



**Tuesday, January 17, 2017
Work Session Meeting
MS/HS Library, 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Work Session Meeting Opening 7:10 p.m.

Ms. Tracy Baron, President; Ms. Jean Lucasey, Vice President; Mr. Robert Reiser; Ms. Shannon Johnson; Ms. Rita Kennedy; 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 and Mr. Louis Schwartz were not in attendance.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept the January 17th Agenda.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

3. Work Session Topic

3.01 The Originals - Adam Grant

Dr. Brady started by explaining that this book was discussed at the Book Chats that included various segments of the community.

- Nine book chats were held with a total attendance of approximately 50+ attendees.
- Dr. Brady also facilitated a book chat with her superintendent colleagues from Southern Westchester.

The group discussion started with Board members describing which chapters or themes they connected with and why. These included:

- How do we cultivate originality when schools value traditional schooling
- Procrastination versus sub conscience thinking
- Achievement motivation cancels out creativity
- Value of non-conformity in education and ideas for nurturing creativity in children
- Constructive feedback is not criticism
 - Warm versus cool feedback
- Women's Suffrage Movement
- Horizontal Hostility
- Group Think
- Birth Order

4. Reports to the Board

4.01 Budget Status Report

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Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations, reported on the 2016-2017 Budget Status.

- Projected Revenues Compared to Budgeted Revenues at December 31, 2016
- Tuition Revenue
- Payroll Differences at December 31, 2016
- Projected Savings on Expenditures at December 31, 2016
- Unappropriated Fund Balance
- Recommendations

Comments:

- This Budget Status report was reviewed by the Finance Committee
- The Finance Committee will be working with Ms. Fassler-Wallach and Dr. Brady on the recommendations. If any Board member has any suggestions please send them by email to the committee members or attend the meeting.
- Tax Base Growth factor supplied by NYS last week was incorrect based on incorrect information from the Town of Greenburgh
- The proposed budget presentation scheduled for February 7th may be postponed until 2/28/17 due to incorrect information
- There will be an updated Budget Status report at the May 30th meeting

5. Committee Reports

5.01 BOE Committees

Finance Committee - 1/10

- Reviewed the Budget Status presentation

6. Board Actions

Executive Session - 8:35 PM

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board convene to Executive Session for the following purpose: To discuss the discipline of a particular student.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

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

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

At 9:27 PM, Ms. Johnson moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, to move back to the Regular Meeting.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to amend the purpose of the Executive Session to include the employment history of a particular person.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

6.01 Student Discipline Settlement Agreement

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve a Student Discipline Settlement Agreement and Probation Contract in the matter of Student No. 12768 dated January 4, 2017.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

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7. Upcoming Meetings

7.01 Calendar

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 – 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

- Presentation of Superintendent's Proposed Budget 2017-2018 (may be postponed until 2/28/17 in order for the District to receive correct information from the Town of Greenburgh)
- School Demographics

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 - 7:00 PM - Board Room

- Executive Session - Tenure Candidate Discussions - Principals

8. Adjournment

At 9:34 PM, Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays



District Clerk