

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE  
WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Monday, January 9, 2017  
Strath Haven Middle School Library**

The Board of School Directors of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District met in the library of the Strath Haven Middle School on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017, in accordance with public notice. The following Directors and Officers were present:

President	Dr. Richard C. Sonntag
Vice President	Dr. Marylin Huff
Treasurer	Ms. Sally Morbeck
Assistant Secretary	Ms. Wendy Voet
	Mr. Jerry Ballas
	Ms. Chapin Cimino ( <i>via phone</i> )
	Dr. Allison Karpyn ( <i>via phone</i> )
	Dr. Robert Reiger
	Mr. Paul Schregel
Superintendent	Dr. Lisa A. Palmer
Secretary	Mrs. Darlene Klingerman
Student Representative	Miss Valerie Henderson

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Sonntag at 7:02 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance that was led by our special guests from ABC Strath Haven.

**REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Val Henderson provided a complete report of the activities around the District.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Palmer presented her report to the Board of School Directors.

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Sonntag announced that the Board of School Directors met prior to the meeting this evening to discuss Special Education matters that are required by law to remain confidential.

**FOCUS TOPIC PRESENTATION:** *A Better Chance (ABC) Strath Haven*

Dr. MaryJo Yannacone, Strath Haven High School Principal, was in attendance this evening to welcome and introduce ABC's Board of Directors, John Whitelaw, Carol Hill, and Kristin Dunning, along with Resident Directors, Lysa and Andy Rieger. Also in attendance were alumni and students who are presently enrolled in the program at Strath Haven. The speakers shared some history about the program, how the program works, and spoke of notable national and local alumni. A Better Chance Strath Haven celebrated their 40 year anniversary with our District this past year and the Wallingford-Swarthmore Board of School Directors, the Administration, and the community are all very grateful for this wonderful partnership.

**AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO TOPICS FOR ACTION ON THE AGENDA**

There were no comments from the audience concerning topics on the Agenda.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Ballas moved, seconded by Dr. Reiger, that the Board of School Directors approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2016 Reorganization Meeting, and the Minutes of the December 5, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

The motion carried with the vote of Mr. Ballas, abstained; Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Huff, abstained; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, abstained; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

**PERSONNEL**

Dr. Huff moved, seconded by Ms. Morbeck, that the Board of School Directors approve the following Personnel items:

The Board of School Directors approved the following leaves of absence, retirement, sabbatical, and resignation:

Certified Staff

Rebecca Berman, Teacher, Wallingford Elementary School, unpaid FMLA leave, on December 5, 2016 through January 9, 2017

Jenna Adams, Teacher, Nether Providence Elementary School, paid FMLA leave, on or about March 29, 2017 through May 10, 2017; unpaid FMLA leave, on May 11, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 school year

Sheryl Ursillo, Teacher, Strath Haven High School, extension of paid intermittent FMLA leave (use of sick days), on December 2, 2016 through on or about March 31, 2017

A. Scott Kiehner, Teacher, Nether Providence Elementary School, retirement, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year

Jocelyn Patten-McMahon, Teacher, Strath Haven Middle School, extension of medical sabbatical, through the end of the 2016-2017 school year

Non-Certified Staff

Melissa Gallagher, Instructional Support, Wallingford Elementary School, unpaid leave, on January 12, 2017 through April 7, 2017

Vincent DePaul, Bus Driver, Transportation, resignation, effective at the end of the day January 6, 2017

The Board of School Directors approved the following Certified Staff appointments:

Anissa Khan, Special Education Teacher, Strath Haven Middle School, effective January 3, 2017 through June 21, 2017 replacing Leslie Petruzzi, \$56,351, prorated

Christopher Bernholdt, Art Teacher, Strath Haven High School, effective January 9, 2017 through on, or about February 1, 2017, replacing Leslie Taylor, Short-Term Substitute, \$190 per diem, 7.5 hours per day

The Board of School Directors approved the additions/deletion to the 2016-2017 winter athletic and activities supplemental appointment lists, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the extensions of assignment, as listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Erin Zambon	Short Term Substitute Science Teacher, SHHS, \$190 per diem, replacing Sheryl Ursillo & daily absences	Short Term Substitute Science Teacher, SHHS, \$190 per diem, effective December 2, 2016 through on, or about March 31, 2017, replacing Sheryl Ursillo & daily absences
Daniel Masse	Long Term Substitute Art Teacher, SHMS, Bachelor's, Step 1.5, \$49,180 (prorated), replacing Jocelyn Patten-McMahon	Long Term Substitute Art Teacher, SHMS, Bachelor's, Step 1.5, \$49,180 (prorated), effective January 23, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 school year, replacing Jocelyn Patten-McMahon

The Board of School Directors approved the change of assignment, effective January 10, 2017, as listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Kimberly Wothers	Substitute Bus Driver, \$23.89/hour	Regular Bus Driver, \$23.89/hour, replacing Vincent DePaul

The Board of School Directors approved the new appointment salary correction, previously approved on December 5, 2016, as listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Incorrect Listing</u>	<u>Correct Listing</u>
Erin Yentz	Bachelor's, Step 1.0 \$48,220	Bachelor's, Step 1.0 \$48,770 (prorated)

The Board of School Directors approved the correction to the change of assignment, previously approved on December 5, 2016, as listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Incorrect Listing</u>	<u>Correct Listing</u>
Tori Montello	Regular Bus Driver, \$23.89/hour	Regular Bus Aide, \$12.38/hour, effective December 6, 2016

The motion carried with the vote of Mr. Ballas, aye; Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

## **WSSD BOARD POLICY**

Dr. Huff moved, seconded by Mr. Schregel, that the Board of School Directors approve the first reading of the following policies, as presented: (Copies to be inserted in Official Minutes)

### First Reading

- 113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education  
Student Information
- 203 Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
- 204 Attendance
- 209 Health Examinations/Screenings
- 217 Graduation Requirements
- 907 School Visitors

The motion carried with the vote of Mr. Ballas, aye; Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

## CURRICULUM

Ms. Morbeck moved, seconded by Mr. Ballas, that the Board of School Directors approve the Related Services Provider Contracts for the 2016-2017 School Year and a Tuition Contract for the 2016-2017 School Year. (Copies to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the following students for homebound instruction:

- Student #2121052 - Strath Haven Middle School
- Student #1723044 - Strath Haven High School (Intermittent)
- Student #1755029 - Strath Haven High School

The motion carried with the vote of Mr. Ballas, aye; Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

## FINANCE

Ms. Voet moved, seconded by Ms. Morbeck, that the Board of School Directors approve the following Finance items:

The Board of School Directors approved the new Internal Revenue Service mileage rate of 53.5 cents per mile, for all miles driven on School District business, beginning January 1, 2017.

The Board of School Directors approved the new student activity account entitled Class of 2020.

The Board of School Directors approved the submission of the 2016-2017 school year delinquent per capita taxes to Berkheimer Tax Administrator, Incorporated, for tax collection.

The Board of School Directors approved a four year lease agreement between Rohrer Bus Company (and/or their financing branch) and Wallingford-Swarthmore School District, subject to Solicitor review and approval of final wording of the lease documents, at a proposed total cost of \$445,100, with equal payments of \$111,275 per year, due July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019 and July 1, 2020 for the following school buses: (Copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

- Four (4) 48 passenger buses
- Three (3) 48 passenger buses with wheelchair lift
- Two (2) 30 Passenger buses
- One (1) 10 passenger minotaur (multipurpose bus)
- One (1) 10 passenger van

The motion carried with the vote of Mr. Ballas, aye; Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

#### **AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There were no comments from the audience concerning topics not on the Agenda.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Sonntag adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Klingerman  
Secretary