

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Monday, April 11, 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 Board of School Directors with a complete report on news and activities across the District schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. PSSA Testing

With *March Madness* behind us, today, April 11th, marks the beginning of *April Madness*, with a different kind of challenge, this one called the PSSA. For the next two weeks-three weeks if you are in Grade 4 or Grade 8-state testing begins, first with English/Language Arts in Grades 3 through 8, followed by Math testing, also in Grades 3-8, followed by a week of Science Testing for Grades 4 and 8. For parents who may be watching this evening, a good night's sleep, a good breakfast, and a lot of love, support, and encouragement to simply do your best would most definitely be in order.

B. Spring Athletic Season

Last Friday's snowfall can only mean one thing, it's time for Spring Sports. All of our Spring sports are now in full swing, and I look forward to, hopefully, bundling up and getting out on the baseball and softball diamonds, the lacrosse fields, the outdoor track, and the tennis courts. Best of luck on behalf of the Board and the Administration to all of our spring athletes.

C. Budget and Finance

A few updates in regard to business, budget, and finance:

- The Administration is continuing its efforts to revise and update the Preliminary Budget as presented in January, with the intent of bringing forward the revised draft for discussion at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.
- In other budget/business related news, first round interviews have just concluded in the search for a new Business Manager to take the place of Dr. Lisa Palmer as she moves into the role of Superintendent, effective July 1st. Second round interviews will be scheduled, followed by Board Level interviews, with the intent of having the new Business Manager also in place by July 1st.

D. From the Mailbox

From the mailbox, in this past week's mail, I received a very well written letter from a 3rd grade student at SRS, who wrote:

Dear Dr. Pladus,

We need a longer day at school. I know you want kids to learn so this will be great. If we had a longer day at school, we will have less homework. If we had less homework, we would not have to use as much paper and fewer trees will be cut down because we are studying very well.

The student goes on to write *that "if you agree we should have a longer day at school, you should start it next year"*.

In the event that either of the two main political parties finds themselves with contested conventions, perhaps we just found a candidate (in third grade) that we can all rally around on the theme of *less homework and more trees*. In regard to the *longer school day*, this sounds like something to be delegated to the *new Superintendent of Schools...*

Best of luck to all our students, faculty, and staff involved in this year's PSSA testing, I know we'll do great...

This concludes my report...

FOCUS TOPIC PRESENTATIONS

Districtwide Early Literacy Interventions/Title I Award Recognition for NPE and WES:

Mrs. Jennifer Gaudioso, Director of Elementary Education, gave an informative presentation to our Board of School Directors and community about some of the initiatives available to our elementary schools. The Pennsylvania Department of Education recently recognized Wallingford Elementary School for its High Achievement and Nether Providence Elementary School for its High Progress. Our elementary schools Principals were all in attendance this evening.

MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the March 28, 2016 Regular Business Meeting.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the retirement of Non-Certified Staff, Thomas Connelly, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective at the end of the day, June 30, 2016.

The Board of School Directors approved the following appointments:

- Certified Staff, Lindsey McKee, Guidance Counselor, Strath Haven Middle School, effective April 14, 2016 through June 20, 2016, replacing Christina Piascik.
- Non-Certified Staff, Anthony Galiffa, Substitute Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective April 12, 2016, replacing Benjamin Facciolo, \$23.33 per hour, hours as needed.

The Board approved the change and additions to the 2015-2016 spring athletic supplemental appointments, as stipulated.

The Board approved the payment for unused sick days, as stipulated.

The Board approved the 2016 summer school program appointments, as stipulated.

The Board approved the addition to the 2015-2016 conference requests, as stipulated.

The Board of School Directors approved the termination of the Independent Contractor's Agreement between the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District and Charles Carroll for Athletic Director services, effective June 30, 2016, per the resignation notice submitted by Charles Carroll.

WSSD BOARD POLICY

Upon recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board approved the first reading of the following policies, as presented:

- 122 Extracurricular Activities
- 123 Interscholastic Athletics
- 218 Student Discipline
- 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
- 233 Suspension and Expulsion

CURRICULUM

The Board approved the Related Services Provider Contracts for the 2015-2016 School Year, Tuition Contracts for the 2015-2016 School Year, and Tuition Contracts for Summer 2016 Extended School Year

The Board approved the Educational Services Agreement for student #1727031.

FINANCE

The Board approved the contract with Karasch & Associates for Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART) services, as stipulated.

The Board approved the Delaware County Community College budget resolution, for the 2016-2017 school year, as stipulated.

The Board of School Directors appointed Chapin Cimino to serve as the Out-of-District Representative to the Legislative Council and to act as the District's PSBA Liaison.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Sonntag adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

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