



**Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Regular Board Meeting
MS/HS Library Media Center, 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Meeting Opening 7:00 p.m.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Roll Call

Ms. Jean Lucasey, President; Mr. Jonathan Greengrass, Vice President; Ms. Tracy Baron; Mr. Robert Reiser; Mr. Louis Schwartz; Ms. Shannon Johnson; Ms. Rita Kennedy; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Mr. Douglas Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Linda Carpenter, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board accept the December 5th Agenda.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

2.04 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Schwartz arrived at 7:05 p.m.

3. Announcements

The Annual Spring Square Dance held on December 1st was a huge success.

4. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brady shared a thank you card from the Senior Center for the Thanksgiving Luncheon. Each person in attendance signed the card with a little note. Dr. Brady thanked Ms. Lucasey for attending and joining the guests for lunch.

The Districted hosted a NEMNET Minority Recruitment Workshop today - 30 participants from 8 Districts including Dobbs Ferry. This was an extremely informative workshop and Dobbs Ferry will be coordinating a consortium of local districts interested in working together to improve our minority recruitment efforts. Nemnet will be considered along with other available options for recruitment support.

Aris Wind will be here on Sunday, 12/17 to install the last streetlight for the HS parking lot. They plan on being here over the December break to install the four streetlights for the MS upper rear parking lot and the two streetlights for the MS lower parking lot.

Our Building Bridges program is underway-

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- Monday/Tuesday: 4th grade students learned about ADHD & learning disabilities, Wednesday we will have HS students coming to Springhurst to speak about some of their learning challenges
- 5th grade learned about Tourette's Syndrome and several students wrote thank you notes to the student presenters from the Tourette Syndrome Organization
- 7th Graders will learn about Autism and are starting their Building Bridges Unit
- The program continues to spread the message of being kind, being a good friend and that we are all special and unique individuals.

Chris Herren Assembly - Sponsored by the DFYS Coalition will be held on December 13th for students in Grades 7-12. This is a message about the life of an NBA and overseas basketball player with tremendous promise that was "de-railed" due to alcohol and drugs. Chris Herren is a highly sought after speaker and we are grateful to the DFYS Coalition for bringing him to our students. He will also be doing a Parent Presentation on the evening of December 13th at 7 p.m. at Mercy College.

Springhurst

- Late last month (11/20/17) Springhurst hosted 2nd & 4th grade parent and NASA Scientist Bastiaan van Dienenhoven who came to speak to second graders about clouds and being a scientist at NASA. He led a very engaging and informative presentation for the students and we are very grateful for his generosity!
- A number of Springhurst classes participated and Ms. Holly Mair's 4th Grade class placed first in the DreamBox Challenge! The DreamBox Challenge is a biannual competition held every spring and fall. Students from all over the United States and Canada compete to complete the most DreamBox lessons over the course of several weeks. This competition started on October 30th, and ended on November 17th. Each week, a "Leaderboard" came out, letting the students know how we were doing compared to the rest of the country. This definitely motivated them! Students were working on DreamBox throughout different times of the day. The students worked really hard, logging in hours on DreamBox both in school, at home, and on weekends! DreamBox does a great job at making math engaging. Students are able to work independently on various math topics, while enriching their understanding and deepening their skills across the content area. Ms. Mair's students have been extremely self-motivated, and eager to push their thinking. During the length of the DreamBox challenge, the students in her class have become proficient in 12 fourth grade standards!
- On December 8th, from 9am-10am, we are hosting over 20 performers/dancers from the Calpulli Mexican Dance Company for a rich Cultural Arts assembly for 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders (thank you to the District and PTSA for your support of our Cultural Arts Program!)! All FLES students (grades 2-5) are currently engaged in a unit on Mexico integrating literacy, technology and social studies. The unit is focusing on the geography, landforms, celebrations, holidays, cultural practices, food, music and dance of Mexico. As well as an age-appropriate brief overview of the history of the Maya and the Aztecs. All grades will be studying Mexico with various levels of complexity.
- ADL Ally training will take place on Thursday, December 14th for 4th & 5th grade student Allies! A total of 24 new students will be trained this year!

High School

- DFHS hosted an IB visit today. We had over 35 visitors from four school districts, with some coming from as far as Lake George and Vermont, to learn about how we implement the IB Diploma Program and now the Middle Years Program. DFHS continues to lead the way nationally in terms of "IB for All" and is looked to as a resource for all schools who are the same philosophy.
- NBC Lead Sports Anchor Bruce Beck visited DFHS last week to speak with the students in our Sports Media and Marketing class. This was an amazing "real world" experience for our students. A special thanks to Mr. Patrillo and Mr. Palmer for making this connection for our school!
- The DFHS Winter Concert will be held on December 20th at 7:00 p.m.
- The DFHS 9th grade team met this week for a check-in meeting on our new digital portfolio usage for all students in grade nine. At this point, all 9th grade students have received the first sets of lessons on digital citizenship and all students have a digital portfolio in place. This is not only a great example of authentic assessment, but also teaches students about personal branding while providing them with a portfolio that they can share with college admissions officers down the road.
- Jenn Cronk will lead the staff in professional development tomorrow on "What's New in EdTech." This is an opportunity for teachers to get a sense of what is "out there" and how technology can be further used to enhance teaching and learning at DFHS.

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Middle School

- Winter Concert - December 14th at 7 p.m.
- Somers Visit
 - The MS hosted an 8 person team from Somers MS on Tue, 11/28. They are considering adopting the MYP.
- This year the MS musical was HS Musical junior. The show ran for three performances and almost sold out each performance.
- Eight seventh graders attended a trip with Rose Mittan to the Human Rights Institute for middle school student leaders

Athletics

- Section 1 - Playoffs and Finals will not be at the County Center for 2018 as reported in the Journal News on Sunday. Playoffs will be at Pace University. This has proven to be a very controversial decision by the Executive Committee or Section 1.
- At the end of each sports season, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) honors those students that excel in the classroom. The following varsity teams have been recognized by NYSPHSAA as Scholar-Athlete teams at Dobbs Ferry High School. The scholar-athlete team is defined as 75% of the team receiving a 90% GPA or higher :
 - Girls Tennis
 - Girls Soccer
 - Girls Volleyball
 - Girls Cross Country
 - Boys Cross Country
- Congratulations to our student-athletes for their hard work in achieving this prestigious award!!!!
- Congratulations to Boys Varsity Soccer Coach, Craig Mach for being named Coach of the Year for Conference 3, League B.

5. Committee Reports

5.01 Committee Reports

Personnel - 11/27

- The Committee reviewed the Personnel Recommendations for the December 5, 2017 meeting.
- The Committee received information regarding the Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Finance search process. Lisa, Doug and Julia met with four candidates on Monday, November 27th and are in the process of putting together the Interview Committee which will meet on December 13th.

Special Education - 11/27

- The Committee reviewed the CSE/CPSE recommendations.
- The OOD placements of several students were discussed.
- Special Education numbers will be available at the January meeting.

6. Correspondence

The Board acknowledged an email regarding bullying.

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

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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.

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

8. Board Actions

8.01 Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation Grant

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept the following grant from the Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation:

Library	6th Grade Language & Literature	\$2,500.00

The Board thanked the Foundation for the generous grant.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

8.02 2018-2019 Budget Development Calendar

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board adopt the 2018-2019 Budget Development Calendar.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

8.03 Capital Projects Change Orders

Mr. Dave Robertin, Director of Facilities, explained the work associated with the following change orders:

Project Number	Contractor	Change Order Number	Amount	Description
660403-03-004017	WB Contracting Corp.	RC-001	\$12,582.64	Temporary roofing to support installation of mechanical equipment
660403-03-004017	Talt Electric, Inc.	EC-003	\$ 5,017.60	Labor and materials to provide soffits not included in plans
660403-03-004017	Talt Electric, Inc.	EC-004	\$10,492.72	Labor and materials to provide miscellaneous electrical work

8.04 Capital Projects Change Order

Project Number	Contractor	Change Order Number	Amount	Description
66-04-03-03-0-001-017	Pearl River Plumbing & Heating, Inc. d/b/a Bertussis	GC-12	\$(18,389.58)	Cancel GC-01

8.05 Capital Projects Change Orders

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Project Number	Contractor	Change Order Number	Amount	Description
66-04-03-03-0-001-017	Pearl River Plumbing & Heating d/b/a Bertussi's	GC-011	\$1,325.91	Provide additional access doors
66-04-03-03-0-001-017	Pearl River Plumbing & Heating d/b/a Bertussi's	MC-006	\$8,062.76	Replace VAVs and provide insulation
66-04-03-03-0-001-017	Pearl River Plumbing & Heating d/b/a Bertussi's	MC-007	\$5,424.03	Provide additional dampers

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board approve the three preceding groups of change orders and authorize the Board President to sign them:

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board approve Items 8.06, 8.07, and 8.08 as a consent agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board approve 8.06, 8.07, and 8.08.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

8.06 Standard Work Day Reporting

The Board established the following as standard work day for the appointed official title as set forth below based on the timekeeping system of activities maintained by the District:

Title	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)
District Clerk	7 hrs/day

8.07 CSE/CPSE

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 November 22, 2017 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 November 22, 2017.

8.08 Personnel

The Board approved the Civil Service and staff personnel recommendations.

8.09 Policy Revision - First Reading

The Board conducted a first reading of the following policies:

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2160 - School District Officer & Employee Code of Ethics
2330 - Executive Sessions
4321.12 - Use of Time Out Rooms, Physical Restraints

All three policies will be brought to the next Board meeting (1/9) for a second reading.

9. Acknowledgements

9.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for October 2017.

9.01 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:
Warrant No. 20 & 22 Multi.

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None.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

Ms. Baron described three items from the WPSBA meeting:

1. A few districts shared innovative ideas from teachers & students, i.e., "no front of the classroom", the entire walls of a classroom were writeable
2. WPSBA would like district's to supply them with student innovative items that they could add to their Facebook page.
3. Modernization of learning space.

13. Upcoming Meetings

13.01 Calendar

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 - 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

- Budget Status Report

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 - 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

- Common Core – NYS Next Gen Standards – ESSA

The December 19th meeting may be an "Executive Session" for the Board to meet the candidates for the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Facilities position.

14. Adjournment

At 8:08 PM, Ms. Baron moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

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Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

15. Approved Minutes

15.01 Approved Minutes – October 24 & 30, 2017

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

District Clerk