

**BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**  
**WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**Monday, January 9, 2017**  
**Middle School Library 7:00 p.m.**

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AT THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
THE BOARD CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS

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**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 (*via phone*)  
Dr. Allison Karpyn (*via phone*)  
Dr. Robert C. Reiger  
Mr. Paul Schregel

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1) Policy Committee

The Policy Committee has been hard at work and is recommending six policies for first reading this evening. Three of the policies are new:

- #113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
- #203 Immunization and Communicable Diseases
- #217 Graduation Requirements

While the policies being recommended are new, the underlying practices and requirements are not new. These policies memorialize existing practices and requirements.

Three of the recommended policies are revisions to existing policies:

- #204 Attendance
- #209 Health Examinations and Screenings
- #907 School Visitors

These policies incorporate PSBA's policy recommendations as well as clarify existing policy language. Parents will want to review the recommended changes to Policy #204 - Attendance, particularly as they relate to family trips.

## 2) Special Guest Presenter – Dr. Katherine Dahlsgaard

Tomorrow evening (January 10<sup>th</sup>), Dr. Katherine Dahlsgaard will be our special guest presenter for a presentation entitled: “The Brave Child: Help Your Children to Adapt, Move Forward, and Thrive – *Even When They’re Scared.*” Dr. Dahlsgaard, P.D., ABPP is Lead Psychologist of the Anxiety Behaviors Clinic and the Picky Eaters Clinic in the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at CHOP. She is a licensed psychologist in the states of New York and Pennsylvania and is Board Certified in Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology (currently, only 4% of all psychologists hold a Board Certification). She lectures widely, publishes articles on child mental health for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and is frequently called on as an expert in the field for national outlets. In her presentations to parents, Dr. Dahlsgaard draws on her groundbreaking research as well as her decade-long practice in evidence-based psychosocial interventions with children, adolescents, and young adults with anxiety and related disorders.

We are delighted to have Dr. Dahlsgaard with us, and invite everyone to join us tomorrow, at 6:30 in the SHMS Auditorium.

## 3) Keystone Testing

Today was the first day of Keystone Testing at the High School, and it was a day unlike other testing days. Today, Chris Matsanka, our Testing Coordinator, and Kris Brown, our Assistant Principal, we were greeted with an unannounced visit by a state monitor whose purpose was to ensure that we were following all of the protocols and procedures associated with the proper administration of a state test. As I am sure you would expect, there was no cause for concern on our part because we, at WSSD, take the administration of tests very seriously and conform to all requirements. I mention the visit because in case you ever wondered ... *yes, the state does monitor school districts regarding their administration of state tests, and the state monitor does check everything!*

## 4) Budget 2017-2018

At our next Board meeting, on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Ms. Kew (and I) will present our 2017-2018 preliminary budget to the School Board and community. The January 23<sup>rd</sup> presentation will begin our budget discussion, but our budget will remain a work in progress until the Board adopts the Final Budget at the end of May. During that time we’ll be awaiting Governor Wolf’s budget address, and we’ll be following the legislature for any actions on pension reform and/or property tax reform, either or both of which could impact our budgets for many years to come. Please join us on the 23<sup>rd</sup> if you would like to learn more about our budget.

That concludes my report.

## FOCUS TOPIC PRESENTATION

- A Better Chance (ABC) Strath Haven

Dr. MaryJo Yannacone, Strath Haven High School Principal, was in attendance this evening to welcome and introduce ABC's Board of Directors John Whitelaw, Carol Hill, and Kristin Dunning, along with Resident Directors, Lysa and Andy Rieger. Also in attendance were alumni and students who are presently enrolled in the program at Strath Haven. The speakers shared some history about the program, how the program works, and spoke of notable national and local alumni. A Better Chance Strath Haven celebrated their 40 year anniversary with our District this past year and the Board of School Directors, the Administration, and the community are very grateful for this wonderful partnership.

## MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the December 5, 2016 Reorganization Meeting and the December 5, 2016 Regular Business Meeting.

## PERSONNEL

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

### Certified Staff

- Rebecca Berman, Teacher, Wallingford Elementary School, unpaid FMLA leave, on December 5, 2016 through January 9, 2017
- Jenna Adams, Teacher, Nether Providence Elementary School, paid FMLA leave, on or about March 29, 2017 through May 10, 2017; unpaid FMLA leave, on May 11, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 school year
- Sheryl Ursillo, Teacher, Strath Haven High School, extension of paid intermittent FMLA leave (use of sick days), on December 2, 2016 through on or about March 31, 2017
- A. Scott Kiehner, Teacher, Nether Providence Elementary School, retirement, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year
- Jocelyn Patten-McMahon, Teacher, Strath Haven Middle School, extension of medical sabbatical, through the end of the 2016-2017 school year

### Non-Certified Staff

- Melissa Gallagher, Instructional Support, Wallingford Elementary School, unpaid leave, on January 12, 2017 through April 7, 2017

- Vincent DePaul, Bus Driver, Transportation, resignation, effective at the end of the day January 6, 2017

The Board approved the following appointments:

Certified Staff:

- Anissa Khan, Special Education Teacher, Strath Haven Middle School, effective January 3, 2017 through June 21, 2017, replacing Leslie Petruzzi, \$56,351 prorated
- Christopher Bernholdt, Art Teacher, Strath Haven High School, effective January 9, 2017 through on, or about February 1, 2017, replacing Leslie Taylor, Short-Term Substitute, \$190 per diem, 7.5 hours per day

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

The Board approved the extensions of assignment, as listed:

Erin Zambon	Short Term Substitute Science Teacher, SHHS, \$190 per diem, replacing Sheryl Ursillo & daily absences	Short Term Substitute Science Teacher, SHHS, \$190 per diem, effective December 2, 2016 through on, or about March 31, 2017, replacing Sheryl Ursillo & daily absences
Daniel Masse	Long Term Substitute Art Teacher, SHMS, Bachelor's, Step 1.5, \$49,180 (prorated), replacing Jocelyn Patten-McMahon	Long Term Substitute Art Teacher, SHMS, Bachelor's, Step 1.5, \$49,180 (prorated), effective January 23, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 school year, replacing Jocelyn Patten-McMahon

The Board approved the change of assignment, effective January 10, 2017, as listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Kimberly Wothers	Substitute Bus Driver, \$23.89/hour	Regular Bus Driver, \$23.89/hour, replacing Vincent DePaul

The Board approved the new appointment salary correction, previously approved on December 5, 2016, as listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Incorrect Listing</u>	<u>Correct Listing</u>
Erin Yentz	Bachelor's, Step 1.0 \$48,220	Bachelor's, Step 1.0 \$48,770 (prorated)

The Board approved the correction to the change of assignment, previously approved on December 5, 2016, as listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Incorrect Listing</u>	<u>Correct Listing</u>
Tori Montello	Regular Bus Driver, \$23.89/hour	Regular Bus Aide, \$12.38/hour, effective December 6, 2016

## WSSD BOARD POLICY

Upon recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board approved the first reading of the following policies, as presented:

### First Reading

- 113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
- 203 Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
- 204 Attendance
- 209 Health/Examinations/Screenings
- 217 Graduation Requirements
- 907 School Visitors

## CURRICULUM

The Board approved the related services provider contracts for the 2016-2017 school year and a tuition contract for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board approved the following students for homebound instruction:

- Student #2121052 - Strath Haven Middle School
- Student #1723044 - Strath Haven High School (Intermittent)
- Student #1755029 - Strath Haven High School

## FINANCE

The Board approved the new Internal Revenue Service mileage rate of 53.5 cents per mile, for all miles driven on School District business, beginning January 1, 2017.

The Board approved the new student activity accounts for the Class of 2020.

The Board approved the submission of the 2016-2017 school year delinquent per capita taxes to Berkheimer Tax Administrator, Incorporated, for tax collection.

The Board approved a four year lease agreement between Rohrer Bus Company (and/or their financing branch) and Wallingford-Swarthmore School District, subject to Solicitor review and approval of final wording of the lease documents, at a proposed total cost of \$445,100, with equal payments of \$111,275 per year, due July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019 and July 1, 2020 for the following school buses:

- Four (4) 48 passenger buses
- Three (3) 48 passenger buses with wheelchair lift
- Two (2) 30 Passenger buses
- One (1) 10 passenger minotaur (multipurpose bus)
- One (1) 10 passenger van

**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**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.