



**Thursday, May 21, 2015  
Business Board Meeting  
MS/HS Library, 7:00 PM**

**The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Lucasey prior to the meeting.**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Executive Session - 6:00 PM**

**2.01 Executive Session**

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

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, to convene to Executive Session for the following purpose: to discuss the employment history of specific personnel.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

At 7:08 PM, Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, to return to the Regular Meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

**3. Meeting Opening 7:17 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. Jonathan Greengrass; 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.

**3.01 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.02 Acceptance of the Agenda**

Ms. Black moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, that the Board accept the May 21st Agenda.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

**3.03 Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the May 7, 2015 meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays – 1 abstention – Mr. Schwartz

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## 4. Announcements

- SPRING Thank You reception will take place next Thursday at the Springhurst Outdoor Classroom at 3:15 PM.
- PTSA end of year dinner will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Cedar Street Grille - \$26.
- PTSA is recruiting new members – please contact the PTSA if you are interested
- Middle School Concert held on May 19<sup>th</sup> was wonderful
- IB Film Festival will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the auditorium
- High School National Honor Society Induction will be held at 9:15 AM on May 28<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium
- Graduation will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Waterfront

**The Board moved numbers 6 and 7 up to this point in the meeting.**

## 6. Correspondence

### 6.01 Correspondence

The Board acknowledged three items of correspondence concerning class size at Springhurst next year.

## 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.*

The Board stated that, although members of the public can comment on any matter, the Board will not be discussing the matter of third grade class size at tonight's meeting.

Comments/Questions:

- Several parents again voiced their concern regarding the increase in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class size again
  - Thank you for your answers to our questions, however, some questions were left unanswered
  - A petition has been signed by 94 individuals about class size
  - Would like more explanation regarding and what data Ms. Drake used for her decision
  - Best for the kids and trust us
  - What number of students would warrant a 7<sup>th</sup> teacher
  - Historical data doesn't provide relevant information anymore
  - Parent doesn't like being compared to other surrounding districts and really doesn't care what other districts do
  - How many students with IEPs also receive AIS services
  - Losing a teacher was not a straight trade-off for an AIS teacher
  - Students do not want more kids in their class
  - The District and Board try to individualize classes
  - Can this process be put back on the table and reopened for dialogue?

## 5. Superintendent's Report

### 5.01 Capital Projects Timeline Update

Ms. Fassler-Wallach presented an update on the Capital Projects:

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- KG&D presented the timeline to the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>
- We are on schedule to submit our plans to the SED in June
- Right now there is a 30 week review, so we hope for approval in February 2016
- An external financial cost estimate review will be performed after SED approval
- Board doesn't need to vote on the projects in order to submit to the SED
- Most important factor is to get into the SED cue
- KG&D will come back over the summer to meet with the Board to prioritize items
- Revisions and changes can be made after submission
- SED is trying to add people
- KG&D will come to the Board for final approval

### 5.02 MS/HS Start Time Discussion

Dr. Brady and Mr. Berry explained the proposed MS/HS Start Time.

Period	Start Time	End Time
1	8:12 AM	8:56 AM
HB*	8:46 AM	8:56 AM
2	9:00 AM	9:44 AM
3	9:48 AM	10:32 AM
4	10:36 AM	11:20 AM
5	11:24 AM	12:08 PM
6	12:12 PM	12:56 PM
7	1:00 PM	1:44 PM
8	1:48 PM	2:32 PM
9	2:36 PM	3:20 PM

9 Period Day  
44 Minute Classes  
4 Minute Transition  
\*10 Minute Homebase – MS Only

Dr. Brady explained the process and research for coming up with this schedule.

- Our District has the earliest start in the area
- This change is proposed for September next year
- 3 min transition time is not sufficient for HS
- Don't want to create a more stressful time between classes
- 2 minute off – 46 instructional time – now 44 minutes
- This change falls within the DFUT contract
- The current start time is 7:38 – 3:05
- Commons will open at 7:40 – and students will be supervised
- Kids have to own it, with family support, students are expected to be on time
- Teachers did not want to give up instructional time, but they feel we have to look at it as a package over a year's time
- Board would like to see numbers of tardiness and consequences of the time change
- At first the Administrators didn't want to give up instructional time but they have come to be comfortable with the change
- Board would like a better sense of how this change will impact our contract negotiations
  - Teacher hour 7 hours 13 minutes and that isn't changing
- Some Middle School students come in for Lab or support services during 1 period
- T periods are outside of the school day
- What is the plan to communicate to parents
  - K-12s, Parent Meetings, Facebook, Shannon & Mary (PTSA), Parent groups, advertorials
- The Board is impressed that the District created this so quickly
- If we had busing at the MS/HS this would have been more involved and costly
- Can the Commons can be opened earlier?
  - That will have to be addressed after initial feedback
- There is a security issue if students are wandering around the buildings unsupervised

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## 8. Board Actions

### 8.01 Budget, Bond and Election Results

Mr. Goldman moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board accept receipt of the District Clerk's Report on the Budget and Trustee Vote of May 19, 2015.

<b>The District Clerk reports the following:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Vote on Proposition No. 1 - budget:	314	111
Vote on Proposition No. 2 - Bond Reallocation	321	86

<b>Trustee Vote:</b>	
Shannon Johnson	326
Jonathan Greengrass	304
Jean Lucasey	290

Therefore, Shannon Johnson and Jonathan Greengrass will fill the two vacancies for the Board Trustee seats effective July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018 and Jean Lucasey will fill the vacancy for the Board Trustee effective May 19, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016.

The Board thanked the community for coming to vote and the Election workers for their work.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

### 8.02 2015-2016 Service Requests

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, that the Board approve and authorize the Board President and Superintendent to sign the following 2015-2016 Initial Service Requests:

1. Southern Westchester BOCES - Contract for Cooperative Educational Services for 2015-2016 in the amount of \$725,101.62
2. Lower Hudson Regional Information Center - BOCES Initial Service Request for 2015-2016 in the amount of \$435,764.30

Please remember that the amounts above reflect initial requests. They will increase throughout the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

These services include such things as Special Ed programs, cultural arts, data processing, data warehousing, etc.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

### 8.03 Budget Transfer

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Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Black seconded, that the Board approve the following budget transfer to pay for additional technology hardware through BOCES:

Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A9060.860.00.0000	\$ 85,000.00	A2630.490.00.5500	\$125,000.00
Medical Ins. Premiums		Computer Tech - BOCES	
A5540.436.09.0000	\$ 40,000.00		
In-District Transportation			
Total	\$125,000.00	Total	\$125,000.00

This was not budgeted during this school year. Springhurst technology requirements are not as apparent as the MS/HS.

- Why didn't Springhurst raise this question when the Board asked for their wish list during the budget process?
- Very surprising and troubling
  - Need to know that the teachers were ready for the new technology
  - Common Core standards brought the need out by the teachers
- Budget Status Report will show the adjustment
- A portion will receive aid
- Smart Schools Bond dollars will be seen next year

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays – 1 abstention – Ms. Lucasey

### 8.04 Westchester Putnam School Boards Association (BOD) Slate for 2015-16

Ms. Black moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board waive the reading.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays – 1 abstention – Mr. Goldman

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Black seconded, that the Board approve the following:

**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 2018:**

- Louis Conte (*Pleasantville UFSD*)
- Matthew Evans (*Elmsford UFSD*)
- Frank Hariton (*Ardsley UFSD*)
- Abby Mendelsohn (*Harrison CSD*)

**As a new Director with a term expiring in 2018:**

- Frank Schneckner (*Ossining UFSD*)

**As a new Director with a term expiring in 2016:**

- Judah Holstein (*Eastchester UFSD*)

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

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- Wendy Naidich (*Hastings-on-Hudson UFSD*)
- Abby Mendelsohn (*Harrison CSD*)

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

### 8.05 CSE/CPSE

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, that the Board authorized and directed 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 May 14, 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 May 14, 2015.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

### 8.06 Personnel

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Black seconded, that the Board approve the Civil Service and staff personnel recommendations.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

### 8.07 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for April, 2015.

### 8.08 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:  
Warrant No. 49 Multi.

## 9. Committee Reports

None.

## 10. Old Business

None.

## 11. New Business

### 11.01 2015-2016 Board Meeting Schedule

A Doodle will be sent to the Board regarding dates for the retreat and summer meetings.

The Board meeting calendar discussion has been postponed until the next Board meeting.

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## 12. Upcoming Meetings

### 12.01 Calendar

Thursday, June 4, 2015 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

Thursday, June 18, 2015 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

Wednesday, July 1, 2015 - 8:00 AM – Board Room

- Reorganizational Meeting

## 13. Executive Session - 6:00 PM

### 13.01 Executive Session

At 9:45 PM, Mr. Goldman moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to move back to Executive Session to discuss specific personnel.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

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

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Black seconded, to return to the Regular Meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

## 14. Adjournment

At 10:15 PM, Ms. Black moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

## 15. Approved Minutes

### 15.01 Approved Minutes – May 7, 2015



District Clerk