

**BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**  
**WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**Monday, February 26, 2018**  
**Middle School Library 7:00 p.m.**

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

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**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Dr. Marylin Huff, President  
Dr. Robert Reiger, Vice President  
Ms. Wendy Voet, Assistant Secretary  
Ms. Chapin Cimino  
Dr. David Grande  
Mr. Damon Orsetti  
Mr. Paul Schregel – *via telephone*  
Dr. Richard Sonntag – *via telephone*  
Mrs. Kelly Wachtman

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Miss Zoe Bock provided the Board of School Directors with an update of all the events in and around the District.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

**FOCUS TOPICS**

- **Swarthmore-Rutledge School Update**  
*Dr. Angela Tuck, Principal; Ms. Ellen Coopersmith, Kindergarten Teacher; Ms. Renee Strehle, Fifth Grade Teacher; Linda Gillespie, Gifted Teacher, accompanied by SRS Kindergarten students, Chloe Zeserson, Mira Sparks, and Amalia Matotek*
- **School Safety**  
*Dr. Lisa Palmer, Superintendent of Schools and Chief David Splain, Nether Providence Police*

## MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

## PERSONNEL

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

### Certified Staff

Noreen Gaynor, Third Grade Teacher, Swarthmore-Rutledge School, retirement, effective at the end of the day June 19, 2018

Sandra Liacouras, Library Sciences Teacher, Nether Providence Elementary School, retirement, effective at the end of the day June 19, 2018

Debra Wile, First Grade Teacher, Wallingford-Swarthmore Elementary School, retirement, effective at the end of the day June 19, 2018

Michael Ciavola, Technology Education Teacher, Strath Haven Middle School, retirement, effective at the end of the day, June 19, 2018

Sara Tourscher, Science Teacher, Strath Haven Middle School, paid FMLA leave (use of sick and emergency days), February 5, 2018 through mid-day on March 19, 2018; unpaid FMLA leave, mid-day on March 19, 2018 through May 6, 2018; unpaid leave, May 7, 2018 through end of the 2017-2018 school year

Jessica Getty, First Grade Teacher, Nether Providence Elementary School, paid FMLA leave (use of sick and emergency days), January 8, 2018 through March 1, 2018; unpaid FMLA leave, March 2, 2018 through March 9, 2018

Mary Kubik, World Languages Teacher, Strath Haven Middle School, unpaid leave, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years

The Board of School Directors approved the following appointments:

### Certified Staff

Nina Binder, Language Arts Teacher, Strath Haven Middle School, effective February 20, 2018 through the end of the 2017-2018 school year, replacing Katelyn Scaffidi, \$56,551 (prorated), Mater's +30, Step 5, WSEA, Long-Term Substitute

Non-Certified Staff

Delali Agbley, Instruction Support, Strath Haven Middle School, effective February 20, 2018, replacing Nicole Cristinzio, \$13.13 per hour, Step 3, WSESPA

The Board of School Directors approved the 2018 summer school program appointments, as stipulated.

The Board of School Directors approved the non-supplemental theater positions for the 2018 spring musicals at Strath Haven High School and Strath Haven Middle School, as stipulated.

The Board of School Directors approved the additions/changes to the 2017-2018 activities and curriculum supplemental appointment lists, as stipulated.

The Board of School Directors approved the change of assignment, effective February 12, 2018, as listed.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Kathleen Richers	Instructional Support, SRS, \$13.63/hr.	Long Term Kindergarten Teacher Substitute, SRS, M, 2.0, \$51,790 prorated, replacing Catherine Latella through the end of the 2017-2018 school year

**CURRICULUM**

The Board of School Directors approved the Tuition Contract for the 2017-2018 School Year, and a Related Services Provider Contract for the 2017-2018 School Year

The Board of School Directors approved the Category 1A Overnight Field Trips for the 2018-2019 school year, as stipulated.

**FINANCE**

The Board of School Directors approve the following, as stipulated:

- Payment of Invoices to Vendors 01/17/2018 THRU 02/20/2018

The Board of School Directors approved the following, as stipulated:

- Treasurer’s Report JANUARY 2018

The Board of School Directors acknowledged receipt of the following, as stipulated:

- General [Fund 10] JANUARY 2018  
✓ Balance Sheet, Revenue, & Expenditure Reports
- Capital Reserve [Fund 32] JANUARY 2018  
✓ Balance Sheet, Revenue, & Expenditure Reports
- Food Service Operating Statement [Fund 51] JANUARY 2018
- Student Activities [Fund 81] JANUARY 2018

The Board of School Directors approved the following, as stipulated:

- Budget transfers 2017 - 2018 school year

The Board of School Directors approved the nomination of Kelly Wachtman to serve as the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District member of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors, commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021.

The Board of School Directors approved the Managed Print Solution OEM Pricing Agreement with IPS (Integrating People & Service).

#### **AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO ANY OTHER TOPICS**

The following parents and/or community members addressed the Board of School Directors on the topic of School Safety:

- Melissa Carden, 109 Stratford Lane, Wallingford, PA
- Lauren Conway, 116 S. Providence Road, Wallingford, PA
- Dana Pickup, 219 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA
- Dorothy Wilson-Lee, 305 Chestnut Street, Swarthmore, PA

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board of School Directors approved the Resolution Against Arming Educations, as stipulated below:

**Wallingford-Swarthmore School District Resolution  
Against Arming Educators**

**February 26, 2018**

Whereas, the Wallingford-Swarthmore School Board is committed to protecting its students and staff, while also providing an exemplary education;

Whereas, in the wake of school shootings, many lawmakers have suggested that arming teachers with guns would be a positive safety measure and have introduced legislation to make this a reality;

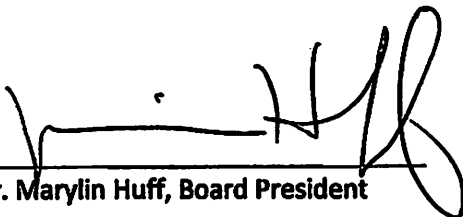
Whereas, our teachers are not trained law enforcement officers but are instead educators whose role is to teach and nurture our children;

Whereas arming teachers creates an even bigger safety issue. This could also create an issue for first responders who might have a difficult time distinguishing a perpetrator from a school employee;

Whereas schools need more resources for students who struggle with social-emotional skills and mental health issues;

Whereas schools need more state funding for security improvements;

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Wallingford-Swarthmore School Board does not support any proposals to arm educators, and instead will focus on safety and security improvements as well as asking legislators for more support for our efforts in this regard, including support to help us address the mental health needs of our young people.

By:   
Dr. Marylin Huff, Board President

By:   
Darlene Klingerman, Board Secretary

Date: February 26, 2018

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

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