

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

**Monday, February 27, 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 27th day of February 2017, in accordance with public notice. The following Directors and Officers were present:

President	Dr. Richard C. Sonntag
Vice President	Dr. Marilyn Huff
Treasurer	Ms. Sally Morbeck
Assistant Secretary	Ms. Wendy Voet
	Mr. Jerry Ballas (<i>via phone</i>)
	Ms. Chapin Cimino
	Dr. Allison Karpyn (<i>via phone</i>)
	Dr. Robert Reiger
	Mr. Paul Schregel (<i>via phone</i>)
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 7:01 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 stated there had not been an Executive Session this evening and there were no announcements.

FOCUS TOPIC PRESENTATIONS:

Special Education Presentation:

Megan McCullough, Director of Secondary Special Education, and Gina Ross, Director of Elementary Special Education, shared a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Opening Doors in Special Education*. As an aside from the presentation, they also included an interesting “show & tell” session that displayed many types of low and high tech adaptive resources that support our students.

2017-2018 Calendar:

Ferg Abbott, Director of Human Resources, presented the WSSD 2017-2018 School Year Calendar to the Board on Monday evening. Mr. Abbott pointed out that the calendar was developed with the following primary objectives:

- Create safer environment at schools used as polling locations during the May election
- Reduce the number of student half days at the elementary level
- Improve staff professional development by creating more opportunities throughout the year
- Eliminate transportation conflicts caused by two hour in-service delayed openings

Many aspects of the 2017-2018 calendar are similar to the 2016-2017 calendar, but there are some notable differences to which we would like to draw your attention. They are:

- Added K-8 in-service day on May 15 (Election Day). Grades 9-12 have school.
- Spring elementary conferences changed from four half student days to two full student days and two days of no school
- Two hour in-service delayed openings will now be three hour in-service early dismissals

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO TOPICS FOR ACTION ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Bruce Weinberg, 721 Windsor Place, Wallingford, PA addressed the Board of School Directors concerning the financial implication of changes to the Silver Guide.

MINUTES

Ms. Morbeck moved, seconded by Dr. Reiger, that the Board of School Directors approve the Minutes of the February 13, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

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

PERSONNEL

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

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

Certified Staff

Leslie Taylor, Teacher, Strath Haven High School, extension of unpaid FMLA leave, on February 1, 2017 through February 15, 2017; unpaid leave, on February 16, 2017 through on, or about March 17, 2017

Jeanette Lynch, Teacher, Swarthmore-Rutledge School, intent to retire, effective at the end of the day, June 21, 2017

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>
Caroline Gilfoil	Master's, Step 10	\$60,974	Master's+30, Step 10	\$62,974

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

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

The Board of School Directors approved the 2017 Summer Band and String Program, as stipulated. (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, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

CURRICULUM

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

The Board of School Directors approved the proposed 2017-2018 school year calendar, as stipulated. (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

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

The Board of School Directors approved the Educational Services Agreement for student #2523068, as stipulated. (copy to be kept on file in the Business Office)

The Board of School Directors approve the 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, aye; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

FINANCE

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

The Board of School Directors approved the Payment of Invoices to Vendors date January 18, 2017 through February 21, 2017. (copies to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the January 2017 Treasurer's Report. (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors acknowledged receipt of the following January 2017 financial statements, as stipulated: (copies to be inserted into Official Minutes)

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

The Board of School Directors approved the Budget transfers for the 2016 - 2017 school year. (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) Proposal for a Custodial and Facilities Review at a cost of \$5,000. (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the submission of PlanCon K for the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2017, for a full advance refunding of the General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2011, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. (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, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Reiger publically recognized and congratulated the Strath Haven High School wrestling team and their coaches for a great season. Strath Haven High School had five high school wrestlers that qualified from the Central League for Districts, and two qualified for Regionals.

Dr. Reiger also thanked Superintendent Palmer stating that she “went above and beyond the call of duty during the Central League Championships”.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Sonntag adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Klingerman
Secretary