

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

**Monday, March 14, 2016
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 14th day of March, 2016, in accordance with public notice.

The following Directors and Officers were present:

President	Dr. Richard C. Sonntag
Vice President	Dr. Marilyn Huff
Treasurer	Ms. Sally Morbeck
Assistant Secretary	Ms. Wendy Voet
	Mr. Jerry Ballas
	Ms. Chapin Cimino
	Dr. Allison Karpyn
	Dr. Robert Reiger
	Mr. Paul Schregel
Acting Superintendent	Dr. Michael Pladus
Secretary	Mrs. Darlene Klingerman
Student Representative	Ms. Charlotte Brake

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Sonntag at 7:05 p.m. Dr. Sonntag invited a guest from the audience, Mr. Earl Kufen representing Boy Scout Troop #277, to lead in the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Sonntag announced that the Board of School Directors met in Executive Session at 6:00 PM this evening to discuss collective bargaining and personnel matters. Dr. Sonntag also announced that Mr. Kufen is in attendance this evening to partially satisfy requirements of the Eagle Scout *Citizenship in the Community* merit badge and the requirements of the *Communications* badge.

REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative, Charlotte Brake, gave a complete report on activities around the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Acting Superintendent, Dr. Michael Pladus, shared his *Superintendent's Report* with the Board of School Directors and welcomed our special guests, Mr. Kenneth Phillips, Managing Director, Municipal Finance, RBC Capital Markets, LLC, and Mr. Kevin Scott, Bond Counsel, Fox Rothschild LLP.

FOCUS TOPIC

- Advance Refunding Opportunity – Mr. Kenneth Phillips, RBC Capital Markets

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO TOPICS FOR ACTION ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the audience regarding topics on the Agenda.

MINUTES

Mr. Ballas moved, seconded by Dr. Huff, that the Board of School Directors approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

The motion carried with the vote of Mr. Ballas, aye; Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Morbeck moved, seconded by Mr. Schregel, that the Board of School Directors approve the following personnel items:

The Board of School Directors approved the leave of absence for the following Certified Staff:

Carol Ford, Teacher, Swarthmore-Rutledge School, paid FMLA leave (use of sick and emergency days), on or about April 18, 2016 through June 2, 2016; unpaid FMLA leave, June 3, 2016 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Beth Lesky, Teacher, Strath Haven High School, paid FMLA leave (use of sick days), on March 2, 2016 through on, or about March 18, 2016.

The Board of School Directors approved the resignation of Non-Certified Staff Kathryn Wise, Instructional Support, Swarthmore-Rutledge School, effective at the end of the day March 11, 2016.

The Board of School Directors approved the appointment of the following Certified Staff:

Lauren Snyder, Special Education Teacher, Wallingford Elementary School, effective on or about March 16, 2016 through June 22, 2016, replacing Kerri Lawler, \$190 per diem, Short-Term Substitute.

The Board of School Directors approved the appointments of the following Non-Certified Staff:

John Bevilacqua, Instructional Support, Wallingford Elementary School, effective March 30, 2016, replacing Sandra Martino, \$12.10 per hour, 7.0 hours per day, 183 days per year, WSESPA.

Matthew Risi, Substitute Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective March 15, 2016, replacing Sharon Montello, \$23.33 per hour, hours as needed, Teamsters.

The Board of School Directors approved the change of assignment, as listed, effective on February 22, 2016 through on, or about March 18, 2016:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Kathleen Richers	Instructional Support, SRS	Short-Term Substitute, SHHS, replacing Beth Lesky, \$190 per diem

The Board of School Directors approved the 2015-2016 Winter post-season pay for coaches, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into Official Minutes Book)

The Board of School Directors approved the additions and deletions to the 2015-2016 Winter and Spring Athletic Supplemental appointments, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into Official Minutes Book)

The motion carried with the vote of Mr. Ballas, aye; Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

CURRICULUM

Ms. Cimino moved, seconded by Ms. Voet, that the Board of School Directors approve the following Curriculum items:

The Board of School Directors approved the Related Services Provider Contracts for the 2015-2016 School Year, as stipulated. (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes Book)

The Board of School Directors approved the Educational Services Agreement for student #2423007. (copy to be kept on file in the Business Office)

The Board of School Directors approved the proposed 2016-2017 school year calendar, as stipulated. (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes Book)

The motion carried with the vote of Mr. Ballas, aye; Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

FINANCE

Dr. Huff moved, seconded by Mr. Ballas, that the Board of School Directors approve the following Finance items:

The Board of School Directors accepted a grant award from the Pennsylvania Council for the Arts in the amount of \$1,775 to be used for the African Dance Program at the Swarthmore Rutledge Elementary School.

The Board of School Directors approved the Delaware County Area Technical Schools budget resolution for the 2016-2017 school year, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into the Official Minutes Book)

The Board of School Directors approved the Delaware County Intermediate Unit Special Education Funding and Service Agreement, for the 2016-2017 school year, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into the Official Minutes Book)

The Board of School Directors approved the Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget for the 2016-2017 school year, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into the Official Minutes Book)

The Board of School Directors authorized certain individuals to attend settlement and execute any and all necessary documents on behalf of Wallingford-Swarthmore School District in connection with the School District's sale of real property identified as folio no. 34-00-02047-01 and having an address of 101 Plush Mill Road, Nether Providence Township, PA. (Copy to be inserted into the Official Minutes Book)

The Board of School Directors approved the Resolution authorizing the issuance of Obligations in the amount of up to Thirty Five Million Four Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,495,000); providing for the date, maximum interest, maximum maturity dates and place of payment in respect to the Obligations; setting forth the parameters for acceptance of a proposal and authorizing acceptance of a proposal for

the purchase and/or private placement of the Obligations; authorizing and directing the preparation, certification and filing of the proceedings with the Department of Community and Economic Development. (Copy to be inserted into the Official Minutes Book)

The Board of School Directors accepted the Bond Purchase Agreement offered by RBC Capital Markets, LLC in conjunction with Resolution 2016, and authorizes other necessary action as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into the Official Minutes Book)

The Board of School Directors approved the Resolution authorizing the Administration to call for redemption all of the Series 2006 Bonds on May 1, 2016, as stipulated. (Copy to be inserted into the Official Minutes Book)

The motion carried with the vote of Mr. Ballas, aye; Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Huff, aye; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, aye; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the audience regarding topics not on the Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Karpyn noted that she recently spoke with Representative Krueger-Braneky concerning the state budget restraints and how it is affecting school districts in the county. Dr. Karpyn also raised a question regarding Kindergarten class sizes and how the District knows when class sizes warrant an additional teacher.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Sonntag motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Klingerman
Secretary