

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

**Monday, February 13, 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 13th day of February 2017, in accordance with public notice. The following Directors and Officers were present:

President	Dr. Richard C. Sonntag
Vice President	Dr. Marylin Huff (<i>absent</i>)
Treasurer	Ms. Sally Morbeck
Assistant Secretary	Ms. Wendy Voet (<i>absent</i>)
	Mr. Jerry Ballas
	Ms. Chapin Cimino
	Dr. Allison Karpyn (<i>absent</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 7:10 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 open issues in Collective Bargaining.

FOCUS TOPIC PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation: Overview 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.

Student Recognition

Special guests joined us this evening: Representative Leanne Krueger-Braneky, along with the winner of the Office of the Attorney General's 20th Annual Drug Free Calendar Contest, Jolene Hsu , 5TH grader at Nether Providence Elementary School. Jolene was accompanied tonight by her parents Ms. Liang and Mr. Hsu, brother, Thomas, and Principal Mr. Heinle. Representative Krueger-Braneky presented Jolene with a Citation of Recognition that was signed by all members of the House of Representatives. Congratulations to Jolene! Representative Krueger-Braneky also presented each School Director with a copy of the 2017 Attorney General's 20th Annual Drug Free Calendar.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO TOPICS FOR ACTION ON THE AGENDA

None

MINUTES

Mr. Ballas moved, seconded by Mr. Schregel, that the Board of School Directors approve the Minutes of the January 23, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

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

PSBA RESOLUTION – SCHOOL DIRECTOR RECOGNITION MONTH

(This recognition was held until the February Board meeting so Representative Krueger-Braneky could be in attendance)

The Board of School Directors accepted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the role of locally elected school officials has served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and local communities in meeting the needs of public education since the passage of the Free School Act in 1834; and

WHEREAS, these local boards have discharged their responsibilities to public education in a manner which has placed public education in the forefront of our educational systems; and

WHEREAS, locally elected officials have distinguished themselves and their communities in this nonpaid, volunteer public service commitment; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of these men and women should be recognized and appreciated by those who benefit from the workings of our public school system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association hereby proclaims the month of January as School Director Recognition Month in this commonwealth; and

FURTHER RESOLVE that this proclamation be communicated to all school districts, school officials and local communities in a planned program which brings visibility and awareness of the role of locally elected school officials to the citizenry of this commonwealth.

PERSONNEL

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

The Board of School Directors approved the following leave of absence, intent to retire, and resignation:

Certified Staff

Jennifer Brown, Teacher, Nether Providence Elementary School, paid leave, February 9, 2017 through February 23, 2017

Anita Brown, Teacher, Strath Haven High School, intent to retire, effective at the end of the day, June 21, 2017

Non-Certified Staff

Frank Bonto, Jr., Technology Support Specialist, Wallingford Elementary School, resignation, effective at the end of the day, February 3, 2017

The Board of School Directors approved the following appointments:

Certified Staff

Thomas Woznicki, Mathematics Teacher, Strath Haven High School, effective January 23, 2017 through June 21, 2017 replacing Theodora Psitos, \$50,770 (prorated)

Margaret Dredge, Art Teacher, Strath Haven High School, effective January 30, 2017 through on, or about February 27, 2017, replacing Dan Zimmermann, \$190 per diem, Short-Term Substitute

The Board of School Directors approved the additions to the 2016-2017 spring athletic supplemental appointment list, as stipulated. (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the change of salary status for the following teacher, effective February 1, 2017:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kimberly Aronovitz	Master's, Step 16	\$99,300	Master's +30, Step 16	\$101,300

The Board of School Directors approved the non-supplemental theater positions for the 2017 spring musical at Strath Haven High School, as stipulated. (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the change and addition to the 2016-2017 mentors, 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>
Christopher Bernholdt	Short Term Substitute, SHHS, replacing Leslie Taylor, through 02/01/2017	Short Term Substitute, SHHS, replacing Leslie Taylor, through on, or about 03/17/2017
Rebecca DiLenno	Short Term Substitute, NPE, replacing Taryn McCafferty, through 02/08/2017	Short Term Substitute, NPE, replacing Jennifer Brown, 02/09/2017 through 02/23/2017

The Board approved Amendment Number One (#1) to the Agreement between the Substitute Teacher Service, Incorporated, and the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District, for the period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017, as stipulated. (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

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

WSSD BOARD POLICY

Mr. Schregel moved, seconded by Ms. Morbeck, that the Board of School Directors approve the third and final reading of the following policies, as presented: (copies to be inserted in Official Minutes)

Third and Final 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, absent; Dr. Karpyn, absent; Ms. Morbeck, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, absent.

CURRICULUM

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

The Board of School Directors approved Related Services Provider Contracts for the 2016-2017 school year. (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

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

FINANCE

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

The Board of School Directors approved the contract with Karasch & Associates for Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART) services, as stipulated. (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the contract with JMW Entertainment Group, LLC, for video production services for the Strath Haven High School Commencement, as stipulated. (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors adopted the 2017-2018 Preliminary General Fund Budget of \$79,394,571 with the following millage rates as listed:

Nether Providence Township/Rose Valley Borough – 44.2540
Rutledge Borough/Swarthmore Borough – 44.6785

The Board of School Directors authorized the Administration to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the following Act 1 Exception: Retirement Contributions

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

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Caitlyn Locke, 8th grade science teacher at Strath Haven Middle School, was joined by three alumni of Strath Haven's Class of 2003. They shared about an organization that was recently formed in honor and in memory of their classmate and friend, Robert Allen Payne, named *One Haven*. The *One Haven* organization was created with the goal in mind to raise money to provide scholarships to students within the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District.

You may contact them via their website at onehavenunite.com or e-mail onehavenunite@gmail.com for additional information.

Jonathan Wilkerson of 620 Strath Haven Avenue of Swarthmore, and a graduate of Strath Haven High School Class of 2010 addressed the Board of School Directors to share why and how he joined the Army Reserves on this very day. When Mr. Wilkerson was finished speaking to the Board, Dr. Reiger requested that Superintendent Palmer find out why the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District does not have an ROTC Program.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Sonntag adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Klingerman
Secretary