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**Thursday, May 19, 2016  
Work Session  
MS/HS Library, 7:00 PM**

## **1. Call to Order**

## **2. Meeting Opening - 7:07 p.m.**

Mr. Goldman called the meeting to order.

In attendance, Mr. Michael Goldman, Board President; Mr. Louis Schwartz, Board Vice President; Mr. Robert Reiser; Mr. Jonathan Greengrass; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Ms. Shannon Johnson; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Mr. Douglas Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

Ms. Tracy Baron and Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach were not in attendance.

### **2.01 Pledge of Allegiance**

### **2.02 Acceptance of the Agenda**

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept the May 19th Agenda.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

## **3. Announcements**

## **4. Committee Reports**

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### **4.01 Committee Reports**

School Community Relations

- Update - Change of Website Vendor and Timeline
  - Moving from eChalk to Schoolwires
  - Professional Development will be a one-time cost
  - Diane Newell will migrate webpages
  - Thank you to Matt Rosenberg for all his support
  - Board has requested an overview of the new website at a fall Board meeting
  - The website subcommittee will be meeting next week to continue some of the necessary upfront work prior to the Schoolwires on-site days.
- Reviewed the final budget communication
- Future Planning for the Committee
  - The Committee discussed the ideas for a newsletter for next year perhaps once or twice each year. An e-newsletter was discussed. The Committee also talked about continuing to identify ways to

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engage with community members who do not have children in our schools, alumni and former parents.

### Student Activities & Athletics Committee

- Parent concerns about “what if” safety situations at away games. All DF coaches are First Aid and CPR certified and understand the proper protocol for emergency situations.
- Overnight athletic trips:
  - Varsity Cheerleading camp at Hofstra (late August). This is a two day camp that we have gone to in the past. The coaches, players and parents are inquiring about staying in a hotel for one night.
  - Varsity Cross Country overnight meet at Binghamton (late September). This meet will take the place of another full day track meet. The level of competition present at this meet will be beneficial to our students and program.
  - For both athletic overnight trips, the students and coaches will fundraise to cover the expenses (food, hotel).
  - Does the board of education need to approve overnight trips?
- Boys Volleyball Update:
  - Boys Volleyball will not move forward with a formal Varsity Dobbs Ferry team. All interested athletes will be provided with an opportunity to meet with a volleyball club coach and gather information about a club team.
- Andrew Klaich will follow up with an email blast to middle school students/families regarding paperwork required for fall sports as well as what sports are offered/coaches contacts.

### 5. Superintendent's Report

- Thank you to the Community for supporting the budget
- Congratulations to Louis Schwartz, Rita Kennedy and Jean Lucasey
- Parents please visit the District calendar for all upcoming end-of-year school events
  - Tuesday's Middle School concert was well received
    - The band has come a long way
- PTSA Awards dinner will be held on July 14
- The Foundation Gala will be held tomorrow night at the Waterfront – hats not required

### 6. Correspondence

#### 6.01 Letter from Paul Feiner

The Board acknowledged a letter from Paul Feiner detailing a resolution they approved for a reassessment 3 year phase that will go before the NYS Legislature.

### 7. Citizen's Comments

#### 7.01 Notice

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None.

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

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## 8. Reports to the Board

### 8.01 School Report Card Review

Dr. Brady and Mr. Berry explained the various components of School Report Card for the 2014-2015 school year

- Some information is gathered from our Bureau Educational Data System (BEDS) data from October 15

Dr. Brady covered the demographic information such as:

- Enrollment data
  - Data is student self-identified and a census formula
  - Male/Female
  - Ethnicity
  - ELA
  - Students with disabilities
  - Economically challenged
  - Class Sizes
  - Attendance
  - Suspension data (out of school)
  - Teacher turnover rate few than 5 years of experience
  - Teacher Qualifications
  - Graduation Rate (High School)
  - Type of Diplomas
  - Post-graduation plans
- Data can be filtered for comparisons
- Do we have the benchmarks of our neighbors?
  - Information is by District and total NYS
  - Individual Rivertown district information is available by name
- Is it a goal to present this every year?
  - This data may be useful toward BOE goals
  - The Board receives snapshots of the data through the year
  - The Board would like a presentation of the pertinent information each year

Mr. Berry focused on Student Achievement utilizing School Meter data to give a better look at cohort data over time:

- Assessment data from 2012-2013; 2013-14; and 2014-15
  - ELA and Math data
- Tonight's look at data is a snapshot of our District's performance not a diagnostic look
  - It's our performance against all of NYS
  - Does not include the number of students that opt out
  - Cohorts change year to year
  - This year's test were untimed
  - This is just one piece of a student's achievement
  - This data allows to look at teachers in grade levels and individual teachers
  - Scoring definitions change periodically
  - Regents data does not reflect IB test results
- How does the District look at the growth of the student - might be a topic for a Work Session
- Focus on data as the indicator of learning is different from evidence of learning
- Idea of identifying things that demonstrate the evidence of learning

## 9. Board Actions

### 9.01 Budget & Election Results

Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board accept receipt of the District Clerk's Report on the Budget and Trustee Vote of May 17, 2016.

The District Clerk reports the following:

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	YES	NO
Vote on Proposition No. 1 - budget:	318	84

<b>Results for the Trustee Vote:</b>	
Jean Lucasey	292
Louis Schwartz	282
Rita Kennedy	354

Therefore, Rita Kennedy, Jean Lucasey and Louis Schwartz will fill the three vacancies for the Board Trustee seats effective July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019.

The Board thanked the community for their support and congratulated the three trustees.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

### 9.02 Construction Manager

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Reiser, second to amend the resolution.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board accept the proposal and approve Calgi Construction Co., Inc., as the Construction Manager for the upcoming Capital Projects and authorize the Superintendent to sign **the contract** for the District as amended.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

### 9.03 Westchester Putnam School Boards Association (BOD) Slate for 2016-17

Ms. Johnson moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board approve the WPSBA 2016-2017 slate of officers and members of the Board of Directors:

#### As Officers for a one year term:

- President – Stephen Jambor (*Brewster CSD*)
- Vice President – Victoria Tipp (*Chappaqua CSD*)
  - Treasurer – Jennifer Rosen (*Briarcliff Manor UFSD*)
  - Secretary – Lisa Tane (*Greenburgh Eleven UFSD*)

#### As Continuing Directors with terms expiring in 2019:

- Judah Holstein (*Eastchester UFSD*)
- Anita Feldman (*P/NW BOCES*)
- Rita Golden (*Mount Pleasant Cottage UFSD*)

#### As new Directors with terms expiring in 2018:

- Maddali Atallah (*New Rochelle City SD*)
- Karen Belanger (*Rye City SD*)

#### As a new Director with a term expiring in 2019:

- Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon (*Peekskill City SD*)

#### As Nominees for elected seats on the Nominating Committee:

- Rita Golden (*Mount Pleasant Cottage UFSD*)

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- Robert Johnson (*Port Chester-Rye UFSD*)

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays – 1 abstention – Mr. Schwartz

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None.

### 11. Old Business

New Board Member Orientation package will be distributed tomorrow.  
BOE Goals Committee will have draft goals for the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
Board Member Protocols will be available in the next week or two.

### 12. New Business

### 13. Upcoming Meetings

#### 13.01 Calendar

##### Thursday, June 2, 2016 – 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

- BOE Executive Session – 6:00 PM
- Hudson River Community Education (HRCE) Update
- Budget Status Report

##### Thursday, June 16, 2016 – 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

- BOE Goals – Executive Session
- Springhurst School Waste Audit and Composting

#### Executive Session

At 8:51 PM, Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to convene to Executive Session for the following purpose: to discuss contract negotiations.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, to appoint Mr. Schwartz as Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

At 9:53 PM, Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to move back to the Regular Meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

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### 9. Adjournment

At 9.54 PM, Ms. Johnson moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loretta Salazar".

District Clerk