

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Monday, April 8, 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 – *via telephone*
Mrs. Kelly Wachtman

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Palmer reported to the Board of School Directors that she attended the PDE Data Summit with Derrick Clements, our Educational Data Systems Manager. The Summit was entitled "Color Your World with Quality Data," and the theme this year was STEM Education. Dr. Palmer said it was an outstanding conference and it was one of the best she attended in years.

FOCUS TOPIC

- **Presentation: Safe2Say Something Update**
Lisa Palmer, Superintendent

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

There were no comments from the audience.

MINUTES

The Board of School Directors approved the Minutes of the March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

PERSONNEL

The Board of School Directors approved the addition to the 2018-2019 conferences, as stipulated.

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

The Board of School Directors approved the additional hours for the STEM Advisory Council members for the 2018-2019 school year, as stipulated.

CURRICULUM

The Board of School Directors approved a professional services agreement with Effective School Solutions to provide specialized clinical/therapeutic services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, at a total amount not to exceed \$239,700.00.

The Board of School Directors approved the additional Category 1A Overnight field trip as stipulated.

FINANCE

The Board of School Directors approved the Delaware County Intermediate Unit Special Education Funding and Service Agreement, for the 2019-2020 school year, as stipulated.

The Board of School Directors approved the 5-Year Microsoft EES Agreement with Microsoft and the Lancaster Lebanon Intermediate Unit.

The Board of School Directors approved the 3-year Broadview Networks phone service agreement.

The Board of School Directors approved the Emerald Data Solutions, Inc. agreement for the web-based service known as BoardDocs.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO ANY OTHER TOPICS

Alex Melly of 10 Dogwood Lane, Swarthmore addressed the Board of School Directors regarding the level of diversity training in K-12 school curriculum.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Huff stated that the Board periodically receives e-mails from community members. Some of the topics that were recently raised are:

- 1) School Calendar – The District made changes based on community comment and Dr. Palmer explained the reasoning behind the half day and whole day in-service days at the March 11, 2019 School Board meeting. Once the community was informed of the reasoning behind the calendar, they were more supportive of the amended calendar.
- 2) Food Service at the Elementary Schools – Ms. Kew commented that all of the snacks offered in the schools do meet the smart snack compliance requirements. Further, the snacks also meet the District’s nutritional requirements that are outlined in the agreement with The Nutrition Group including items like no artificial coloring or flavoring. Ms. Kew reminded the community that parents could put notes on their students’ accounts in the point of sale system by contacting the food service company. This will help limit the student’s access to the snacks or how often they are permitted to purchase snacks.
- 3) Class Sizes – Dr. Palmer reported that she is presently looking at the elementary class sizes along with class sizes at the Middle and High School.

Dr. Reiger asked about the status of an athletic trainer at the Middle School. Ms. Kew responded that this year we finished the latest athletic contract with the High School and as a result, Coach Clancy and Ms. Kew met and discussed the various specifications needed for the Middle School and High School. Coach Clancy has reached out to get proposals from other sources. They also reached out to Rothman and received proposals and expect a proposal from Crozier. It is anticipated that the District will have an athletic trainer by the fall.

Dr. Reiger followed-up to his question about the signs located along Providence Road at the Middle School and High School and wanting to replace them with digital signs. Dr. Palmer said that she plans to work on researching the signage during the summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Orsetti shouted out kudos to the Middle School Librarian, Ms. Kahn, and the four Reading Olympic Teams. They have worked very hard and received outstanding recognition and all are very proud!

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

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