

## **Wallingford-Swarthmore School District**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

#### **SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS\***

**DATE:** October 26, 2026

**PLACE:** SHMS – Library

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rachel Holbert, Michelle Williams, Robert Miller, Christine Dollé, Nannette Whitsett, Mary Jo Witkowski-Smith, Pramod Dibble, Marleen Livingstone, Melissa Crawford

**ADMINISTRATION/ OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Johnston, Ms. Shore, Ms. Mosley, Joy Yang, Lavanya Dixit

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:05 pm

#### **AGENDA/PPT**

- Strath Haven High School Students shared the Student Representative's Report
- Dr. Johnston shared his superintendent's report.
- Board Announcements: The Board announced that they met in Executive Session to consult with the attorney regarding a legal matter.
- AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
  - Rutgers Avenue - Concerned about the scope of the AI program; it's a small program now, but wants to make sure were thinking critically about the long-term impact.
  - Lombardi Drive - Supported the proposed policy updates to Policies 113.2 and 218 but recommended a few changes: 1. When seclusion is used, require the same follow-up that is used for restraint. 2. Track and report on seclusion in the same way that the district already tracks restraints. 3. Make sure the same procedures are available to parents so that families know what staff are trained to do in a crisis. 4. Clarify the document's history and condition and reconsider whether 30 minutes is too long before a principal must approve continued seclusion. Policy 218 - Supports the shift to positive, trauma-informed discipline but asks that the discipline data reported to the board be broken out by disability and race status to see whether the approach is working for every student.
- The Board of School Directors approved the minutes of the September 28th, 2026, regular meeting.
- Committee Reports for Pennsylvania School Board Association, Delaware County Community College, Delaware County Intermediate Unit, and Delaware County School Board Legislative Council were shared.

- Committees are currently being streamed because of community feedback. WSSD encourages parents/guardians, community members, and staff to tune in to access the committee meetings. [Visit the WSSD YouTube Page to view.](#)
- **The Board of School Directors ratified and approved the following motions under Personnel:**
  - A. SEPARATIONS
  - B. APPOINTMENTS
  - C. LEAVE OF ABSENCE
  - D. CHANGE OF POSITION
  - E. 2026-2027 MENTOR APPOINTMENTS (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
  - F. 2026-2027 ACTIVITIES SUPPLEMENTALS (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
  - G. 2026-2027 WINTER ATHLETIC SUPPLEMENTALS (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
  - H. 2026-2027 ACTIVITIES ADVISORS' APPOINTMENTS (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
  - I. HOMECOMING CHAPERONES
- **The Board of School Directors ratified and approved the following motions under Policy:**
  - A. POLICIES FOR FIRST READING (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
  - B. POLICIES FOR SECOND READING (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
- **The Board of School Directors ratified and approved the following motions under curriculum:**
  - A. OUT - OF - STATE & OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
- **The Board of School Directors ratified and approved the following motions under student services:**
  - A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
- **The Board of School Directors ratified and approved the following motions under Finance & Facilities:**
  - A. BILLS PAID TO VENDORS: SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
  - B. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
  - C. TREASURER'S REPORT: SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 (copy to be inserted into official minutes)

- D. APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS(copy to be inserted into official minutes)
- E. APPROVAL OF NEW STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT(copy to be inserted into official minutes)
- F. APPROVAL OF CLOSING STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
- G. DONATIONS (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
- H. APPROVAL OF ACT 1 OPT OUT RESOLUTION (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
- G. APPROVAL OF FY27 READY TO LEARN TAX EQUITY (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
- SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
- I. APPROVAL OF SCHOOLAI, INC. ORDER FORM (copy to be inserted into official minutes)
- **AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: RESPONSE TO ANY OTHER TOPICS**
- The meeting ended at 8:13 PM.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS: *Thursday, November 19th, 2026, Strath Haven Middle School – Library***

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