

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Monday, June 13, 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 – *via phone*
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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I. Recognition of Retirees

I'd like to begin by formally recognizing some very special guests with us this evening who will be formally introduced in just a few minutes by Mr. Ferg Abbott, our District's Director of Human Resources. It has been a long standing tradition in the District each June to formally honor and thank our retirees for their years of service. Any school district or organization is only as good as its people, and Wallingford-Swarthmore has some of the best. Able to be with us this evening are seven of our retiring District faculty and staff members:

Holly Speckhals/Operations	Cathy Stambaugh/SHHS
Irene Buecheler/SRS	Susan Lancellotti/NPE
Mary Kraus/SHMS	Betsy Clark/Technology
Ellen Valentine/NPE	

Also being recognized, but unable to be present last night were:

Charles (Chip) Carroll/SHHS	Mary Anne Schmucker/SHHS
Beth Lesky/SHHS	John Lathbury/Transportation
Tom Connelly/Transportation	Diane Eichler/SRS

II. End of the Year Music Programs

One of the many highlights for me this past year in serving as the Acting Superintendent of Schools has been the opportunity to attend many of the wonderful concert performances in our various schools. Over the past few weeks, Dr. Palmer and I have been able to attend the Spring Instrumental and Choral Concerts at Strath Haven High School, the George Slick Annual Recital featuring Sylvia Dorian (w/ a little help from her friends) performed at the Lang Performing Arts Center at Swarthmore College, along w/ all or parts of various other end of year concerts at Strath Haven Middle School and in our three elementary schools. Each of the performances was truly a testament to the talent and dedication of our students and to our outstanding music department K through 12 under the leadership of Jack Hontz.

III. Athletic Update/ Boys Lacrosse Team Reaches the State Semi-Finals

During the past few weeks, I also had the opportunity to watch and cheer our boys lacrosse team as the Panthers defeated the top-ranked Upper Dublin Cardinals in a big upset win in the State Quarterfinals (in consideration of my ten years as Superintendent at Upper Dublin, I thought it prudent to be sure to sit right on the 50 yard line) before suffering a heartbreaking 5-3 loss in the State Semi-finals against Springfield, the eventual state champions. Congratulations to all members of our boys lacrosse team on a memorable season, and to our Delaware County rivals, the Cougars from Springfield, on bringing home first place honors in the Commonwealth. A tribute once again to the strength of the Central League.

IV. Special Programs at Strath Haven Middle School

In addition to the end of the year music and athletic events, Dr. Palmer and I also had the opportunity to attend parts of two very special end of the year programs at Strath Haven Middle School. The annual *Dimensions in Living* program once again featured a number of different presenters, nearly all with some direct connection to the Wallingford-Swarthmore community, volunteering to talk with our students about different career options. Civil War Day, beginning with excerpts from the film *Gettysburg*, help make the historical experience come alive for all of our 7th grade students.

V. Excellence in Service Award Winners (Wed., June 1st at the Community Arts Center)

On June 1st, I felt honored to attend the annual *Excellence in Service Award Program* which was held on June 1st in the Community Arts Center in Wallingford. This year's recipients included:

NPE:	Mark Rosenberg, 5 th Gr. Teacher	SHHS:	Cathy Stambaugh, Math Teacher
SRS:	Lisa Lashley, Nurse	Sp Ed:	Mary Mongelluzzo, Executive Administrative Assistant
WES:	Brigid Scolis, Special Ed Teacher	Bus. Off.:	Kirsten Zubko, Financial Clerk
SHMS:	Lisa Cobb, Science Teacher		
SHHS:	Dina Dormer, Chemistry Teacher		

VI. Home and School Presidents'/A Special Thank You

As the school year comes to an end, it's also appropriate that we extend thanks to all of our parent volunteers involved in so many efforts that support our schools across the District. From homeroom parents, to athletic and music booster clubs, to post prom, a special thanks to all our parent volunteers and our Home and School Association presidents Jessica Mudrick (NPE), Michelle Williams and Lynn Mezza (SRS), Kelly Whitehead and Liz Orye (WES), Kelly Caulfield (SHMS), and Suzy Hoyle (SHHS).

VII. End of Year Events/And A Quick Look Ahead

Finally, the last two weeks have been a whirl for our graduating seniors, beginning with the Senior Ball held at the Crystal Tea Room in Philadelphia followed by the Post Prom, the Commemoration Program at the Outside Amphitheater at Swarthmore College, and, of course, this past week's Commencement Program at Neumann College. The Class of 2016 gave the entire Wallingford-Swarthmore School District K-12 and the entire Wallingford-Swarthmore community reason to be proud every step of the way. With the seniors now moving on to what lies ahead, as a District we look forward to the final week of school which includes Moving up Ceremonies at SRS, NPE, and WES this Thursday, the Crossing the Bridge Ceremony and the Last Day of School for Students this Friday. The final School Board Meeting of the Year will be held on Monday, June 27th and my final day in the District will be Tuesday, June 28th. No goodbyes for now, but it truly has been and remains a privilege to serve as the Acting Superintendent of Schools in the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District.

This concludes my report.....

FOCUS TOPIC PRESENTATIONS

- **Recognition of School District Retirees**

Mr. Ferg Abbott, Director of Human Resources, thanked and presented plaques of recognition to seven District employees who were in attendance this evening (please see *The Superintendent's Report*). Mr. Abbott commented that collectively the employees had over 307 years with the District combined. Congratulations to all of our retirees!

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

Dr. Lisa Palmer, our District's Business Administrator, presented a brief overview of the 2016-2017 Final General Fund Budget. The Budget proposes a tax increase of 3.4%.

MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the May 23, 2016 Regular Business Meeting.

PERSONNEL

The Board of School Directors approved the following retirement, resignation and leaves of absence:

Certified Staff:

- Ellen Valentine, Teacher, Nether Providence Elementary School, retirement, effective at the end of the day, June 22, 2016
- Gabriela Grosser, School Psychologist, Wallingford Elementary School, resignation, effective at the end of the day, June 22, 2016
- Jocelyn Patten-McMahon, Teacher, Strath Haven Middle School, paid FMLA leave (use of sick days), on May 20, 2016 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year
- Kelly Hines B. Yiadom, Teacher, Nether Providence Elementary School, unpaid leave for the 2016-2017 school year

The Board approved the 2016 spring athletic supplemental post season pay, as stipulated.

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

The Board approved the 2016 summer curriculum work, as stipulated.

The Board approved the per diem rate for additional days, during the 2016 summer, for school psychologists, as stipulated.

The Board approved the following independent contractor, as school medical examiner, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017:

<u>Physician</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Dr. John Brodsky	K, 6, 11*	\$15.00 per examination

*In addition, all students who are new to Pennsylvania, regardless of their grade, may receive examinations.

The Board approved the following independent contractors, as dental examiners, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017:

<u>Physician</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Dr. Russell Young	K, 3, 7*	\$10.00 per examination
Dr. Thomas Chermol, Jr.	K, 3, 7*	\$10.00 per examination

*In addition, all students who are new to Pennsylvania, regardless of their grade, may receive examinations.

The Board approved the following:

- Independent contractor to serve as Communications Specialist, for the 2016-2017 school year, as stipulated.
- 2016-2017 appointment and stipend for Christopher Matsanka, as District Testing Coordinator, as stipulated.
- Compensation for the student activity sponsors, for the 2015-2016 school year, as stipulated.
- Per diem rate for additional days, during the 2016 summer, for the school social worker, as stipulated.
- Title I summer literacy work, as stipulated.
- Payment, not to exceed 60 hours at \$30.00 per hour, for development of summer, 2016 Individual Education Plans (IEPs) by WSSD certificated staff.
- Compensation of the hourly wage difference, from the current rate to the starting maintenance rate, for painting duties conducted by custodians for the 2016-2017 school year, effective July 1, 2016.

WSSD BOARD POLICY

The Board approved the third and final reading of the following policies, as presented:

Third & Final 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 (as amended)
- 827 Conflict of Interest

CURRICULUM

The Board approved the following students for approval for homebound instruction:

Student #1955032	Strath Haven High School
Student #1899001	Strath Haven High School

The Board approved the Related Services Provider Contracts for the 2015-2016 School Year and for the Summer 2016 Extended School Year. The Board also approved Tuition Contracts for the Summer 2016 Extended School Year and the 2016-2017 School Year

The Board approved the Educational Services Agreement for student #2823080.

The Board approved the request from Swarthmore Rotary to permit the following Foreign Exchange student to attend Strath Haven High School, on a tuition-free basis, for the 2016-2017 school year:

Gautier Joste from Paris, France

Residing with: Kim Shimer and Robert MacPherson
310 Crestview Circle, Media, PA 19063

FINANCE

2016 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District, that Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Real Estate Tax Assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2016, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

Aggregate amount available for Homestead and Farmstead Real Estate Tax Reduction beginning July 1, 2016: The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District, during the 2016- 2017 school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$ 1,838,190.22 Additionally, the School District retained an additional \$ 9.60 which remained after distributing such funds in the 2015- 2016 school year, bringing the total available for property tax reductions to \$1,838,199.82.

Homestead/Farmstead Numbers: Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. §6926.341(g)(3), the County provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads.

Homestead Property Number: The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 5,047.

Farmstead Property Number: The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 0.

Homestead/Farmstead Combined Number: The aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 5,047.

Real estate tax reduction: The Wallingford-Swarthmore School District Board of School Directors has determined that the homestead/farmstead exclusion amount shall be \$ 364.23.

Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Authorization – July 1 Tax Bills. The tax notice issued to the Owner of each approved homestead/farmstead within the School District shall reflect a homestead/farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction of the established assessed value of the homestead/farmstead, which is equal to \$ 8,475.

2016-2017 School District Final Budget

The Board adopted the 2016-2017 Final General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$76,439,336, funded by the following taxes:

Nether Providence/Rose Valley	42.9772 Mills
Swarthmore/Rutledge	43.4032 Mills
.5% Real Estate Transfer Tax	
\$10 Per Capita Tax	

The Board approved the nomination of Allison Karpyn to serve as the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District member of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors, commencing July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019.

The Board approved the following quoted insurance proposals from Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services Inc. for the 2016-2017 school year:

Commercial Package, including TRIA and Federal Flood Coverage	\$ 136,292.00
Automobile Coverage	\$ 74,492.00
School Board Legal Liability Coverage	\$ 51,223.00
Umbrella & Excess Liability Coverage	\$ 50,174.00
International Travel Coverage	\$ 3,515.00
Student/Sports Accident Coverage	\$ 17,488.00
Workers' Compensation Coverage	\$ 270,410.00
Security & Privacy Insurance	\$ 10,290.00

The Board approved the following banks as depositories of school funds during the 2016-2017 fiscal year:

- PNC
- Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund
- Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust
- The Bryn Mawr Trust Company

The Board accepted the proposal of Rothman Institute Sports Medicine Program to provide the Athletic Training Services and Concussion Program Management for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, as stipulated.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Huff adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM

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