

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE  
WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Monday, December 5, 2016  
Strath Haven Middle School Library**

The Board of School Directors of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District met in the library of the Strath Haven Middle School on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016, in accordance with public notice.

The following Directors and Officers were present:

President	Dr. Richard C. Sonntag
Vice President	Dr. Marylin Huff ( <i>absent</i> )
Treasurer	Ms. Sally Morbeck ( <i>absent</i> )
Assistant Secretary	Ms. Wendy Voet
	Mr. Jerry Ballas ( <i>absent</i> )
	Ms. Chapin Cimino
	Dr. Allison Karpyn
	Dr. Robert Reiger
	Mr. Paul Schregel
Superintendent	Dr. Lisa A. Palmer
Secretary	Mrs. Darlene Klingerman
Solicitor	Mr. Kyle Berman
Student Representative Alternate	Miss Valerie Henderson

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Sonntag at 7:08 p.m.

**REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Valerie Henderson provided a complete report of the activities around the District.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Palmer presented her report to the Board of School Directors.

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Sonntag announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting this evening to discuss legal counsel and Special Education matters that are required by law to remain confidential.

## AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO TOPICS FOR ACTION ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the audience concerning topics on the Agenda.

## MINUTES

Mr. Schregel moved, seconded by Dr. Reiger, that the Board of School Directors approve the Minutes of the November 28, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

The motion carried with the vote of Mr. Ballas, absent; Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Huff, absent; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, absent; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

## PERSONNEL

Ms. Cimino moved, seconded by Dr. Karpyn, that the Board of School Directors approve the following Personnel items:

The Board of School Directors approved the following leaves of absence:

### Certified Staff

Jamie Devlin, Teacher, Strath Haven Middle School, paid FMLA leave (use of sick days), on November 21, 2016 through on, or about January 13, 2017

Leslie Taylor, Teacher, Strath Haven High School, paid FMLA leave (use of sick and emergency days), on November 16, 2016 through December 19, 2016; unpaid FMLA leave, on December 20, 2016 through on, or about January 31, 2017

Kimberly Aronovitz, Teacher, Swarthmore-Rutledge School, paid FMLA leave (use of sick days), on or about November 29, 2016 through December 19, 2016

### Non-Certified Staff

Katherine Markert, Administrative Assistant, Strath Haven High School, paid FMLA leave (use of sick, vacation and emergency days), on, or about November 22, 2016 through January 10, 2017; unpaid FMLA leave, January 11, 2017 through February 13, 2017; unpaid leave, on February 14, 2017 through February 22, 2017

The Board of School Directors approved the following appointment:

### Certified Staff

Erin Yentz, Special Education, Strath Haven High School, effective January 3, 2017 through June 21, 2017, replacing Kelly Creighton, \$48,220.

The Board of School Directors approved the changes of assignment, as stipulated. (copies to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the addition to the 2016-2017 curriculum supplemental appointment list, as stipulated. (copies to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the additional assignment for MaryJo Yannacone, as stipulated. (copies to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The motion carried with the vote of Mr. Ballas, absent; Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Huff, absent; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, absent; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

## **WSSD BOARD POLICY**

Mr. Schregel moved, seconded by Ms. Cimino, that the Board of School Directors approve the third and final reading of the following policies, as presented: (copies to be inserted in Official Minutes)

### Third and Final Reading

- 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
- 208 Withdrawal from School
- 215 Promotion and Retention
- 236 Student Assistance Program
- 247 Hazing
- 249 Bullying

The Board of School Directors approved the third and final reading of the repeal of the following policy, as presented: (copy to be inserted in Official Minutes)

- 336 Personal Necessity Leave

The motion carried with the vote of Mr. Ballas, absent; Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Huff, absent; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, absent; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

## **CURRICULUM**

Dr. Reiger moved, seconded by Dr. Karpyn, that the Board of School Directors approve the following Curriculum items:

The Board of School Directors approved the Related Services Provider Contracts for the 2016-2017 School Year. (copies to be inserted in Official Minutes)

The Board of School Directors approved the Educational Services Agreement for student #2321037. (copy to be kept in the Business Office)

The Board of School Directors approved the Educational Services Agreement for student #2721025. (copy to be kept in the Business Office)

The Board of School Directors approved Patrick Murray to conduct educational research in the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District as per his proposal and in accordance with Policy #105.3 "Educational Research in the Schools." (copy to be inserted into Official Minutes)

The motion carried with the vote of Mr. Ballas, absent; Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Huff, absent; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, absent; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

## **FINANCE**

Ms. Voet moved, seconded by Ms. Cimino, that the Board of School Directors approve the following Finance item:

The Board of School Directors approved the payment of invoices to vendors dated 11/22/16 through 11/29/2016, as stipulated. (copies to be inserted into Official Minutes)

### **Board Hearing District Representation**

Pursuant to 2 Pa.C.S §101 ("presiding officer"), and 2 Pa.C.S. Chapter 5, Subchapter B ("Practice and Procedure of Local Agencies"), the Board of School Directors appoints the Board's solicitor and, as needed, the below special counsel to serve as the Board's hearing officer in all matters where an eligible party makes a request for a hearing before the Board. When serving in that capacity, the hearing officer shall rule on any pre-hearing matters and convene a hearing to create a full and complete record for the Board, and then draft a proposed adjudication for the Board's later consideration.

As it relates to the above matters, the Board appoints the firm of Wisler Pearlstine, LLP to serve as special counsel. Except as below, the role of special counsel shall be to represent the District Administration in prosecuting the above matters. Where the Board's solicitor instead represents the District Administration, special counsel shall represent the Board as hearing officer. Special counsel's rate shall be the same as the then current rate for Board's solicitor.

The motion carried with the vote of Mr. Ballas, absent; Ms. Cimino, aye; Dr. Huff, absent; Dr. Karpyn, aye; Ms. Morbeck, absent; Dr. Reiger, aye; Mr. Schregel, aye; Dr. Sonntag, aye; Ms. Voet, aye.

## **AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There were no comments from the audience concerning topics not on the Agenda.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Sonntag adjourned the meeting at 7:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Klingerman  
Board Secretary