

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

**Monday, February 11, 2019
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 11th day of February 2019, 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
	Mrs. Kelly Wachtman
Superintendent	Dr. Lisa A. Palmer
Secretary	Mrs. Darlene Klingerman
Solicitor	Mr. Kyle Berman

Dr. Huff called the Regular Business Meeting of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the salute to the flag.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the snowy weather conditions this evening, Dr. Huff announced that our Student Representative and our Superintendent would not give their respective reports. Dr. Huff also announced that the Board of School Directors met in Executive Session prior to this meeting tonight to discuss special education litigation and school safety.

FOCUS TOPIC

- **Presentation: Overview of Proposed 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget**
Martha Kew, Business Administrator

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO ITEMS FOR ACTION ON THE AGENDA –

Mrs. Colleen Murphy, 556 Westminster Avenue, Swarthmore, and Mrs. Kimberly Angstadt of 625 N. Chester Road, Swarthmore, both addressed the Board of School Directors with thanks for the plans to repave SRS

MINUTES

Dr. Huff moved, seconded by Ms. Cimino, that the Board of School Directors approve the minutes of the January 28, 2019 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. Downie, aye; Dr. Grande, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Mr. Orsetti, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye; Mrs. Wachtman, aye.

PERSONNEL

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

The Board of School Directors approved the following resignation:

Non-Certified Staff

Danielle Curcio, Instructional Support, Nether Providence Elementary School, resignation, effective at the end of the day January 22, 2019

The Board of School Directors approved the additions to the 2018-2019 conferences, as stipulated. (copy to be inserted into official minutes)

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

The Board of School Directors approved the 2019 Summer Band and String Program, as stipulated. (copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the changes of assignment, effective on, or about March 1, 2019:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Eileen Seichepine	Confidential Administrative Assistant, HR Benefits, \$66,091	Assistant Human Resources Director, \$77,500
Donna Scales	Administrative Assistant, SHMS, \$21.63 per hour	Confidential Administrative Assistant, HR Benefits, \$50,768

The Board of School Directors approved the change to the printed salary contract previously approved on January 28, 2019.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Shannon Moore	\$16,296.06 (prorated)	\$49,382 (prorated)

(Clarification: \$16,296.06 is the actual amount to be paid after proration. \$49,382 is the contracted salary before proration. This agenda item does not change the amount paid; it creates consistency with other printed salary contracts.)

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.

CURRICULUM

Dr. Reiger moved, seconded by Dr. Sonntag, that the Board of School Directors approve the Related Services Provider Contracts for the 2018-2019 school year. (copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the Educational Services Agreement for student #2027037. (copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved SHHS student #2027109 for homebound instruction.

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 adopted the 2019-2020 Preliminary General Fund Budget of \$84,709,139 with the following millage rates as listed:

Nether Providence Township/Rose Valley Borough – 46.7588
Rutledge Borough/Swarthmore Borough – 47.1950

The Board of School Directors authorized the Administration to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the following Act 1 Exception: Special Education Expenditures.

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

An individual known to be a resident of WSSD who identified himself as “Peter” addressed the Board of School Directors and requested that the Board consider changing WSSD’s Guidelines for Suspension and Dismissal from Extracurricular Activities.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Downie addressed the Board of School Directors regarding the issue of school start times. She shared with the Board that she attended a presentation recently by Dr. Judith Owens on the science of sleep. Dr. Downie commented that she anticipates further discussion about this issue.

Dr. Huff stated that at the last School Board meeting, the Board passed a *Resolution Urging the PA General Assembly to Adequately Invest in Public Schools and Students*. While school districts are the most obvious stakeholders in this matter, she emphasized that we are not the only one. Dr. Huff encouraged the Teachers’ Union, as well as the other municipal boards, to pass this resolution as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Huff suggested that it might be time for technological updates on how the Board communicates its actions with the public. Currently the titles of the agenda, minutes, and videos on our website are simply the date of the meeting, which can make it difficult to find something in particular that was discussed. Dr. Huff requested that information about the Focus Topic be added to that title. In addition, Dr. Huff would like to make the meeting videos available as a subscription podcast.

Mrs. Wachtman supports Dr. Huff’s idea emphatically. Mrs. Wachtman shared that she has learned from members and parents in the community that they would like to see more effective ways of communication.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Klingerman
Board Secretary