events

In terms of some special in-school events, sunny days have been a rarity it seems for the past few months, but we were lucky this past Friday as both Wallingford Elementary School and Nether Providence Elementary School had perfect weather to celebrate their annual May Day celebrations. Mr. Peterkin at WES was especially thankful for the rising mercury as the dunk tank by the end of the day did look a little cold. The end of May is also concert time and I also had the opportunity to attend part or all of some of our recent concerts at our elementary schools and middle school and look forward to this week's instrumental concert at the high school on Wednesday night and next Wednesday's choral concert also at the high school.

#### D. In Sports Action

In sports action, as Danielle Berman filling in for Charlotte Brake had covered in her Student Report, we're deep into playoffs and other post season action. Dr. Yannacone and I made the trip to Abington to see our girls lacrosse team lose their bid for a big upset in the opening round losing a heartbreaker in four overtimes to Abington. Our boys, meanwhile, have advanced all the way to the District One semi-finals and will now take on Avon Grove, the District's top seat. Win or lose, the team is guaranteed a berth in the state play-offs. In track, we have six young women who will be moving on to the state championship meet, they include Isabel Cardi, Maddie Forbes, Grace Hasse, and Grace Forbes (the 4 x 800 relay); Rachel Vrislavic (discus); and Casey Blum (javelin). Finally, in baseball action, our boys have drawn Wissahickon in the opening round of the District One play-offs. Congratulations to all of our spring sports season athletes and coaches, and best of luck to those still in the post season championship hunt.

Finally, I had the opportunity last week to attend last week's *Preschool Graduation* coordinated at the high school by Jen Zanoni. The pre-school program offers our high school students wonderful insights into child development, child care, and parenting. As hard to believe as it may seem, the four year olds in the program are on track to someday become the Panthers of tomorrow, the Strath Haven High School Class of 2029. *Where did all those yesterdays go...*

This concludes my report.....

## FOCUS TOPIC PRESENTATIONS

- **Eagle Scout Recognition-Resurfacing Rutgers Track - Mr. Peter Armour**

Peter Armour, a sophomore at Strath Haven High School and also a representative from Troop 112, shared a slide presentation with the Board of School Directors that highlighted the before and after photographs of the work that he and approximately 37 other volunteers completed to resurface the track at Rutgers Avenue. Great job done by all!

- **Special Education Presentation - Part II**

Dr. Megan McCullough, Director of Secondary Special Education, and Ms. Gina Ross, Director of Elementary Special Education provided the Board of School Directors with an insightful look at the Special Education Program from the perspective of students. Both elementary and secondary students were present to help tell their stories.

## MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the May 9, 2016 Regular Business Meeting.

## PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following retirement, leave of absence and resignations:

### Certified Staff:

- Irene Buecheler, Teacher, Swarthmore-Rutledge School, retirement, effective at the end of the day, June 22, 2016.
- Catherine Latella, Teacher, Swarthmore-Rutledge School, unpaid FMLA leave, May 16, 2016 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
- Maura Mazzotta, Speech and Language Therapist, Strath Haven Middle School, resignation, effective May 4, 2016.

### Non-Certified Staff

- Christopher Westcott, Technology Support Specialist, Technology Department, resignation, effective at the end of the day, June 10, 2016.

The Board approved the following appointment:

Certified Staff Catherine Hopkins, Kindergarten Teacher at Swarthmore-Rutledge School, effective May 18, 2016 through June 20, 2016, replacing Catherine Latella, \$190 per diem, Short-Term Substitute.

The Board approved the addition to the 2016 spring athletic supplemental appointments, as stipulated.

The Board approved the deletion and additions to the 2016 summer school program appointments, as stipulated.

## **WSSD BOARD POLICY**

The Board approved the second reading of the following policies, as presented:

### **Second Reading**

- 626 Federal Fiscal Compliance
- 626.1 Travel Reimbursement
- 626 Attachment Allowability of Costs
- 626 Attachment Cash Management
- 626 Attachment Types of Costs, Obligations & Property Management
- 626 Attachment Procurement
- 626 Attachment Subrecipient Monitoring Procedures
- 808 Food Service Program (as amended)
- 827 Conflict of Interest

## **CURRICULUM**

The Board approved the Related Services Provider Contracts for the 2015-2016 School Year and approved the Tuition Contracts for the Summer 2016 Extended School Year.

The Board approved Student #1921086, Strath Haven High School, for homebound instruction.

The Board approved the Educational Services Agreement for student #1827095.

## **FINANCE**

The Board approved Payment of Invoices to Vendors for bills dated 04/14/2016 through 05/11/16.

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for April 2016, as stipulated.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following, as stipulated:

- General [Fund 10] APRIL 2016  
✓ Balance Sheet, Revenue, & Expenditure Reports
- Capital Reserve [Fund 32] APRIL 2016  
✓ Balance Sheet, Revenue, & Expenditure Reports

- Student Activities [Fund 81] APRIL 2016

The Board approved the following, as stipulated:

- Budget transfers 2015 - 2016 school year

The Board authorized Fox Rothschild LLP to enter into an agreement for the property located on Bart Shay Lane in Rose Valley Borough, identified as Folio No. 39-00-00007-00, setting the assessment of the property at \$100,890 for tax year 2016 (school tax year 2016-17) and each subsequent tax year until there is a change in assessment as permitted by applicable law.

The Board authorized Fox Rothschild LLP to enter into an agreement for the property located at 67 Rose Valley Road in Rose Valley Borough, identified as Folio No. 39-00-00163-00, setting the assessment of the property at \$881,400 for tax year 2016 (school tax year 2016-17) and each subsequent tax year until there is a change in assessment as permitted by applicable law.

The Board appointed Martha Kew in her official capacity as the District's Business Administrator, as the collector of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District real estate taxes for the Borough of Swarthmore. Said appointment to be effective July 1, 2016 and continue through either the appointment/election of an individual to fill the vacant position of Swarthmore Borough Tax Collector or June 30, 2017, whichever shall occur first. If said appointment is to extend beyond June 30, 2017, a similar motion shall be put to the Board of School Directors no later than June 1, 2017 to be effective for the succeeding fiscal year.

The Board approved Sally Morbeck as Board Treasurer, for a one-year term, beginning July 1, 2016, and set the faithful performance bond requirement at \$25,000.

The Board approved the second Food Service Renewal Contract with ARAMARK Educational Services, LLC.

The Board approved the 3-year *Boardview Networks* phone service agreement with addendum, subject to final legal review by the Solicitor.

The Board approved the *Delaware County Intermediate Unit* Internet access agreement for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the disposal of obsolete equipment as scrap, as described below:

- Old Steam Kettle, located at SHHS – Tag #001649

## ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Sonntag adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM

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