

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

**Monday, February 25, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019, in accordance with public notice. The following Directors and Officers were present:

President	Dr. Marilyn 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 - <i>absent</i>
Superintendent	Dr. Lisa A. Palmer
Secretary	Mrs. Darlene Klingerman - <i>absent</i>
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 7:05 p.m. followed by the salute to the flag.

#### **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 School Calendar**

*Mr. Ferguson 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**

Dr. Huff moved, seconded by Ms. Cimino, that the Board of School Directors approve the minutes of the February 11, 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.

## **PERSONNEL**

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

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 Haven Middle School, as stipulated. (copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the 2018-2019 Spring Athletic and 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	2018-2019 Salary: \$75,235	2018-2019 Salary: \$78,000

The Board of School Directors approved the change of assignment, effective 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. (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.

**CURRICULUM**

Ms. Voet moved, seconded by Dr. Reiger, that the Board of School Directors table the proposed 2019-2020 school year calendar, until March 2019, as stipulated. (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.

## FINANCE

Ms. Voet moved, seconded by Ms. Cimino, that the Board of School Directors approve 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: (copies to be inserted into official minutes)

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

The Board of School Directors approved the following, as stipulated: (copy to be inserted into official minutes)

- 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. (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.

## 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Voet  
Assistant Board Secretary