

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Monday, September 12, 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 - *absent*
Mr. Paul Schregel

SUPERINTENDENT PALMER'S REPORT

First, I'd like to welcome Valerie Henderson, our Student Representative. Valerie – with your report tonight ... you already sound like a pro. As Valerie indicated, the 2016-2017 school year began with a very smooth, very positive opening. I visited all of our schools on the first day, but the highlights of my day were the visits to the elementary classrooms. There really isn't anything sweeter than welcoming everyone and being greeted with smiles and enthusiasm as they started their new year. It really was a great first day!

Since our last board meeting in August, I had the opportunity to attend and participate in the new teacher induction program to welcome our new faculty members to the district, and to preside over the welcome back convocation. Our convocation is a time where all staff members come together prior to the start of school for a motivational session ...*kind of like a pep rally*. The Strath Haven HS Marching Band warmed us up and the Silvertones followed with lovely renditions of the National Anthem and the Alma Mater. We had an outstanding student speaker, wonderful faculty speaker, and exceptional remarks provided by our Board President, Dr. Sonntag. The convocation was very moving and one that will be long remembered. It was a great way to begin the school year.

Some other activities of note: In August, I had the privilege of joining the Swarthmore Rotary to speak about what I called "an exciting time it is to be in public education." In addition, I and the other two superintendents in the 161st Legislative District (*that would be Ridley and Penn Delco*) had the pleasure of joining our Representative Leanne Krueger-Braneky for the first in a series of what we would like to be regular meetings. Representative Krueger-Braneky has been very

supportive of all of her constituent school districts, and this was a wonderful opportunity to help inform her of our issues and needs before she casts her votes on various educational policy matters. I also attended the WES Atrium Opening last week. The Atrium – *or their “special garden” as they call it* - is absolutely magnificent. I offer a sincere thank you to everyone who envisioned, funded, and/or built this magnificent outside learning space. It is a special space that will be enjoyed by our students for many years to come. We are very grateful for everyone’s support of this wonderful project.

And finally, I also enjoyed two football games ... one of which was last week’s runway game against Lower Merion as well as the girls (*veryfast-paced*) volleyball competition against Ridley (which they won). Both teams are both off to a great start. I’m looking forward to seeing a number of games this week and next as well.

Thank you Dr. Sonntag. That concludes my report.

FOCUS TOPIC PRESENTATION

Dr, Yannacone shared an interesting and informative update presentation of the Strath Haven High School. Assistant Principal, Kris Brown, accompanied Dr. Yannacone to the meeting and answered questions from our Board Members after the presentation.

MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the August 22, 2016 Regular Business Meeting.

PERSONNEL

The Board of School Directors approved the following leave of absence and sabbatical:

Certified Staff

Sheryl Ursillo, Teacher, Strath Haven High School, paid intermittent FMLA leave (use of sick days), on August 29, 2016 through on, or about November 30, 2016

Jocelyn Patten-McMahon, Teacher, Strath Haven Middle School, medical sabbatical, first semester of the 2016-2017 school year

The Board of School Directors approved the following appointments:

Certified Staff

Christine Chapman Holland, Mathematics Teacher, Strath Haven Middle School, effective August 24, 2016 through June 21, 2017, replacing New Position: Enrollment Increase, \$51,031, BA, Step 4, Long-Term Substitute

Daniel Masse, Art Teacher, Strath Haven Middle School, effective August 29, 2016 through January 20, 2017, replacing Jocelyn Patten-McMahon, \$48,980 (prorated), BA Step 1.5, Long-Term Substitute

Erin Zambon, Environmental Science Teacher/Building Substitute, Strath Haven High School, effective September 6, 2016 through or about December 1, 2016, replacing Sheryl Ursillo & Daily Teacher Absences, \$190 per diem, 7.75 hours per day, Short-Term Substitute

Alyssa Stamoulis, Special Education Teacher, Swarthmore-Rutledge School, effective on, or about October 1, 2016, replacing Sarah Bradshaw, \$52,210, MA, Step 3.0, Temporary Professional Employee Contract

Rebecca Roman, Special Education Teacher, Strath Haven High School, effective August 29, 2016 through on, or about October 1, 2016, replacing Christine Riggio, \$190 per diem, 7.75 hours per day, Short-Term Substitute

Non-Certified Staff

Alicia Jenkins, Instructional Support, Strath Haven High School, effective August 31, 2016 Replacing Lawrence Kelly, \$12.33 per hour, Step 1.0, 7.5 hours per day, WSESPA

Kate Evans, Instructional Support, , Strath Haven High School, effective August 31, 2016, replacing Daniel Steinmetz, \$12.83 per hour, MA, Step 3.0, 7.5 hours per day, WSESPA

Ernest Cianfrani, Substitute Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective September 6, 2016, replacing Matthew Risi, \$23.89 per hour, hours as needed

Benjamin Lehman, Substitute Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective September 13, 2016, replacing Donald DeVito, \$23.89 per hour, hours as needed

Sierra Helm, Instructional Support, Wallingford Elementary School, effective August 31, 2016, replacing Robin Bengermينو, \$12.58 per hour, Step 2.0, 7.25 hours per day, WSESPA

Diane Harris, Substitute Bus Aide, Transportation Department, effective September 6, 2016, replacing Yvonne Mason, \$12.38 per hour, hours as needed

Kimberly Wothers, Substitute Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective September 14, 2016, replacing Chakir Boulaiche, \$23.89 per hour, hours as needed

The Board approved the additional assignments, as listed, effective August 29, 2016 through October 12, 2016:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Additional Assignment</u>
Beth Benzing	.67 Math Teacher, SHHS, \$343.74/day (partially Replacing Whitney Wiltsie)
Lysa Rieger	.33 Math Teacher, SHHS, \$103.87/day (partially Replacing Whitney Wiltsie)

The Board approved the changes of assignment, as listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Steve Grohman	Instructional Support, SHHS, \$12.83/hr., Step 2	.8 Instructional Support, SHHS, \$12.83/hr., Step 2/ .2 Health & PE Teacher, SRS, \$9,714/yr., Bachelor's, Step 1, replacing Barbara Seiden, effective 8/29/16
Frances Shehadi	.2 Instructional Support, SHHS, \$13.08/hr.	1.0 Instructional Support, SHHS, \$13.08/hr., 7.5 hr./day, replacing Danielle McManus, effective 9/6/16
Kathleen Richers	Instructional Support, SRS, \$13.08/hr.	Short-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher, SRS, \$190/day, replacing Sarah Bradshaw, effective 8/29/16 through, on or about 10/1/2016
Jose Siri	Substitute Bus Driver, \$23.89/hr.	Regular Bus Driver, \$23.89/hr., replacing Patrick Dix, effective 9/6/16

The Board approved the change of salary status for the following teacher, effective August 29, 2016:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Morgan Segal	Master's Step 10	\$60,474	Master's +30, Step 10	\$62,474

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

The Board approved the additions/deletions to the 2016-2017 fall athletic and activities supplemental appointment lists, as stipulated.

The Board approved the additions to the 2016-2017 mentors, as listed.

The Board approved the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District and the Wallingford-Swarthmore Education Association, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020, as stipulated.

CURRICULUM

The Board approved the following:

Related Services Provider Contracts for: (see enclosed)

- 2015-2016 School Year
- 2016-2017 School Year

Tuition Contract for: (see enclosed)

- 2016-2017 School Year

The Board approved Jennifer Gaudioso to conduct educational research in the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District as per her proposal and in accordance with Policy #105.3 "Educational Research in the Schools."

The Board approved the Agreement for Attendance and Tuition for student #1755049.

FINANCE

The Board approved the Agreement with Children and Adult Disability and Educational Services (C.A.D.E.S.), to provide specialized transportation services for the 2016-2017 school year, as stipulated.

The Board appointed Dr. Richard Sonntag and Dr. Allison Karpyn as the District's Voting Delegates at the Pennsylvania School Boards Association Legislative Delegate Assembly Meeting that will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 following the conclusion of the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

The Board authorized the Board Secretary to cast its votes for the following PSBA Officer candidates:

- President-Elect - Michael Faccinetto
- Vice President - David Hutchinson

The Board authorized the Board Secretary to cast its votes for the following PSBA Insurance Trust Trustee candidates:

- William S. LaCoff – Trustee (term ends December 31, 2018)
- Kathy K. Swope – Trustee (term ends December 31, 2019)
- Mark B. Miller – Trustee (term ends December 31, 2019)
- Marianne L. Neel – Trustee (term ends December 31, 2017)
- Michael Faccinetto – Trustee (term ends December 31, 2017)

The Board approved the Interagency Linkage Agreement, between the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District and Crozer-Chester Medical Center Behavioral Health Program, as stipulated.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of In-District Representatives

- Policy Committee – Ms. Chapin Cimino and Dr. Marylin Huff

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Sonntag adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM

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