

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Monday, May 9, 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
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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. During the past few weeks, our District had reason to pause to celebrate Executive Assistants Day on Wednesday, April 27th and Teacher Appreciation Day on Tuesday, May 3rd. Both represent an opportunity for all of us to say thank you to all these dedicated professionals who help make the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District the outstanding School District it is. A special personal thank you to Darlene Klingerman for all of her efforts this past year in the Office of the Superintendent.

The Board of School Directors and the Community may recall a special presentation made by some community members represented by Russ Johnson and Carol Getty in concert with *Green Haven* and the *District's Sustainability Committee* which brought forward an initiative involving a solar energy project, i.e. placing solar panels on the concession stand at George King Field. The project is designed to generate energy, reduce school district utility costs, and to raise awareness and interest in solar energy, and is now featured on the GoFundMe site. Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible donation to support the effort can learn more on the GoFundMe site, <https://www.gofundme.com/g9rbvdjg> or by contacting Carol Getty at getty218@verizon.net.

- B. This afternoon Dr. Palmer and I attended a bipartisan Public Policy Hearing that was held in the auditorium of Strath Haven High School. The topic of the Policy Hearing was House Bill 1010, and the package of house bills addressing the topic of gun safety. The hearing was coordinated by the co-sponsor, local State Representative LeeAnn Krueger-Braneky of the 161st District.
- C. Just a reminder to the Board and to the Community that sometime between now and May 19th the School District anticipates moving forward with plans for the formal closing of the sale of the Summit School Site to Nether Providence Township. The School District remains appreciative of the Township and the Township Commissioners' efforts to purchase the site and its hope of maintaining some community use of the site for Township and District residents in the years ahead.
- D. Finally, the response was so positive to my brief impromptu review of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* at our last Board meeting that it had volumes flying off local bookstore shelves and internet sales of the play increasing exponentially. Actually, none of that is true, but I did re-read the play over the week-end and was reminded of how wonderful classic literature and drama can be. This week's book plug-which, alas, does not quite carry the same value as a mention on Oprah- is in keeping in the spirit of *Teacher Appreciation Day* and comes via Nether Providence Elementary teacher and poet/author Dave Mendell, with a nod of respect to all our Wallingford-Swarthmore teachers....

The Teacher
Arriving early,
With an eager anticipation,
Looking forward to a day of
Seeking knowledge,
Enlightenment,
Pure joy,
In rising to the challenge,
Of taking the children,
With their precious minds
And boundless imagination,
To a special place.
Where energy and
Enthusiasm
Swirl together,
Dissolve and reform
Into a crystalline image:
Learning.

If anyone would like a copy of Mr. Mendell's book of poetry entitled *My Kids Too, Poems inspired by a life in the classroom*, please feel free to contact Mr. Mendell c/of Nether Providence Elementary School. It's a great read and a tribute to a wonderful profession.

This concludes my report...

FOCUS TOPIC PRESENTATIONS

- **Special Education Presentation - Part 1**

Dr. Megan McCullough, Director of Secondary Special Education, and Ms. Gina Ross, Director of Elementary Special Education provided the Board of School Directors the first of two scheduled presentations regarding the Special Education Program. The presentation was interesting, informative, and shared an historical perspective.

MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the April 25, 2016 Regular Business Meeting.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the appointment of Administrative Staff, Martha Kew, as Business Administrator, as stipulated.

The Board approved the following retirements:

- Certified Staff, Catherine Stambaugh, Teacher, Strath Haven High School, effective at the end of the day, June 22, 2016
- Non-Certified Staff, Holly Speckhals, Administrative Assistant, Operations Department, effective at the end of the day, August 19, 2016
- John Lathbury, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective at the end of the day, June 30, 2016.

The Board approved the change of assignment, as listed, effective July 1, 2016:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Patrick Keaveney	1.0 Social Studies Teacher, SHHS	1.0 Social Studies Teacher, SHHS, and Athletic Director, with \$10,292 stipend for additional responsibilities

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

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

The Board approved the 2016-2017 conference requests, as stipulated.

WSSD BOARD POLICY

Upon recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board approved the third and final reading of the following policies, as presented:

Third Reading

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

The Board approved the first reading of the following policies, as presented:

First Reading

- 626 Federal Fiscal Compliance
- 626.1 Travel Reimbursement
- 626 Attachment Allowability of Costs
- 626 Attachment Cash Management
- 626 Attachment Types of Costs, Obligations & Property Management
- 626 Attachment Procurement
- 626 Attachment Subrecipient Monitoring Procedures
- 808 Food Service Program
- 827 Conflict of Interest

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

The Board approved student #1886030, Strath Haven High School, for homebound instruction.

The Board approved the Educational Services Agreements for students #2427011, #1923029, and #9999006.

FINANCE

The Board approved the contract with JMW Entertainment Group, LLC, for video production services for the Strath Haven High School Commencement, as stipulated.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Sonntag adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM

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