

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Monday, September 26, 2016
Middle School Library 7:00 p.m.

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

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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

SUPERINTENDENT PALMER'S REPORT

1) Migration from Honeywell Instant Alert to *School Messenger*

The District has been using Honeywell Instant Alert as our emergency notification system for the past six years. While it has served our needs to date, it hasn't had the level of functionality we think we should have in the year 2016. As such, we will be migrating to a new emergency notification system called *School Messenger*. Because of all of the details that need to be addressed behind the scenes, this migration will take place a little over a month from now on November 4th.

In the meantime, what does this mean for our parents and staff? It means you don't have to do anything right now. In the case of an emergency, we will contact you via Honeywell as we have done in the past. On October 11th, our Technology Director, Mark Finlayson, will e-mail you directions detailing how to customize the *School Messenger* system to best meet your needs. On October 22nd, we'll send a "test message" to confirm that everything is working as it should before our "go live" date of November 4th.

Based on references from other school districts currently using *School Messenger*, we are confident that this migration will enhance our level of communications.

2) Finance Committee Meeting

Last week, I attended a meeting of the Finance Committee led by our Business Administrator, Ms. Martha Kew, with Board members Dr. Huff, Ms. Morbeck, Dr. Sonntag, Mr. Schregel, and Ms. Voet in attendance. Following Ms. Kew's announcement of the Act 1 index at 2.5% for the 17/18 budget cycle, the meeting focused on two topics: 1) discussion of the District's installment tax program, and 2) review of the issues associated with the recent Lower Merion School District decision.

3) Delaware Valley Consortium for Excellence & Equity

As part of this year's student growth and achievement goal, the administrative team has recommitted to membership in the Delaware Valley Consortium for Excellence and Equity, coordinated by the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education. The team is being led at the district level by Dr. MaryJo Yannacone, High School Principal. Throughout the school year, Dr. Yannacone and representatives from across the district's faculty and administration will be attending workshops focused on addressing the challenges around insuring superior educational experiences for all of the district's children.

Thus far, we have sent teams to two workshops. Dr. Yannacone and Elementary Curriculum Director Mrs. Jen Gaudioso attended a presentation by Dr. Rob Larson, Director for Strategic Directions and Director of the Oregon Leadership Network. Dr. Larson shared information about a free tool for administrators called The Lead Tool, utilized by teams across the country to conduct an equity audit, as well as the opportunity for teams to network and share ideas among the over thirty school districts involved in the consortium.

Last week, Dr. Yannacone accompanied a team of secondary teachers and administrators to Penn to hear Dr. Marc Brasof, Assistant Professor of Education at Arcadia University, share research on the best practices and challenges of integrating youth into school leadership. In addition to sharing his research, Dr. Brasof afforded teams the opportunity to share best practices regarding the development of student leadership skills from the attendees.

Looking ahead, workshops will focus on topics to include the recruitment and retention of a diverse staff, building executive function, counseling for equity, student engagement, literacy, and the sharing of best practices for equity across the region. We, as an administrative team, appreciate the opportunity to collaborate and learn with others who value equity and excellence in education!

4) Wallingford-Swarthmore Schools Foundation

It's that time of the year again! On Saturday, November 12, the Foundation for Wallingford-Swarthmore Schools will be hosting its 5th annual fall fundraiser and community event, the Panther Pajama Run and Pancake Breakfast. This family-friendly community event consists of a 5K Race, a 1.2 mile Family Fun Walk, and

aces on the King Field track for elementary school children, followed by a pancake breakfast. Last year, over 400 people attended the event which raised almost \$7,000. Please put this date on your calendar and join us for this fun event. You can register at www.runtheday.com or find more info at www.supportwssd.org (events).

5) In and Around the District

During the last two weeks I have attended a variety of school activities and athletic competitions, but I would like to highlight one in particular – *the football game at Haverford High School last Friday*. First, it was a beautiful evening for a football game. Second, the game itself was exciting to watch as our players and coaches tried so hard to beat Haverford, but sadly we didn't win. Third, I didn't expect to receive the amount of comments I did about how much everyone was looking forward to seeing the marching band perform at half time. I also received comments about how well the band presents itself from the moment the members exit the buses, to the first drum beat guiding their movement to the stadium, and all throughout the football game itself. One person even remarked about Strath Haven High School (*football and band*) being a "class act." We all know Strath Haven is a class act, but I appreciated others thought that too. My compliments, appreciation, and admiration to the team captains, coaches, players, drum majors, directors and instructors, musicians, silks and dancers. Your true character and your Panther Pride were shining most brightly Friday evening.

That concludes my report.

FOCUS TOPIC PRESENTATION

Josh Peterkin shared an interesting and informative update presentation of the Wallingford Elementary School. He also shared that author Dav Pilkey recently visited WES for an assembly. Principal Peterkin distributed Superhero capes to each Board member that bears the slogan "reading makes you a superhero".

MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the September 12, 2016 Regular Business Meeting.

PERSONNEL

The Board of School Directors approved the following leave of absence and retirement:

Certified Staff

Rachel Heckler, Teacher, Strath Haven High School, paid FMLA leave (use of sick and emergency days), on or about November 21, 2016 through December 21, 2016; unpaid FMLA leave, December 22, 2016 through February 20, 2017; unpaid leave, on February 21, 2017 through end of the 2016-2017 school year

Non-Certified Staff

Renay Mangino, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, retirement, effective end of day on September 20, 2016

The Board approved the compensation of staff members for the Strath Haven High School Saturday Detention Program, during the 2016-2017 school year, as stipulated.

The Board approved the transportation change of hours, effective September 6, 2016, as stipulated.

The Board approved the payment for unused sick days, as stipulated.

The Board approved the change of salary status for the following teacher, effective August 29, 2016:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Katelyn Graham	Bachelor's, Step 5	\$52,351	Master's, Step 5	\$54,351

The Board approved the additions to the 2016-2017 mentors, as stipulated.

The Board approved the WSSD vertical team members for the 2016-2017 school year, as stipulated.

The Board approved the addition to the 2016-2017 conference requests, as stipulated.

The Board approved the additions/deletion to the 2016-2017 fall athletic and activities supplemental appointment lists, as stipulated.

CURRICULUM

The Board approved the Related Services Provider Contracts for the 2016-2017 School Year

The Board approved the following students for approval for homebound instruction:

Student #1727119	Strath Haven High School
Student #1923043	Strath Haven High School

The Board approved the Category 1A Overnight field trips for the 2016-2017 school year, as stipulated.

The Board approved the Category 1B Foreign Exchange Field Trip for the 2016-2017 school year, as stipulated.

The Board approved the following, as stipulated:

- Payment of Invoices to Vendors 08/17/2016 THRU 09/14/2016

The Board approved the following, as stipulated:

- Treasurer's Report AUGUST 2016

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following, as stipulated:

- General [Fund 10] AUGUST 2016
✓ Balance Sheet, Revenue, & Expenditure Reports
- Capital Reserve [Fund 32] AUGUST 2016
✓ Balance Sheet, Revenue, & Expenditure Reports
- Student Activities [Fund 81] AUGUST 2016

The Board accepted the Swarthmore Rutledge Elementary School Additions/Alterations Project, PlanCon Part H, Project Financing, approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, into the official minutes of the Board.

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The Board approved the sale of 29 digital projectors to IPS Global for \$1,055.00.

The Board approved a service agreement from the Delaware County Intermediate Unit in the amount of \$4,884.46 for providing nonpublic services for the 2016-2017 school year as required under the Federal Title I Grant for nonpublic students residing in the district's Title I eligible residence area.

The Board accepted the 2016-2017 Title I Grant in the amount of \$112,678 and amend the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget to allocate these funds as follows:

\$56,705.00	1100-100 Regular Program – Salaries
48,177.00	1100-200 Regular Program – Benefits
2,462.00	1100-600 Regular Program-Supplies
350.00	3300-600 Community Svcs-Supplies
100.00	2100-600 Support Services- Students-Supplies
<u>4,884.00</u>	1500-300 Non-Public Programs – Purchased Prof Svcs
\$112,678.00	

The Board accepted the 2016-2017 Title II Grant in the amount of \$62,264 and amend the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget to allocate these funds as follows:

\$18,000.00	2260-100 Instruction & Curriculum Dev - Salaries
6,480.00	2260-200 Instruction & Curriculum Dev - Benefits
7,000.00	2270-100 Professional Development – Salaries
2,520.00	2270-200 Professional Development – Benefits
20,264.00	2270-300 Professional Development – Purchased Prof Svcs
<u>8,000.00</u>	2270-500 Professional Development – Other Purch Svcs
\$62,264.00	

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA

A few of the District’s SRS parents came to the Board meeting and expressed their concern with the 4th grade class size at Swarthmore Rutledge School.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Sonntag adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM

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