

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

**Monday, February 26, 2018
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 26th day of February 2018, in accordance with public notice. The following Directors and Officers were present:

President	Dr. Marilyn Huff
Vice President	Dr. Robert Reiger
Treasurer	Ms. Sally Morbeck (<i>Non-Member-not present</i>)
Assistant Secretary	Ms. Wendy Voet
	Ms. Chapin Cimino
	Dr. David Grande
	Mr. Damon Orsetti
	Mr. Paul Schregel (<i>via telephone</i>)
	Dr. Richard Sonntag (<i>via telephone</i>)
	Mrs. Kelly Wachtman
Superintendent	Dr. Lisa A. Palmer
Secretary	Mrs. Darlene Klingerman
Solicitor	Mr. Kyle Berman
Student Representative	Miss Zoe Bock

Dr. Huff called the Regular Business Meeting of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School Directors to order at 7:20 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Huff also acknowledged the recent school shooting in Parkland, Florida, stating that this has affected everyone, and further commenting that it was a tragedy of the worst kind. The Board will address this later in the meeting.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

Zoe Bock provided a complete report of the all the happenings in and around the District.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Huff announced that Dr. Sonntag and Mr. Schregel are joining the meeting this evening by telephone and that the Board of School Directors met prior this evening in Executive Session to discuss school safety.

FOCUS TOPICS:

- **Swarthmore-Rutledge School Update**

Dr. Angela Tuck, Principal, Swarthmore-Rutledge School; Ms. Ellen Coopersmith, Kindergarten Teacher; Ms. Linda Gillespie, Gifted Teacher; Ms. Renee Strehle, Fifth Grade Teacher, accompanied by SRS kindergarten students, Chloe Zeserson, Mira Sparks, and Amalia Matotek

- **School Safety**

Dr. Lisa Palmer, Superintendent and Chief David Splain, Nether Providence Police

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO TOPICS FOR ACTION ON THE AGENDA

There were no responses to items for action on the agenda.

MINUTES

Dr. Reiger moved, seconded by Ms. Voet, that the Board of School Directors approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The motion carried with the vote of Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Grande, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Mr. Orsetti, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye; Mrs. Wachtman, aye.

PERSONNEL

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

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. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

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. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the additions/changes to the 2017-2018 activities and curriculum supplemental appointment lists, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

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

The motion carried with the vote of Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Grande, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Mr. Orsetti, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye; Mrs. Wachtman, aye.

CURRICULUM

Ms. Cimino moved, seconded by Dr. Reiger, that the Board of School Directors approve the following Curriculum items:

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. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the Category 1A Overnight Field Trips for the 2018-2019 school year, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The motion carried with the vote of Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Grande, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Mr. Orsetti, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye; Mrs. Wachtman, aye.

FINANCE

Dr. Reiger moved, seconded by Dr. Grande, 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 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: (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

- 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). (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The motion carried with the vote of Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Grande, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Mr. Orsetti, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye; Mrs. Wachtman, aye.

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

Dr. Reiger recognized the high school wrestling team stating that we had seven students who advanced to the District's at Springford High School. We also have three students advancing to the Regionals at Oxford High School: John Crawford, Lee Holbert, and Brett Burns. Congratulations to the team!

Mr. Orsetti moved, seconded by Dr. Reiger, that the Board of School Directors approve 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. Marilyn Huff, Board President

By: _____
Darlene Klingerman, Board Secretary

Date: February 26, 2018

The motion carried with the vote of Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Grande, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Mr. Orsetti, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye; Mrs. Wachtman, aye.

ADJOURNMENT

As there were no other matters to come before the Board of School Directors, Dr. Huff adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Klingerman,
Board Secretary