

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

**Tuesday, June 10, 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 10th day of June 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 – <i>absent</i>
	Dr. Michele Downie – <i>absent</i>
	Mr. Damon Orsetti
	Dr. Richard Sonntag – <i>via phone</i>
	Mrs. Kelly Wachtman
Superintendent	Dr. Lisa A. Palmer
Secretary	Mrs. Darlene Klingerman – <i>absent</i>
Solicitor	Mr. Kyle Berman

Dr. Huff called the Regular Business Meeting of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School Directors to order at 7:09 p.m. followed by the salute to the flag.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Palmer provided her report to the Board of School Directors.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Huff said that the Board of School Directors met in Executive Session on June 10, 2019 to discuss confidential personnel matters. Dr. Huff also noted the passing of Dr. Richard Noonan.

FOCUS TOPICS

- Recognition of School District Retirees
Mr. Ferg Abbott, Director of Human Resources
- Presentation: 2020 Strath Haven High School Graduation
Dr. Kristopher Brown, SHHS Principal
- Presentation: 2019-2020 Final General Fund Budget
Ms. Martha Kew, Business Administrator

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

The following community members addressed the Board of School Directors regarding the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget:

- Mr. James Mason, 613 Washington Avenue, Media PA

MINUTES

Dr. Huff moved, seconded by Ms. Voet, that the Board of School Directors approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

The motion carried with the vote of Ms. Cimino, absent; Dr. Downie, absent; 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 Ms. Wachtman, that the Board of School Directors approve the following Personnel item:

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

Non-Certified Staff

Darlene Klingerman, Confidential Administrative Assistant and Board Secretary, Superintendent's Office, paid FMLA leave (use of sick, emergency and vacation days), June 4, 2019 through on or about July 5, 2019

The Board of School Directors approved the following appointments:

Certified Staff

Allison Schmid, Elementary Teacher, Wallingford Elementary School, effective August 26, 2019, new position, \$53,332, Master's Degree, Step 1.0, Temporary Professional Employee Contract, WSEA

Rebecca DiIenno, Third Grade Teacher, Nether Providence Elementary School, effective August 26, 2019, replacing Katherine Pulos, \$52,752, Bachelor's Degree, Step 2.5, Temporary Professional Employee Contract, WSEA

Catherine Hopkins, Title I Mathematics Teacher, Nether Providence Elementary School, effective August 26, 2019 through June 19, 2020, replacing Herself; previously in same position, \$63,129, Doctorate's Degree, Step 5.5, Long-Term Substitute, WSEA

Courtney Aaron, Media Specialist, Swarthmore-Rutledge Elementary School, effective August 26, 2019, replacing Herself; previously in same position, \$52,342, Bachelor's Degree, Step 2.0, Long-Term Substitute, WSEA

Non-Certified Staff

Joseph Deluca, Substitute Custodian, Operations Department/Human Resources Annex, effective June 11, 2019, Replacing: Carolyn Turner, \$15.13 per hour, Step 1.0, hours as needed

The Board of School Directors approved the deletion and additions to the 2018-2019 student activity sponsors compensation, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approve the additions to the 2019 summer curriculum development work, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approve the 2019 summer power school training and development work, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approve the changes of assignments, effective August 26, 2019:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Katherine Pulos	3 rd Grade Elementary Teacher, NPE	5 th Grade Elementary Teacher, NPE, replacing Robert Porter
Mary Kate Peterson	1 st Grade Elementary Teacher, SRS	5 th Grade Elementary Teacher, NPE, replacing Mark Rosenberg

The Board of School Directors approve the changes of assignments, effective August 26, 2019: (continued)

Pamela Kaneda	World Languages Teacher, SHMS	World Languages Teacher, SHHS, replacing Jo-Ann Morris-Brady
Kate Jones	4 th Grade Elementary Teacher, NPE	5 th Grade Elementary Teacher, NPE
Anita DiDomenico	2 nd Grade Elementary Teacher, NPE	4 th Grade Elementary Teacher, NPE, replacing Kate Jones
Christine Hochstoeger	.8 Art Teacher, SRS	1.0 Art Teacher, SRS, partially replacing Helen Mangelsdorf

The Board of School Directors approved the additions and change to the 2019 summer school program appointment list, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the additions to the 2018-2019 spring athletic and academic supplemental post season pay, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the 2018-2019 spring athletic supplemental appointment list, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the 2019-2020 appointment and stipend for Christopher Matsanka, as District Testing Coordinator, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the 2019-2020 appointment and stipend for Darlene Klingerman, as Board Secretary, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the independent contractor to serve as Communications Specialist, for the 2019-2020 school year, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved all WSSD certificated staff to be 2019-2020 homebound staff and tutors.

The Board of School Directors approved the 2019-2020 appointment and stipend for AJ Cetroni, as School Board Meeting Videographer, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the compensation of the hourly wage difference, from the current rate to the starting maintenance rate, for painting duties conducted by custodians for the 2019-2020 school year, effective July 1, 2019.

The Board of School Directors approved the changes of assignment, effective July 1, 2019

Name	From	To
Christopher Matsanka	Assistant Principal, Strath Haven Middle School, \$124,230	Assistant Principal, Strath Haven High School, \$129,230, replacing Shawn Conti
Steven Krall	Health & PE Teacher/ Health & PE Department Chair, \$109,600 Strath Haven Middle School	Assistant Principal, Strath Haven Middle School, \$116,013, replacing Christopher Matsanka

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

WSSD BOARD POLICY

Dr. Huff moved, seconded by Mr. Orsetti, that the Board of School Directors approved the second reading of the following policies, as presented:

First Reading

113.3 Special Education Evaluations & Independent Educational Evaluations (NEW)

204 Attendance

The motion carried with the vote of Ms. Cimino, absent; Dr. Downie, absent; 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 Ms. Wachtman, that the Board of School Directors approve the following Curriculum items:

The Board of School Directors approved the Related Services Provider Contracts for the 2019 Extended School Year 2019-2020 School Year. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the Tuition Contracts for 2019 Extended School Year and 2019-2020 School Year. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the Educational Services Agreement for student #1721006. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the following students for homebound instruction:

Student #2223008 - Strath Haven High School

The Board of School Directors approved the Category 1A Overnight field trip from July 1 – September 30, 2019, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Administration recommends the Board of School Directors approve the Category 1A Overnight field trip from October 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

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

FINANCE

There was Board discussion of the Delaware County Community College Debt Resolution that was presented for the Board's consideration.

Dr. Huff moved, seconded by Ms. Voet, that the Board of School Directors approve the Delaware County Community College Debt Resolution.

The motion did not carry with the vote of Ms. Cimino, absent; Dr. Downie, absent; Dr. Grande, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Mr. Orsetti, nay; Dr. Reiger, abstain; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye; Mrs. Wachtman, nay.

Ms. Wachtman moved, seconded by Dr. Reiger, that the Board of School Directors approve the following Finance items, as stipulated:

The Board of School Directors approved the eComm service contract for district-wide phone hardware/software maintenance for the 2019-2020 school year. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the participation in the E-Rate program for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board of School Directors approved the current provider of E-Rate consulting services, Debra M. Kriete, Esquire, for the 2019-2020 school year, in the amount of \$6,000. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the PowerSchool Support Contract with Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 (CLIU) for five years. (Copy to be inserted into official minutes)

The Board of School Directors appointed Martha Kew in her official capacity as the District's Business Administrator, as the collector of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District real estate taxes for the Borough of Swarthmore. Said appointment to be effective July 1, 2019 and continue through either the appointment/election of an individual to fill the vacant position of Swarthmore Borough Tax Collector or June 30, 2020, whichever shall occur first. If said appointment is to extend beyond June 30, 2020, a similar motion shall be put to the Board of School Directors no later than the first board meeting in June 2020 to be effective for the succeeding fiscal year.

The Board of School Directors approved resetting the following fund balance commitment levels:

Projected PSERS cost stabilization	\$950,000
Debt Service stabilization \$250,000	
Self-Insurance cost stabilization	\$1,350,000

2018 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District, that Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Real Estate Tax Assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2019, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

Aggregate amount available for Homestead and Farmstead Real Estate Tax Reduction beginning July 1, 2019: The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District, during the 2019-2020 school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$1,838,020.00 The School District over applied an additional \$21.07, which was over extended during distributing such funds in the 2018-2019 school year, bringing the total available for property tax reductions to \$1,837,998.93.

Homestead/Farmstead Numbers: Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. §6926.341(g)(3), the County provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads.

Homestead Property Number: The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 4,940.

Farmstead Property Number: The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 0.

Homestead/Farmstead Combined Number: The aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 4,940.

Real estate tax reduction: The Wallingford-Swarthmore School District Board of School Directors has determined that the homestead/farmstead exclusion amount shall be \$372.06.

Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Authorization – July 1 Tax Bills. The tax notice issued to the Owner of each approved homestead/farmstead within the School District shall reflect a homestead/farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction of the established assessed value of the homestead/farmstead, which is equal to \$7,957.

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

The Board recessed at 8:15 p.m. for an Executive Session for Legal Advice from Counsel. The Board returned from recess at 8:37 p.m.

Dr. Huff moved, seconded by Mr. Orsetti, that the Board of School Directors approve the following, as stipulated: (Copies to be inserted into official minutes)

Mr. Orsetti moved that the Board of School Directors reconsider the Delaware County Community College Debt Resolution (Item 1 A under Finance).

Ms. Watchman moved and Dr. Grande seconded a motion to table the reconsideration of Item 1 A under Finance).

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

2019-2020 School District Final Budget

The Board of School Directors adopt the 2019-2020 Final General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$84,405,815, funded by the following taxes:

Nether Providence/Rose Valley	46.7588 Mills
Swarthmore/Rutledge	47.2083 Mills
.5% Real Estate Transfer Tax	
\$10 Per Capita Tax	

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

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO ANY OTHER TOPICS – None

The following community member addressed the Board of School Directors regarding the Communication:

- Ms. Liz Orye, Sykes Ln, Wallingford PA

The following community member addressed the Board of School Directors regarding the Budget and Audit figures:

- Mr. Dave Serratore, 620 Morris Lane, Wallingford PA

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Huff discussed the multiple ways the community can communicate with the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Voet
Assistant Board Secretary