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**Thursday, April 14, 2016
Work Session Meeting
MS/HS Library, 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Meeting Opening - 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Michael Goldman called the meeting to order.

In attendance, Mr. Michael Goldman, Board President; Mr. Louis Schwartz, Vice President; Ms. Tracy Baron; Mr. Robert Reiser; Mr. Jonathan Greengrass; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Ms. Shannon Johnson; 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.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board accept the April 14th Agenda.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

3. Announcements

3.01 Board Member Terms of Office

Three terms of office of the Dobbs Ferry Board of Education will be expiring on June 30, 2016:

- Mr. Michael Goldman, Mr. Louis Schwartz and Ms. Jean Lucasey

Forms for petitions to run for a seat on the Board of Education will be available in the District Office beginning **Monday, February 22, 2016**. Petitions to run as a candidate for the School Board next year must be submitted by the close of business this **Monday, April 18, 2016**. Twenty-five signatures of qualified voters in the district are required.

Mr. Goldman will not be seeking re-election. Both Mr. Schwartz and Ms. Lucasey will be seeking re-election.

3.02 Personal Voter Registration

Any community resident not registered with the Westchester County Board of Elections may do so during Personal Registration which will take place on Monday, May 9, 2016 between **3:30 PM and 7:30 PM** in the HS Gymnasium Foyer. Voter Qualifications: (1) Must be a citizen of the United States; (2) Must be 18 years of age or older; (3) Must have been a resident of the school district for a period of 30 days or more prior to May 17, 2016.

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4. Superintendent's Report

- The High School will perform "Damn Yankees" tomorrow and Saturday at 7:00 PM
- Congratulations to our DI teams at the High School, Middle School and Springhurst for going to Tennessee for the Global Finals
- The Dobbs Ferry Youth Services will hold the last recreation night in the gym this Friday from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- Mr. Goldman, Mr. Schwartz, Dr. Brady and Ms. Fassler-Wallach will present the adopted budget at the PTSA General Membership meeting, Monday 4/18 at 7:30 PM in the Library Presentation Center
- Rivertown Parents will be hosting Leslie Josel discussing "What's the Deal with Teens and Time Management" on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 PM in the MS/HS Auditorium
- On Wednesday, April 20, the PTSA Health & Safety Committee will be hosting a session on teen drug and internet use
- High School Students are holding a food drive – food can be dropped off until tomorrow

5. BOE Committees

5.01 Committee Reports

School & Community Relations
Finance

- School & Community Relations Committee
 - Committee reviewed the 2016-2017 Budget News Letter
 - Committee had a lengthy meeting with two vendors to review proposals in connection with acquiring a vendor for our website
 - Vendors in attendance: School Wires and eChalk
 - As of July 30, 2016, eChalk will terminate our current website
 - Committee will be meeting again next week review the pros and cons of both
- Finance Committee
 - Committee reviewed the 2016-2017 Budget News Letter which is ready for publication

6. Citizen's Comments

6.01 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.

None.

7. 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

7.01 Southern Westchester BOCES

Harold Coles, Superintendent, and Steve Tibbetts, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administrative Services, from SWBOCES presented the SWBOCES budget components and answered several questions.

- Mission/Vision/Values/Goals
- How BOCES Budgets Work

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- Proposed Budget Breakdown
- SWBOCES Administrative Budget
- Day to Day Operations
- Administrative Day to Day Budget Significant Factors
 - Expense Category
 - Active Employee Demographics
 - Health Insurance
- Total Administrative Budget & Breakdown
- Capital Budget Components & Factors
- SWBOCES 5 Year Budget Comparison
- Proposed 2016-2017 Administrative Budget & Capital Budget
- Assessment to Component Districts
- Average Assessment Changes

Highlights:

- Mr. Tibbets explained all the portions of the SWBOCES
- Districts vote on the Administrative and Capital Budgets portions of their budget
- He explained how a district's portion of the budget is calculated
- Certified employees hold certificates to teach; Classified employees are civil service employees
- Administrative Budget is comprised of Day to Day Operations & Retiree health insurance costs
- Retiree health insurance makeups a large portion of the administrative budget
- Two districts do not participate in SWBOCES –they pay for services as needed
- Once a district joins BOCES they cannot leave due to Legislature surrounding BOCES
- Their budget is adopted by a majority vote of those Districts who participate in the vote
- BOCES
- Mr. Tibbets suggested that the Board visit the campus and perhaps meet with some of the Dobbs Ferry students in their programs
- SWBOCES also tries to find ways to lower costs while still keeping the student programs

The Board thanked Dr. Coles and Mr. Tibbets for joining our meeting with a very informative presentation.

7.02 Superintendent's 2016-17 Budget

Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent, and Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations, presented the 2016-2017 Budget for adoption.

- Proposed 2016-2017 Budget
- Budget Development Calendar

8. Board Actions

8.01 Budget Adoption

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board adopt the Budget of \$42,371,331 for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board thanked Ms. Fassler-Wallach and the District for a very impressive budget with a 0% tax levy increase.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

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10. Old Business

10.01 2016-2017 Reorganizational Meeting Date

Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board hold the 2016 Reorganizational meeting on Friday, July 1, 2016 at 9:00 am in the Boardroom.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

11. New Business

The Superintendent's evaluation will be sent out to the entire board. A one hour meeting will be scheduled for next week to work on the edits. Dr. Brady has supplied all documentation to GoogleDocs to substantiate her goal achievement.

Construction Management proposals will be given to the Board after this meeting.

Capital Project bids are due back on April 21. Ms. Fassler-Wallach will forward all the information to the Board prior to the May 5 meeting, at which time, the Board will approval the project.

The "New Board Member Orientation" check list will be available for July 1st.

Board Governance sub-committee will reconvene to continue on their project.

12. Upcoming Meetings

12.01 Calendar

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 – 8:00 AM - Board Room

- BOCES Budget Vote

Thursday, April 28, 2016 – 5:30 PM - MS/HS Library

- Board Retreat - Goal Setting Process

Thursday, May 5, 2016 – 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

- Audit Committee – 6:15 PM – Board Room
- Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan Public Hearing
- 2016-2017 Public Budget Hearing
- Capital Projects Approval

13.0 Executive Session

At 8:018 PM, Mr. Goldmanr moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, to convene to Executive Session for the following purpose: to discuss contract negotiations.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

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Ms. Baron moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, to appoint Mr. Schwartz as Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

At 8:26 PM, Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to move back to the Regular Meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

14. Adjournment

At 8:27 PM, Ms. Baron moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, to adjourn the meeting.



District Clerk