

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Monday, February 25, 2019
Middle School Library 7:00 p.m.

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

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Dr. Marylin Huff, President
Dr. Robert Reiger, Vice President
Dr. David Grande, Treasurer
Ms. Wendy Voet, Assistant Secretary
Ms. Chapin Cimino
Dr. Michele Downie
Mr. Damon Orsetti
Dr. Richard Sonntag
Mrs. Kelly Wachtman - *Absent*

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Gretchen Clauss shared with the Board of School Directors all of 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 the Board of School Directors met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss a confidential student matter.

Dr. Huff stated that there was an article in the *Delaware County Daily Times* this morning that contained some inaccurate claims. Let me be clear, if a student assaults another student or any person at school, at an extracurricular activity or school related event, or even during the hours when that student should be at school, then that student is subject to disciplinary action. The District does not condone sexual misconduct by anyone. The District only has jurisdiction over events that happen at school or school events.

FOCUS TOPIC

- **Presentation of Implementation of School Climate Goals & Objectives**
Dr. Kristopher Brown, Principal, Strath Haven High School
- **Presentation of 2019-2020 Calendar**
Mr. Ferg Abbott, Director of Human Resources

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO ITEMS FOR ACTION ON THE AGENDA

Dr. Huff noted that at the previous meeting a community member was allowed to speak without fully identifying himself. This was contrary to board policies and procedures.

Mr. Ben Hall, 2 Church Rd Wallingford, addressed the Board of School Directors regarding the school calendar.

Mrs. Elizabeth Orye, 216 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, addressed the Board of School Directors regarding the school calendar and community engagement.

MINUTES

The Board of School Directors approved the Minutes of the February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

PERSONNEL

The Board of School Directors approved the following leave of absence:

Non-Certified Staff

Patrick Miles, Custodian, Swarthmore-Rutledge School, paid FMLA leave (use of sick days) January 28, 2019 through on or about April 18, 2019.

The Board of School Directors approved the non-supplemental theater positions for the 2019 spring musicals at Strath Haven High School and Strath Have Middle School, as stipulated.

The Board of School Directors approved the 2018-2019 Spring Athletic and the addition to the Activity Supplemental appointment lists, as stipulated.

The Board of School Directors approved the change of prorated salary status for the following employee, effective March 1, 2019:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Derrick Clements	\$75,235	\$78,000

The Board of School Directors approved the change of assignment, effect March 1, 2019:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Ferguson Abbott	Director of Human Resources	Director of Human Resources & Operations

The Board of School Directors approved the quote for modification of subscription between PowerSchool Group LLC and the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District to provide software and training that enables employee access for health benefit selection, leave requests, and payroll information, as stipulated.

CURRICULUM

The Board of School Directors tabled the proposed 2019-2020 school year calendar for consideration at a future meeting.

FINANCE

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

- Payment of Invoices to Vendors dated January 23, 2018 through February 19, 2019.
- Treasurer's Report JANUARY 2019

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

- General [Fund 10] JANUARY 2019
✓ Balance Sheet, Revenue, & Expenditure Reports
- Capital Reserve [Fund 32] JANUARY 2019
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- Food Service Operating Statement [Fund 51] JANUARY 2019
- Student Activities [Fund 81] JANUARY 2019

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

- Budget transfers 2018 - 2019 school year

The Board of School Directors accepted the proposal of McAdoo Diversity Consulting, LLC to provide diversity consulting and training and community engagement as per the proposal dated February 21, 2019, as stipulated.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO ANY OTHER TOPICS

Mr. Joseph Dever, 215 Wisteria Ln, Media, addressed the Board of School Directors regarding the School District taxes.

Mr. Christopher Reynolds, 36 Rose Valley Rd, Media, addressed the Board of School Directors regarding community meetings being posted on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Voet expressed concerns over the 2019-2020 school calendar ending on a Wednesday instead of a Friday. Ms. Cimino discussed the format of the prior calendar survey and wanting to look at the legitimate pedagogical reasons for starting the school year earlier. Dr. Huff discussed that the change of the start of the school year could be examined but not for the 2019-2020 school year. Dr. Sonntag expressed that the longer winter holiday break could be the driving issue for the mid-week end of the school year. He expressed that other holiday breaks could be examined to pick up the necessary time and asked that prior calendars be looked at regarding the longer winter break. Mr. Orsetti expressed that the biggest complaint he has heard was in reference to the varied days where the elementary schools have early dismissals and the secondary school does not.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Reiger expressed congratulations to the Strath Haven High School wrestling team and in particular Chase Barlow and John Crawford for their excellent season.

Dr. Reiger requested that the District investigate the replacement of the signs along Route 252 with digital signs. The current signs are old and foggy. The trend at other districts is for digital signs where activities and events can be readily displayed. Dr. Huff remarked that signs are heavily regulated. Mr. Orsetti asked that if the District does proceed with changing the signs that a solar power option be included.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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