

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Tuesday, January 19, 2016
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. Richard C. Sonntag, President
Dr. Marylin Huff, Vice President
Ms. Sally Morbeck, Treasurer
Ms. Wendy Voet, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Jerry Ballas
Ms. Chapin Cimino
Dr. Allison Karpyn
Dr. Robert C. Reiger
Mr. Paul Schregel

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Student Representative, Charlotte Brake, provided the School Board with a complete report on news and activities across the District schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Special Welcome

A special welcome was given to several guests in attendance at Tuesday night's Board Meeting:

- State Representative Leanne Krueger-Braneky was present to participate in the presentation of a resolution endorsed by the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) as part of *January as School Board Appreciation Month*.
- Nether Providence Township President of the Commissioners, Nate Much, was formally recognized as part of a motion on the agenda regarding the approval of a Sales Agreement of the former Summit School Site between the School District and Nether Providence Township.
- Josh Peterkin, Principal of Wallingford Elementary School, faculty member Kevin Stahler, along with some students and parents from the school were part of the Focus Presentation on Wallingford Elementary School.

On behalf of the Board and the District, we appreciate and thank the special guests that were in attendance at Tuesday evening's meeting.

B. *Superintendent Search Follow-up*

To help keep the faculty, staff, and community informed of the status of the search for the new Superintendent, first round interviews were held earlier this month, with follow-up interviews with those candidates moving forward in the process scheduled for later in the month. According to the timeline as established by the Board with the assistance of the University of Pennsylvania consultants assisting with the search, a new Superintendent may be appointed as early as within the next few months.

C. *Martin Luther King Day Holiday*

Last Saturday's edition of the *Delaware County Daily Times* featured the smiling faces of some of our Strath Haven Middle School students all involved in an array of different service activities in recognition of the Martin Luther King Holiday. The day began with an assembly program featuring the life of Martin Luther King, and then was followed by opportunities for service for our 8th graders out in the community and for the 6th and 7th graders in the school packing lunch bags for those in need, making sneakers for children in Uganda, creating holiday cards for the elderly, and making toys and treats for the animals at the SPCA. All of our schools throughout the District were involved in different activities and assembly programs to honor the legacy of a man and a dream that helped inspire our nation and the world.

D. *Out in the Schools and the Community*

Since our last Board Meeting back on January 4th, I've had the opportunity to attend a number of different school events watching our students and helping to cheer on their accomplishments as part of a variety of different extracurricular activities, including the District Strings Concert, the varsity basketball team, the middle school and high school wrestling teams, and last Friday, the Hi-Q team that opened competition with a resounding win over Cardinal O'Hara. This past Saturday, I was also invited to an Eagle Scout Ceremony in the community where four of our students: David Snyder, Ryan Dostillo, and Case and Zach Liga, were honored by earning the highly prestigious Eagle Scout Award.

E. *2016/2017 Budget Update*

Finally, as we are already into the second half of January, there is still no sign of a state budget being approved in Harrisburg, none-the-less, all school districts are required by law to bring forward and approve a balanced preliminary budget no later than January 27th. At our first Board Meeting in January, the Administration, represented by our Business Manager, Dr. Lisa Palmer, provided a comprehensive presentation of the Proposed 2016/2017 Preliminary Budget. Dr. Palmer provided a brief summary of that presentation, prior to the Board being asked to approve the budget this evening.

This concludes my report.....

MINUTES

The Board of School Directors approved the minutes of the January 4, 2016 Regular Business Meeting.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved Susan Lancellotti's, teacher at Nether Providence Elementary school, intent to retire effective the end of the day June 22, 2016.

The Board approved the change of assignment, as listed, effective January 20, 2016:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Sharon Montello	Substitute Bus Driver	Regular Bus Driver replacing James Moran

The Board approved payment of unused sick days, as stipulated.

The Board approved the Fee Agreement between WSSD and the Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trust, effective May 1, 2016, to contract with Caremark PCS Health, LLC to provide prescription services, as stipulated.

CURRICULUM

The Board approved the Educational Services Agreement for student #15059 and the Related Services Provider contracts for 2015-2016 school year, as stipulated.

FINANCE

The Board approved the "Agreement for the Sale of Real Estate" to Nether Providence Township for the property, unused and unnecessary to the School District and known as the Summit School property, including its lands and building, located at 101 Plush Mill Road, Nether Providence Township, Delaware County, PA.

The Board authorized Fox Rothschild LLP to enter into an agreement for the property located at 610 Baltimore Pike in Nether Providence Township.

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for Translation Services to be used on an as needed basis.

The Board of School Directors adopted the 2016-2017 Preliminary General Fund Budget of \$77,611,428 with the following millage rates as listed:

Nether Providence Township/Rose Valley Borough – 43.1850
Rutledge Borough/Swarthmore Borough – 43.5960

The Board authorized the Administration to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the following Act 1 Exceptions and to advertise this intent in the newspaper and on the District website:

- Special Education Expenditures
- Retirement Contributions

The Board approved a four year Leased Vehicle Agreement between Wolfington Body Company and Wallingford-Swarthmore School District and corresponding Municipal True Lease Agreement between Santander Bank and Wallingford-Swarthmore School District, subject to Solicitor review and approval of final wording, at a proposed total cost of \$972,000 for the following school buses:

- Twenty-two (22) seventy-two passenger buses
- Two (2) forty-eight passenger buses with wheelchair lift

The Board approved the payment of invoices to vendors dated 12/10/15 through 1/6/16, and also approved the Treasurer's Report dated December 2015, as stipulated.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following financial statements, as stipulated:

- General [Fund 10] DECEMBER 2015
✓ Balance Sheet, Revenue, & Expenditure Reports
- Capital Reserve [Fund 32] DECEMBER 2015
✓ Balance Sheet, Revenue/Expenditure Reports
- Student Activities [Fund 81] DECEMBER 2015
✓ Balance Sheet

The Board approved budget transfers for the 2015 - 2016 school year, as stipulated.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Sonntag adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

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