

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

**Monday, November 12, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018, in accordance with public notice. The following Directors and Officers were present:

President	Dr. Marylin Huff
Vice President	Dr. Robert Reiger
Treasurer	Dr. David Grande
Assistant Secretary	Ms. Wendy Voet
	Ms. Chapin Cimino
	Dr. Michele Downie
	Mr. Damon Orsetti
	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	Ms. Gretchen Clauss

Dr. Huff called the Regular Business Meeting of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School Directors to order at 7:01 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Gretchen Clauss shared with the Board of School Directors all of the happenings of 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 Board of School Directors met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters. Dr. Huff also stated that Dr. Sonntag is participating in the meeting this evening via telephone. Dr. Huff then expressed that the School Board is aware of the negotiations between the management of The Nutrition Group and the members of the Bargaining Unit. The Wallingford-Swarthmore School Board and the District Administration are not at all directly involved in the negotiations.

## **FOCUS TOPIC**

- Curriculum and Education Update 2017-2019  
*Dr. Denise Citarelli Jones, Director of Secondary Education*  
*Dr. Jennifer Gaudio, Director of Elementary Education*

**AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO ITEMS FOR ACTION ON THE AGENDA - none**

## **MINUTES**

Dr. Reiger moved, seconded by Ms. Voet, that the Board of School Directors approve the minutes of the October 8, 2018 and October 22, 2018 Regular Meetings of the Board of School Directors. (copies to be inserted into official minutes)

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

## **PERSONNEL**

Ms. Cimino moved, seconded by Dr. Reiger, that the Board of School Directors approve the following leaves of absence, resignation and extension of leave:

### Certified Staff

Kelly Creighton, Special Education Teacher, Strath Haven High School, paid FMLA leave (use of sick and emergency days), December 10, 2018 through January 22, 2019; unpaid FMLA leave, January 23, 2019 through March 12, 2019; unpaid leave, March 13, 2019 through on or March 25, 2019

David Waldman, Social Studies Teacher, Strath Haven High School, paid FMLA leave (use of sick days), December 12, 2018 through on, or about March 13, 2019

Tom Waitzman, Art Teacher, Strath Haven High School, resignation, effective at the end of the day, November 20, 2018

Non-Certified Staff

Patricia McGarry, Bus Driver, paid FMLA leave (use of emergency days), September 24, 2018 through .44 day on September 25, 2018; unpaid FMLA leave, .44 day on September 25, 2018 through October 5, 2018; intermittent unpaid FMLA leave, October 8, 2018 through on or October 18, 2018

Benjamin Facciolo, Bus Driver, extension of unpaid FMLA leave, October 22, 2018 through November 16, 2018

The Board of School Directors approved the following certified appointment:

Catherine Hopkins, Title I Mathematics Teacher, Nether Providence Elementary School, effective October 24, 2018, New Position (Grant Funded), \$58,765 (prorated), Doctorate's Degree, Step 4.5, Long-Term Substitute, WSEA

The Board of School Directors approved the following non-certified appointment:

Carolyn Dezzi, Substitute Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective October 19, 2018, replacing John Kauffman, \$25.08 per hour, hours as needed

The Board of School Directors approved the change of assignment, effective August 27, 2018:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Alycia Woodruff	1.0 Special Education Teacher, SHMS	.6 Special Education Teacher/.4 Language Arts Teacher, SHMS

The Board of School Directors approved the transportation change of hours, effective October 29, 2018, as stipulated (copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors acknowledged the Teacher Eligible for Tenure, effective November 2, 2018. (copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the 2018-2019 Winter Athletic and Activities Supplemental appointment lists, as stipulated. (copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the 2018 fall supplemental post-season pay, as stipulated. (copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the addition to the WSSD STEM Advisory Council for the 2018-2019 school year, as stipulated. (copy to be inserted into official minutes)

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

## **WSSD BOARD POLICY**

Mr. Orsetti moved, seconded by Mrs. Wachtman, that the Board of School Directors approve the first and second readings of the following policies, as presented:

### **First Reading**

- 105.2 Exemption from Instruction
- 105.3 Educational Research in the Schools
- 112 Guidance Counseling
- 116 Tutoring
- 117 Homebound Instruction
- 127 Assessment Systems
- 129 Student Use of School Loaned Instruments
- 138 Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners
- 140 Charter Schools
- 140.1 Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students
- 144 Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
- 151 Title I – Comparability of Services
- 207 Confidential Communications of Students
- 212 Reporting Student Progress
- 216.1 Supplemental Discipline Records
- 218 Student Discipline
- 218.2 Terroristic Threats
- 224 Care of School Property

## **Second Reading**

### 006 Meetings

#### 006.1 Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications

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

## **CURRICULUM**

Dr. Reiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Wachtman, that the Board of School Directors approve the following: (copies to be inserted into official minutes)

Related Services Provider Contracts for:

- 2018-2019 Extended School Year
- 2018-2019 School Year

The Board of School Directors approved the District Professional Education Plan from the Professional Education Committee, having met the 28-day public review of the sections required by Chapter 4 regulations prior to Board approval and submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education as part of Comprehensive Planning requirements. (copy to be inserted into official minutes)

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

## **FINANCE**

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

The Board of School Directors accepted the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Grant Award 2018-YS-BX-0039 Stop School Violence Award in the amount of \$13,746 with a District match of \$4,586. The funds will be used to obtain a visitor identification system and install an additional camera at the Strath Haven Middle School. (copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors accepted the Act 44 School Safety and Security Award, Part A, in the amount of \$25,000. The funds will be used as Phase 1 of the installation electronic locksets.

The Board of School Directors acknowledged the revised District's Local Audit Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 as prepared by BBD Certified Public Accountants. (copy to be inserted into official minutes)

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

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

The following community members addressed the Board of School Directors:

- Mrs. Dana Pickup, 219 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA
- Mrs. Eileen White DeGrave, 209 Stanford Drive, Wallingford, PA
- Mrs. Lauren Conway, 116 S. Providence Road, Wallingford, PA

#### **OLD BUSINESS - none**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Huff gave the following statement relating to the Food Service Workers' contract negotiations.

The Wallingford-Swarthmore School Board is aware of the negotiations between the management of The Nutrition Group and the members of the Bargaining Unit. The School Board and District Administration are not at all directly involved in those negotiations. The District contracts with The Nutrition Group to provide food services to the students and staff in our schools, and, as with any independent contractor, they are fully responsible for their own labor negotiations, which includes salary and benefits. The Nutrition Group's employees are not employed by the District, but they do work in in our schools. We are hopeful that a mutually beneficial settlement can soon be achieved.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene Klingerman  
Board Secretary