

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

**Monday, January 23, 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 23rd 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 (<i>absent</i>)
Assistant Secretary	Ms. Wendy Voet
	Mr. Jerry Ballas
	Ms. Chapin Cimino
	Dr. Allison Karpyn (<i>via phone</i>)
	Dr. Robert Reiger
	Mr. Paul Schregel
Superintendent	Dr. Lisa A. Palmer
Secretary	Mrs. Darlene Klingerman
Solicitor	Mr. Kyle Berman
Student Representative	Miss Valerie Henderson

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Sonntag at 7:08 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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 confidential personnel matters. Dr. Sonntag expressed the Board's concern over the new proposed tax proposal and announced that there will be a press event scheduled for Friday, encouraging residents to look for details in their local newspapers and urging the community to get involved, regardless of where they stand on this issue.

Dr. Sonntag announced that the order of the Focus Topics will be switched this evening with the Presentation of the Proposed 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget being presented first, and then Proposed Changes to the Strath Haven High School Silver Guide. He noted that changes that are under discussion this evening concerning the Silver Guide will not be voted on tonight, but rather the Board will take action on a continuation of the current Silver Guide with only pertinent dates changed for the coming school year. The Board does anticipate considering changes to the Silver Guide at a School Board meeting scheduled later in February 2017. Dr. Sonntag noted he will move *Audience Recognition to Topics for Action on the Agenda* to immediately follow the Silver Guide presentation, and he asked that each speaker state their name and address. As per School Board Policy, a time limit will be set that is sufficient for the discussion this evening.

FOCUS TOPIC PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation of the Proposed 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget

Welcome and introduction by Superintendent Palmer, with Proposed 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget presentation by Martha Kew, Business Administrator.

Presentation of Proposed Changes to SHHS Silver Guide

Dr. Yannacone, Strath Haven High School Principal, was joined by her Assistant Principals, Kris Brown, Andrea LaPira, and Tom McLaughlin, as well as Secondary Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Denise Jones.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO TOPICS FOR ACTION ON THE AGENDA

- Mr. David Grove, 80 Yale Avenue, Swarthmore, PA
- Ms. Helen Lew, 209 Knoll Road, Wallingford, PA
- Ms. Suzy Hoyle, 602 Bickmore Drive, Wallingford, PA
- Ms. Valerie Rouse, 120 Guernsey Road, Swarthmore, PA
- Mr. Damon Orsetti, 218 Ash Road, Nether Providence, PA
- Ms. Helen Nadel, 15 Woodbrook Lane, Swarthmore, PA
- Miss Valerie Henderson, 102 S. Providence Road, Wallingford, PA

MINUTES

Dr. Huff moved, seconded by Dr. Reiger, that the Board of School Directors approve the Minutes of the January 9, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

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

PERSONNEL

Mr. Ballas moved, seconded by Dr. Karpyn, that the Board of School Directors approve the following Personnel items:

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

Certified Staff

Theodora Psitos, teacher, Strath Haven Middle School, professional development sabbatical, second semester, 2016-2017 school year

Daniel Zimmermann, Teacher, Strath Haven High School, paid FMLA leave (use of sick days), January 30, 2017 through on, or about February 27, 2017

Ellen Coopersmith, Teacher, Swarthmore-Rutledge School, paid FMLA leave (use of sick days), January 30, 2017 through February 28, 2017

The Board of School Directors approved the following appointments:

Non-Certified Staff

Gina McCaughan, Instructional Support, Wallingford Elementary School, effective January 17, 2017 through February 7, 2017, replacing Rebecca DiIenno, \$12.33 per hour, 7.25 hours per day, Short-Term Substitute

Colleen Glackin, Instructional Support, Wallingford Elementary School, effective January 17, 2017 through April 7, 2017, replacing Melissa Gallagher, \$12.33 per hour, 7.25 hours per day, Short-Term Substitute

The Board of School Directors approved the additions to the 2016-2017 conference requests, as stipulated. (copies to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the extension of assignment, effective January 30, 2017, as listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Catherine Hopkins	Long Term Substitute, SRS, replacing Ellen Coopersmith	Long Term Substitute, SRS, through February 28, 2017 replacing Ellen Coopersmith

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

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

WSSD BOARD POLICY

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

Second 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, absent; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

CURRICULUM

Mr. Schregel moved, seconded by Mr. Ballas, that the Board of School Directors approve the following Curriculum items:

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

- Student #1755039 - Strath Haven High School

The Board of School Directors approved a Related Services Provider Contract for the 2016-2017 school year and a Tuition Contract for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board of School directors approved the application received by ASSE International's Student Exchange Program to permit the following foreign exchange student to attend Strath Haven High School as a 10th grader on a tuition-free basis for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Stella Becker from Germany, residing with Shauna and Geoffrey Armstrong of 216 Beatty Road, Media, Pennsylvania.

The Board of School Directors approved the proposed Silver Guide Program Planner for Strath Haven High School for the 2017-2018 school year. (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

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

FINANCE

Dr. Huff moved, seconded by Ms. Voet, that the Board of School Directors approve the following Finance items, as stipulated: (copies to be inserted into Official Minutes)

- Payment of Invoices to Vendors dated November 30, 2016 through January 17, 2017
- Treasurer's Report for the months of November and December 2016

The Board of School Directors acknowledged receipt of the following, as stipulated: (copies to be inserted into Official Minutes)

- General [Fund 10] November and December 2016 - Balance Sheet, Revenue, & Expenditure Reports
- Capital Reserve [Fund 32] November and December 2016 - Balance Sheet, Revenue, & Expenditure Reports
- Food Service Operating Statement [Fund 51] November and December 2016
- Student Activities [Fund 81] November and December 2016

The Board of School Directors approved the following, as stipulated: (copies to be inserted into Official Minutes)

- Budget transfers 2016 - 2017 school year

The Board of School Directors approved the 4-year Ricoh USA, Inc. lease agreement for the replacement of 16 district copiers. (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the Agreement for Design and Consulting Services with ELA Sport for consulting and design services for the repairs and resurfacing of the track at the SHMS stadium including site analysis, construction documents, bid administration, lifecycle analysis, and construction administration at a cost not to exceed of \$7,000 plus estimated reimbursable expense of \$750. (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the 3-year extension of the local auditor services with BBD, LLP for a fixed rate of \$18,500 per year.

The motion carried with the vote of Mr. Ballas, aye; Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, absent; 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

Dr. Reiger, as a follow-up, questioned the status of athletic sports trainers at the Strath Haven Middle School.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Huff questioned if it might be a benefit to the Administration and to the Public if the Board sets a date now as to when they plan to approve an Addendum to the Silver Guide. Dr. Palmer suggested that the proposed date for the Board to take action on this item will be scheduled for February 27, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Sonntag adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Klingerman
Secretary