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Thursday, September 4, 2014 Business Board Meeting MS/HS Library, 7:00 PM

1. Reception - 6:30 PM MS/HS Library

1.01 Reception

The PTSA hosted a lovely reception for tenure candidates, new staff, family and friends.

2. Call to Order

Ms. Baron called the meeting to order.

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

Mr. Michael Goldman and Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations were not in attendance.

3. Regular Meeting Opening – 7:10 PM

3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

3.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board move to accept the September 4th Agenda.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

4. Announcements

4.01 Special Bond Vote

On June 19, 2014, the Dobbs Ferry Board of Education voted unanimously to authorize a facility and field improvement bond referendum.

Voting will take place on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 during the hours of **7:00 AM and 9:00 PM** in the HS Gymnasium for all qualified voters.

4.02 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 Wednesday, October 15, 2014 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

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of age or older; (3) Must have been a resident of the school district for a period of 30 days or more prior to October 21, 2014.

4.03 Absentee Ballot Applications

Any registered community resident who has a valid reason for being unable to vote in person may pick up an Application for an Absentee Ballot in the District Office or download an application from the District website under the BOE tab. All applications must be mailed to the District Clerk no later than October 14, 2014 or delivered in person no later than 5:00 PM on October 21, 2014.

PTSA Announcements

- Congratulations to the Tenure recipients
- Welcome to the new teachers
- Shannon Johnson and Mary McNamara will be Co-presidents of the PTSA this year
- PTSA is in need of volunteers for the Pumpkin Fair
- The High School SAT Boot Camp will be held on September 20 and 21, 2014

Ms. Baron thanked the PTSA for hosting the reception tonight.

5. Superintendent's Report

None.

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.

8. 2014-2015 School Year

8.01 New Tenure Candidates

Ms. Baron was excited to have our tenure candidates in attendance and expressed that this is the best part of being a school board member. Our District takes this task most seriously and gives full commitment to the best and brightest, congratulations from the entire Board.

Dr. Brady stated there was nothing more important as a Superintendent than granting tenure.

Each candidate was introduced with a description of their qualifications and experience, and a look at how they perform their job and their relationships with their students and colleagues.

Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent, introduced:

Douglas Berry	Assistant Superintendent - Curriculum & Instruction
John Falino	High School Principal

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Julia Drake	Springhurst Principal
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Mr. John Falino, High School Principal, introduced:

Frank Adamo
Nicole Confalone
Amanda Newhouse

Mr. Patrick Mussolini, Middle School Principal, introduced:

Georgia DeFalco
Jin Park

Ms. Julia Drake, Springhurst School Principal, introduced:

Dawn Watson

Ms. Erin Vredenburgh, Director of Special Education, introduced:

Samantha Bergman

Dr. Brady and the Board congratulated all the candidates.

8.02 Introduction of New Staff

The new teachers were introduced and welcomed to the District. They were asked to reach out to their colleagues, administrators and Board for support.

Dr. Brady also thanked the audience for their attending tonight in support of their colleagues and family.

Dominique Broccoli
Christine Wu
Allison Richards (Leave replacement through 2/15 for Sarah Thomson)
Paul Huneke
Veronica Harris

8.03 Opening Day Reports

Ms. Julia Drake, Springhurst Principal; Mr. Patrick Mussolini, Middle School Principal; and Mr. John Falino, High School Principal reported on the first day of the 2014-2015 school year.

All three schools had a great opening day. Each principal gave a quick account of new programs for this year and thanked all the people involved in helping achieve a successful opening – clerical staff, facilities staff, technology and the teachers.

The enrollment on the first day of school is as follows:

Springhurst	685
Middle School	340
High School	434

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9. Board Actions

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Black seconded, that the Board approve Items 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3, as a consent agenda.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Black moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board approve Items 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.01 Special Education Consultant

The Board approved Dr. Steve Terrell, a Behavioral Consultant providing Psychological Services for a special education student effective September 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015. The contract consists of 3 hrs. @ \$135.00/hour not to exceed \$405.00. It will be charged to code F2250.400.00.150611.

9.02 Special Education Consultant

The Board approved Dynamic Kids to provide Occupational Therapy Services for special education students effective September 2, 2014 through October 10, 2014. The contract amount is \$7,488.00. It will be charged to code A2250.465.00.7200.

9.03 Special Education Consultant

The Board approved Paxxon to provide Physical Therapy Services for a special education student effective September 2, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The contract amount is \$3,900.00. It will be charged to code A2250.465.00.7200.

9.04 Personnel

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

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

10. Old Business

Audit Committee Appointment

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Black seconded, that the Board appoint Ms. Jeanne Cronin-Ceccolini as a community member on the Audit Committee.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

11. New Business

11.01 2014-2015 BOE Goals

The Board reviewed last year's goals and discussed suggestions for this year's goals.

Ms. Baron will create a draft of suggested goals and forward to all Board members for their review and comment.

Dr. Brady, Ms. Fassler-Wallach and various Board members will be in attendance at all the "Back to School Nights" to answer questions regarding the proposed Bond.

- HS – 9/10 – Ms. Lucasey and Mr. Reiser
- SH - 9/16 – Mr. Goldman and Ms. Baron

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- MS – 9/17 – Mr. Reiser and Mr. Goldman
- SH – 9/23 – Ms. Baron and Ms. Black

12. Upcoming Meetings

12.01 Calendar

Thursday, September 18, 2014 - 7:00 PM - Commons

- Community Bond Forum

Thursday, October 2, 2014 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

13. Executive Session

13.01 Executive Session - Immediately following the Public Meeting if required.

At 9:20 Ms. Black moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, to convene to Executive Session for the following purpose:
to discuss the employment history of a particular employee.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

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

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

At 9:35 PM, Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, to return to the Regular Meeting

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

14. Adjournment

At 9:36 Ms. Black moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

15. Approved Minutes

15.01 Approved Minutes - July 1 and 31, 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