

**BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**  
**WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**  
**Monday, April 25, 2016**  
**Middle School Library 7:00 p.m.**

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AT THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
THE BOARD CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS

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**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Dr. Richard C. Sonntag, President - *absent*  
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**

There always seems to be a lot of great things happening in and around the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District, but the past week or so has been especially busy and exciting...

- A. The week started with the release of this year's *US News and World Reports'* ranking of the nation's best high schools and Strath Haven High School appeared once more at #7 in Pennsylvania and as the top ranked high school in Delaware County. The high acclaim is certainly a tribute to Dr. Yannacone and the outstanding high school faculty and staff, but also reflects the hard work and dedication of all of our faculty and staff, K through 12. A point of pride for students, parents, and for the entire Wallingford-Swarthmore community!
  
- B. In athletics, over the past two weeks I had the opportunity with Dr. Yannacone to see our boys tennis team, baseball team, and our girls softball team in action. Also, Lisa Palmer, our Superintendent Elect and I along with Board Member Paul Schregel, a former college lacrosse player at Colgate, ventured out on a cold spring evening to see our boys lacrosse team register a 19-2 win over Upper Darby.

The hope this week is to see our boys and girls track team and girls lacrosse team. The Spring Sports schedule is available on-line, and all are most cordially invited to come out to see all of our sports teams in action.

- C. In the area of the arts, this past Thursday night I attended my first Varsity Arts Association Awards night, a great tradition that recognizes our students involved in all the different arts (visual, graphic, design, and performing) , music, and writing with varsity letters. I was, again, extremely impressed with the talent and accomplishments of our students and the dedication of our faculty and staff.
- D. On a separate, but perhaps somewhat related note, Superintendents, or even Acting Superintendents, should lead by example and try to be good readers and lifelong learners. With the help of Assistant Principal Andrea LaPira and librarian Beth Cohen, I checked out *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, and in doing so, discovered that the book had made its way over from Nether Providence High School some years back and I believe I may be the first one to have checked it out in over 20 years! Alas, it seems like only yesterday that I was a young English teacher and *Our Town* appeared on the required reading list for every student in America, *where do all those yesterdays go...*
- E. The big news from this past week-end, Wallingford Swarthmore was a hub of activity with the American Cancer Relay for Life going on at the stadium and, of course, a surprise, last minute visit by former President Bill Clinton at our Swarthmore-Rutledge School on Saturday morning. The District didn't receive the phone call that the former President was interested in coming to Wallingford-Swarthmore until just before noon on Friday, and the visit wasn't formally confirmed until around 4:00PM. A whirlwind of activity, no doubt, but it's not every day that a former US President calls to say he would like to rent a school in the District and make a visit. A memorable experience, indeed...

Finally, a reminder that today is Election Day. There is perhaps no better social studies lesson a parent or teacher can share with a young person than by demonstrating the importance of exercising the right and responsibility that we all have as citizens to vote. Primary elections will be held here in the Middle School, at Nether Providence, Swarthmore-Rutledge, and the former Summit School.

This concludes my report...

## FOCUS TOPIC PRESENTATIONS

- **2016-2017 Proposed Final General Fund Budget**

Dr. Lisa Palmer, School Business Administrator, provided the Board of School Directors an update to the 2016-2017 Proposed Final General Fund Budget that outlined changes since the Preliminary Budget discussion.

- **Technology Update**

Mr. Mark Finlayson, Director of Technology, and Mr. AJ Cetroni, Network Manager, were in attendance and shared an informative presentation with the Board of School Directors. The presentation was filled with photographs of students using technology in the classroom, video clips highlighting laser crafted work, the Hour of Code, and also highlighted some of the software programs that our students create.

## **MINUTES**

The Board approved the minutes of the April 11, 2016 Regular Business Meeting.

## **PERSONNEL**

The Board approved the following retirement and leave of absence:

- Certified Staff, Beth Lesky, Teacher, Strath Haven High School, retirement, effective at the end of the day, June 22, 2016
- Erminia Kubiak, Teacher, Wallingford Elementary School, unpaid leave, on May 2, 2016 through June 17, 2016

The Board approved the change of assignment, Katherine Brandt, from Short Term Substitute, \$190 per diem, replacing Erminia Kubiak, to Long Term Substitute, WES, \$48,570 (pro-rated), replacing Erminia Kubiak, through June 17, 2016

The Board approved the additional assignments, as listed, effective on or about, May 11, 2016 through June 17, 2016:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Additional Assignment:</u>
Beth Benzing	.33 Math Teacher, SHHS, \$171.87 per day (partially replacing Whitney Wiltsie)
Lysa Rieger	.33 Math Teacher, SHHS, \$103.87 per day (partially replacing Whitney Wiltsie)

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

The Board approved the additions to the 2015-2016 English Language Arts Vertical Team appointments, as stipulated.

## **WSSD BOARD POLICY**

Upon recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board approved the second 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 Summer 2016 Extended School Year, Tuition Contracts for 2015-2016 School Year and Tuition Contracts for Summer 2016 Extended School Year

The Board approved the following students for homebound instruction:

- Student #2321037            Strath Haven High School
- Student #1821092            Nether Providence Elementary School

## FINANCE

The Board approved the Payment of Invoices to Vendors dated 03/17/2016 through 04/13/16, as stipulated.

The Board approved the March 2016 Treasurer's Report as stipulated.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following March 2016 financial reports, as stipulated:

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

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

The Board authorized Fox Rothschild LLP to enter into an agreement for the property located at 718 West Brookhaven Road in Nether Providence Township, identified as Folio No. 34-00-00333-00, as stipulated.

The Board authorized Fox Rothschild LLP to enter into an agreement for the property located at 315 Chestnut Avenue in Swarthmore Borough, identified as Folio No. 43-00-00205-00, as stipulated.

The Board adopted the 2016-2017 Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget of \$76,413,760 with the following millage rates as listed:

Nether Providence Township/Rose Valley Borough – 42.9772  
Rutledge Borough/Swarthmore Borough – 43.3882

The Board directed the Administration to advertise the Board's intention to adopt its 2016-2017 Final General Fund Operating Budget at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting to take place on June 13, 2016 and to make the Proposed Final Budget available to the public at least twenty days prior to the adoption.

The Board approved the *eComm* contract for district-wide phone hardware/software maintenance for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the *Dell Financial Services* Lease Proposal dated April 22, 2016 (together with the underlying Master Lease Agreement (the "Lease")), as stipulated. The School District's payment obligations under the Lease are subject to annual appropriation and current revenues have been or will be appropriated for the full payment of current obligations under the Lease.

The Board approved the Microsoft EES Agreement.

The Board approved the resolution reappointing Ellen Reap to the Board of Trustees of the Delaware County Community College.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Huff adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

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