

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Monday, October 24, 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. Marilyn 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 (*via phone*)
Mr. Paul Schregel

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1) Community Dinner for Seniors

On October 19th, I had the privilege of attending the 24th annual Community Dinner for Senior Citizens at Nether Providence Elementary School. This tradition is truly a labor of love starting with a celebratory dinner prepared by the NPE faculty and staff, with musical entertainment provided by the High School's Steve Fischer on piano, instrumental pieces by students from NPE under the direction of Scott Kiehner, choral selections by John Shankweiler and the High School's *Silvertones*, concluding with SRS's own Jeannette Lynch on guitar leading the sing-a-long. I absolutely love participating in this event, and judging by the conversation at the tables and the applause for our children (and adult entertainers), a good time was had by all.

2) Strath Haven Wall of Honor

On Friday, October 21st, I had the privilege of attending another event steeped in tradition – the Strath Haven High School Wall of Honor Induction Ceremony. This year's inductees include:

John Stauffer, Nether Providence High School, Class of 1961, who after graduation from Juniata College served with the Peace Corps in Eritrea (a province of Ethiopia), and after retiring from a successful corporate career turned his attention to Eritrea again by co-founding and serving as the president of the nonprofit American Team for Displaced Eritreans.

David Splain, Nether Providence High School, Class of 1981, who immediately after his graduation from Widener University enrolled in the Delaware County Police Academy and has spent his career serving the communities of Darby, Yeadon, and, since 2013, Nether Providence Township where he, as our Chief of Police, serves residents as a constant source of safety and vigilance.

Mark Stephens, Swarthmore High School, Class of 1983, followed his graduation from Penn State University with a career of service in the military where he would be named the first full professor of family medicine in the United States Navy, would become a two-time recipient of the Outstanding Military Medical Educator Award, and would earn eleven military service decorations.

These gentlemen are not only talented and accomplished, but they are kind, caring, passionate individuals who all share a strong commitment to the service of others. Their service and contributions remind me of how one person's actions can touch the lives of so many others ... *in such a positive way*. Congratulations (and "Thank You") to this year's inductees, as well as their families and the teachers, staff, and communities who supported them and helped shape them into the wonderful men they are today.

3) Athletic Update

Congratulations and good luck to all of our individuals and athletic teams who have begun and/or are in the midst of post season competition. This week Girls Volleyball will host Conestoga on Tuesday, October 25th, at 7:00 PM, in the HS gymnasium; Field Hockey will host Bishop Shanahan on Wednesday, October 26th, 3:45 PM, on King Field; Girls Soccer will host the winner of Downingtown East and Owen J. Roberts on Thursday, October 27th, at 7:00 PM, on King Field. The games are exciting so please come out to support our teams. Perhaps Mr. Ballas and Mr. Schregel will join me tomorrow evening for the Volleyball game.

4) Wallingford-Swarthmore Schools Foundation

This is the last Board meeting before the Foundation for Wallingford-Swarthmore Schools' 5th annual fall fundraiser and community event, the Panther Pajama Run and Pancake Breakfast, which will be held on Saturday, November 12. I know by now you have the date on your calendar, but in case you have not yet registered, you can do so at www.runtheday.com or find more info at www.supportwssd.org (events). This is also the perfect segue to our Focus Topic this evening which happens to be the Foundation for Wallingford Swarthmore Schools - announcing the 2016-2017 grant awards.

That concludes my report.

FOCUS TOPIC PRESENTATION

- Acknowledgement of Donation from the Foundation for Wallingford-Swarthmore Schools

Representatives from the Foundation, Frannie Reilly and Ann Blackburn, were in attendance this evening to present the Board of School Directors with a check in the amount of \$15,491.64 to fund 2016-2017 teacher mini-grants. WSSD student, Katie Blackburn, was dressed in Panther Pride as she sported the Panther mascot costume and helped to deliver the check into the hands of Board President, Rick Sonntag. Great job everyone!

- Panther Pajama Run & Pancake Breakfast

Students and adults came out to promote the Panther Pajama Run and Pancake Breakfast including former long-term Board Member, Mary Gay Scanlon, and principal, George King. Several of our 8th grade students were in attendance dressed in their pajama garb to show support for this important fundraiser and to also share with the Board news about their 8th grade service project that supports the Connor M. Holland Foundation.

- SHMS 8th Grade Class Service Project – Conner Holland Project

Our eighth grade students in collaboration with the Conner M. Holland Foundation are hosting a pajama drive from now through November 12th. Collection bins are located around the middle school and a bin will also be placed for collection the day of the Pajama Run. The mission is to supply children who receive inpatient care for cancer at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia with brand new p.j.’s. Pajamas must be NEW with tags attached; sizes 12 months through youth 16. Thank you for your support!

MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the October 10, 2016 Regular Business Meeting.

PERSONNEL

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

The Board of School Directors approved the following changes of assignment effective October 24, 2016:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Anthony Galiffa	Substitute Bus Driver, \$23.89 per hour	Regular Bus Driver, \$23.89 per hour, replacing Renay Mangino, effective October 24, 2016

Diane Harris	Substitute Bus Aide, \$12.38 per hour	Regular Bus Aide, \$12.38 per hour, new position, effective October 24, 2016
Lynnette Jones	Instructional Support, WES, 4.0 hours per day	Instructional Support, WES, 4.5 hours per day, effective October 17, 2016
Lucille Scidurlo	Instructional Support, WES, 7.0 hours per day	Instructional Support, WES, 7.5 hours per day, effective October 17, 2016
Eileen Vansant	Instructional Support, WES, 7.0 hours per day	Instructional Support, WES, 7.5 hours per day, effective October 17, 2016

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

The Board approved the additions to the 2016-2017 Curriculum and Fall Athletic Supplemental appointment lists.

CURRICULUM

The Board approved the Related Services Provider Contracts for the 2016-2017 School Year.

The Board approved homebound instruction for student #2323049.

FINANCE

The Board approved the payment of invoices to vendors dated 09/15/2016 through 10/09/2016.

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for September, 2016.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following financial statements, as stipulated:

- General [Fund 10] SEPTEMBER 2016
✓ Balance Sheet, Revenue, & Expenditure Reports
- Capital Reserve [Fund 32] SEPTEMBER 2016
✓ Balance Sheet, Revenue, & Expenditure Reports
- Food Service Operating Statement [Fund 51] SEPTEMBER 2016
- Student Activities [Fund 81] SEPTEMBER 2016

The Board approved budget transfers for the 2016 - 2017 school year.

The Board approved the Tax Installment Resolution for real estate tax installments to be paid in three equal installments at the face rate on August 31, October 15, and November 30, effective July 1, 2017.

The Board approved the agreement with Keystone Technology Management for the sale of obsolete technology equipment.

The Board approved the Contract for Professional Services between Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) and Wallingford-Swarthmore School District to access and utilize the PSBA's Model Administrative Regulations Manual.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Sonntag adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM

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