



Thursday, January 8, 2015
Business Board Meeting
MS/HS Library, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2.0 Executive Session

2.01 Executive Session

At 6:20 PM, Mr. Goldman moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to convene to Executive Session for the following purpose: to discuss the employment history of specific personnel being considered for tenure.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Black moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to appoint Mr. Reiser as Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

At 7:02, PM Ms. Black moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to return to the Regular Meeting

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

3. Regular Meeting Opening 7:13 p.m.

Ms. Baron called the meeting to order.

In attendance, Ms. Tracy Baron, Board President; Mr. Robert Reiser, Board Vice President; Ms. Lynne Black; Mr. Michael Goldman; Mr. Louis Schwartz; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; Mr. Douglas Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

Mr. Jonathan Greengrass was not in attendance.

3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

3.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Black moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, that the Board accept the January 8th Agenda.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

4. Announcements

PTSA

- Movie Night will be featuring The Lego Movie later on in January
- The Harlem Wizards will be back on February 7th
- Used book fair will be held March 12th – 14th with a Soup Night March 13th. Soup tasting for a minimal fee. Soup to be provided by local restaurants.

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5. Superintendent's Report

5.01 Superintendent's Report for January 8, 2015

Dr. Brady welcomed everyone back from the break to the New Year.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Citizen's Comments

7.01 Notice

Members of the community may comment on any matter related to district business. Any group or organization wishing to address the Board must identify a single spokesperson. Presentations should be as brief as possible and no speaker will be permitted to speak for longer than 3 minutes. It is expected that speakers will conduct themselves in a civil manner and will be ruled out of order for any statement that constitutes a direct threat against officers, employees or students of the school district, or that is obscene. Questions or comments concerning matters that are not on the agenda will be taken under consideration and referred to the Superintendent for appropriate action.

A parent shared concern regarding the Algebra 1 versus Math 8 exams and how the curriculum will prepare the students.

8. Reports to the Board

Please view the entire meeting on TV DFTV - Channel 75 & 47 for full details or visit the website for the video of the presentation

8.01 Supporting Success for all Students

Mr. John Falino, High School Principal and Ms. Candace Reim, High School Assistant Principal presented the High School's school data and academic progress.

- Supporting Success for all Students
- Guiding Questions
- Regents Data – English and Social Studies
- Regents Data – Science
- Regents Data – Mathematics
- Class of 2015: Economically Disadvantaged
- Economically Disadvantaged Class of 2015 Regents Data – Math
- Regents Data – Science
- Economically Disadvantaged Regents Data English and Social Studies
- Class of 2014: Economically Disadvantaged
- Economically Disadvantaged Class of 2014 Regents Data – Math
- Economically Disadvantaged Regents Data English and Social Studies
- Regents Data – Science
- Overall Takeaways
- Newsweek Rankings: Gold Star
- DFHS: IB Participation
- Overall Takeaways
- Interventions to Support All Students
- Interventions to Support All Students: Programmatic
- Interventions to Support All Students: Guidance
- Interventions to Support All Students: Next Steps

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Highlights/Comments:

- Data represents 2014 – 2015 Cohorts
- Overall 2014 Regents data is embargoed until March or April
- Focus of the presentation is the Economically Disadvantaged subgroup and how they performed in relation to the entire population
- Change in conversion chart for scoring
- Number of some students fell into multiple subgroups
- The HS mission is to increase student performance and participation in IB courses
- AIS
 - Expanded Advisory Course – all students can enroll - 60+ students enrolled
 - English AIS – grade 9 = 20 students – some mandated; some opt in
 - Math labs 60+ students enrolled
 - Last year, SPRING funded tutoring for students
 - Peer Tutoring program this year
- Chromebook has changed teaching across the board
- SAT prep class
- Is the number of economically disadvantaged number actually 15% or is it higher at the HS level?
 - HS numbers decline in some cases due to students not wanting to be labeled
 - Federal Government uses more inclusive data, i.e., census data not only F&R
 - Some families are just on the cusp
 - Numbers are increasing – population of the District has changed
 - Generally, at least one person knows that a student is in need of help in some way
- Do we have numbers of K-12 students that are economically disadvantaged with IEP's?
 - Will be in the Special Education presentation
- Backwards mapping – curriculum design with the end plan in mind – what needs to be done in 9th grade for the end result in 12th grade
- Advisory – every other day for ½ a year – as an elective for a year – full day if the student wants it
 - Grades 9-12 - some students counsel in or some elect
 - There are 6-7 sections that cap at 10 students; next year possibly breakout by Grades 9-10 – 11-12 separate
- Any plan for an ACT prep class?
 - Possibly in the future
 - SAT still more popular of the two
- Regents data
 - Would like to see 65-75 data by subgroup
 - The District will provide that data
- Numbers are more likely 15% not 9% - has the economics really changed?
- Economically disadvantaged kids dropping out of Math
 - HS is using many methods to find and keep them engaged
- Can we do that at the earlier grades?
- What does rigor look like for IEP students?
 - Special Education presentation will include that information
 - In the HS – IB co taught classes are for IEP students
 - IEP students are not being overlooked

9. Board Actions

9.01 Disposition of Books

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board approve the disposition of the books on the attached list from the MS/HS Library collection.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

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9.02 Budget Transfer

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, that the Board approve the following budget transfer to pay for a service contract with A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc.

Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A1620.403.00.9002	\$5,850.00	A1620.430.08.0000	\$5,850.00
Oper Contract Cleaning		Oper Service/Maintenance	
Total	\$5,850.00	Total	\$5,850.00

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

9.03 CSE/CPSE

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board authorize and direct the following:

WHEREAS the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education had issued to the Board by written confidential report dated January 5, 2015 its IEP recommendations for the students who are identified therein; and

WHEREAS the Board is responsible for arranging for appropriate special programs and services to students with IEPs, as recommended by said committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District hereby authorize and direct the administration to immediately arrange for the special programs and services as set forth in said report dated January 5, 2015.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

9.04 Personnel

Mr. Goldman moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve the personnel recommendations.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

9.05 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:
Warrant No. 28 Medicare and 29 Multi.

10. Committee Reports

None.

11. Old Business

- What is the status of the Board transitioning to Gmail?
- Please have Terance Huyter resend the instructional email to the Board.
- Some Board members need further training.
- Terance Huyter is researching a free 800 Dial In Number.

Branding

- Did Dr. Brady receive any feedback?
 - Just minimal chatter on Facebook
 - No individual emails or correspondence

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12. New Business

The community turf playing field presentation will be held on February 3rd at 7:30 PM.

13. Upcoming Meetings

13.01 Calendar

Thursday, January 22, 2015 – 7:00 PM - Work Session - MS/HS Library

- Budget Status Report
- Trends in Collective Bargaining

Saturday, January 24, 2015 – 9:00 AM – Board Room

- Board Retreat

Thursday, February 5, 2015 – 7:00 PM - Business - MS/HS Library

- Special Education Update

Executive Session

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Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, to appoint Mr. Reiser as Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

At 9:25 PM, Mr. Goldman moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to return to the Regular Meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

14. Adjournment

At 9:26 PM, Mr. Goldman moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

15. Approved Minutes

15.01 Approved Minutes – December 4, 2014

IF INTERESTED IN REVIEWING BACK UP MATERIALS PERTAINING TO ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA, ONCE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PLEASE CONTACT LORETTA TULARZKO AT 693-1506.



District Clerk