



**Tuesday, November 5, 2019
Business Meeting
MS/HS Media Center, 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

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

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Roll Call

Ms. Shannon Johnson, President; Ms. Rita Kennedy, Vice President; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Ms. Tracy Baron; Mr. Matthew Rosenberg; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Mr. Douglas Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

Mr. Louis Schwartz and Ms. Shannon Stringer were not in attendance.

2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Baron moved, and Mr. Rosenberg seconded, that the Board accept the November 5th Agenda.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

2.04 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rosenberg moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 meetings.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Rosenberg moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the October 23, 2019 meeting.

Vote: 4 - ayes - 0 nays – 1 Abstention – Shannon Johnson

Ms. Baron moved, and Mr. Rosenberg seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the October 29, 2019 meetings.

Vote: 4 - ayes - 0 nays – 1 Abstention – Jean Lucasey

3. Announcements

- SPRING Community Partners will hold their annual Family Square Dance on Friday, December 6th at Springhurst at 7:00 PM.

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4. Superintendent's Report

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Youth Services Needs Assessment Survey will be distributed. Parents will be able to opt out their children

Digital Citizenship Parent Night – 11/26 - 6:30 -7:30 -MS/HS Library

Demographic Study is due around the Thanksgiving timeframe. There will be a report to the Board at either a December or January meeting.

Both the Middle School and the Springhurst Halloween celebrations were well attended by the students. This was the first indoor parade for Springhurst and Jeff Gonzalez did another great job with the MS extravaganza. Students thrilled the audience with their creative and innovative individual and group costumes. A great time was had by all.

High School

DFHS partnered with the Dobbs Ferry Youth Service Coalition for a school-wide assembly on October 30 featuring renowned speaker Bobby Petrocelli who shared his personal story of his triumph and hope following a devastating tragedy when he went to bed in suburban America, and hours later, he woke up dazed in his kitchen, his wife was dead and his life changed forever. A pickup truck crashed through his bedroom wall, driven by a man who was intoxicated more than twice the legal limit. He speaks to students about the power of their decisions and how to build a strong foundation for their lives.

Service Learning at DFHS. Students in all grades and areas have engaged in service learning experiences over the past few weeks, including the following:

- Our 9th grade students, led by Ms. Fahy and Ms. Cosgrove, collected over 50 pairs of eyeglasses to donate to New Eyes for the Needy. In doing so, they partnered with Terri Optics to learn about how their donation would be recycled to help those in need.
- The DHFS Legislative Branch volunteered at the 2nd annual Moonball and donated over \$500 to the family of Jacob Moon to help support research to cure San Filippo disease.
- Our 10th grade students, led by Ms. Lindner, engaged in a service project that focused on gathering gently used sporting goods for community members in need.
- The students in our Ecology Club, led by Ms. Rancier, helped with getting the vegetables ready for Springhurst's soup day.

Six high school students, led by Kelly Foster and Danielle Pecora, represented Dobbs Ferry High School at the International Day of the Girl leadership conference held at Manhattanville College. This conference featured a panel of female speakers who currently hold powerful leadership positions around NYS with the purpose of empowering young girls to feel confident to pursue their passions that will align with their future goals, both professionally and personally.

National Merit Scholars. We are proud to share that DFHS has 6 students in the Class of 2020 who are being recognized this year by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) for their performance on the last year's PSAT. The winners are as follows: Semi Finalists: Zachary Cohen, Corbin Velonis and Commended: Nicolas Checa, Daniel Schwartz, Rachel Shornick, Grace Woodin.

Middle School

DFMS is proud to announce that our fall musical is going to be Peter Pan. With over 40 students cast, it is the largest production we have ever done. All the students are excited and looking forward to opening night. We have 3 performances: Friday (11/15) - 7pm-9pm and Saturday (11/16) - 1pm-3pm, 7pm-9pm

DFMS is taking our musical production of Peter Pan on the road. On November 13th, the students of Springhurst Elementary School will attend a school-wide assembly of the show.

Senior Citizens attending our Thanksgiving lunch on November 21st will get to see an encore production of Peter Pan as well.

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DFMS was one of fourteen schools invited to participate in the Human Rights Institute for Middle School Leaders. On November 14th, DFMS Guidance Counselor, Rose Mittan, will take eight 7th-grade students to the Institute held at New York Medical College. Students will participate in breakout sessions focused on the themes Respecting the Individual and How to Be an Upstander. The keynote speaker is Sheila Arnold, the lead performer of History's Alive.

Springhurst

On 10/23 Westchester County Legislator, MaryJane Shimsky officiated over our student government swearing in. As a culmination for the awesome tennis unit students engage in as part of our PE Program (and using our beautiful tennis courts.) 5th graders are taking field trips to the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. (One group went 10/25 & the rest are going Friday 11/15)

Saturday 10/26: PTSA Pumpkin Fair & Student "Slow Down" Rally both successful

This week only Tomatillos is serving 3rd grade student Isaiah Newman's chili as a result of the chili contest. See our Facebook page for more details

Yesterday, Springhurst hosted the Calpulli Dance Company as a culminating celebration of the Hispanic Heritage study our FLES students have been engaged in grades 2-5. Prior to yesterday's assembly, our 5th graders listened to songs from each one of the Spanish-speaking countries around the world rating their favorite one. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders are immersed in the Spanish language each day, learning how to communicate with Spanish speakers around the world. The Calpulli Mexican Dance Company visited our school to help us explore the diverse genre of Mexican folkloric dance through their performances. They used unique costumes and music to perform distinct choreographies from various states and ethnic regions in Mexico. A huge "thank you" to our FLES teachers Ms. Pattera & Ms. Coulehan for their efforts in making this possible.

On Wednesday 11/13 we will be honoring both local veterans and family members that have served with assemblies and a card-writing campaign at Springhurst. Everyone is encouraged to wear red, white and blue on this day.

Parent Teacher Conferences were held today 11/5 and will be held tomorrow evening 11/6 from 5pm-8pm.

5. Citizen's Comments

5.01 Notice

Members of the community may comment on any matter related to the meeting's approved agenda. The Board President may request a brief description of the topic the speaker plans to address. 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.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 BOE Committees

Curriculum & Instruction - 10/23

- The committee had a preliminary discussion regarding spring 2019 3-8 ELA and Math Assessment data.
- Further insights and observations will be shared as part of building level presentations to the BOE over the next several months.
- The results are consistent with prior year performance.
- Not tested/opt out numbers are consistent as well.
- Some preliminary conversations are taking place regarding a possible "pilot" of a new math program at Springhurst that would involve problem based learning. These are very early discussions.
 - This program would have a natural progression from Singapore Math.

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Special Education - 10/28

- The committee reviewed the recommendations on tonight's agenda. All questions were answered.
- The committee also reviewed the Special Ed numbers for the school year.

7. Board Actions

7.01 Bond Proposition

Mr. Rosenberg moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, at the Special District Meeting duly called and held on October 22, 2019, in the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District"), the qualified voters present and voting approved a Bond Proposition authorizing the construction of improvements to District buildings and/or sites, at the estimated cost of \$19,977,378 and the expenditure of \$1,700,000 from the District's "District-wide Capital Improvements Reserve Fund"; and such qualified voters then present and voting further authorized the Board of Education to levy and collect a tax to be collected in annual installments to pay the principal of and interest on the \$18,277,378 serial bonds authorized to be issued; Now, therefore,

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DOBBS FERRY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Education) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, in the County of Westchester, New York, is hereby authorized to construct improvements to District buildings and/or sites (the "Project") substantially as described in a Plan developed by the District, including (as and where necessary): improvements to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; roof replacement; auditorium and media center improvements; security vestibule construction; and site, softball and sidewalk improvements; the foregoing to include all furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, and ancillary and related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith. The estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$19,977,378 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor, including the expenditure of \$1,700,000 from the District's "District-wide Capital Improvements Reserve Fund" (the "Reserve Fund") to pay for a portion of the cost of the Project, such expenditure being hereby approved and authorized. The plan of finance includes the expenditure of said Reserve Fund moneys, and the issuance of \$18,277,378 serial bonds of the District to finance the balance of said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Serial bonds of the District in the amount of \$18,277,378 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law") to finance a portion of said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- a. The period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which serial bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 97 of the Law, is thirty (30) years.
- b. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation of rate or amount. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be

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made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Education relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of all bonds herein and heretofore authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- a. such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or
- b. the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary hereof, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- c. such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in "The Journal News" and "The Rivertowns Enterprise," two newspapers each having a general circulation within the District and hereby designated the official newspapers of said District for such publication.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.02 Letters of Agreement

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board accept the following proposals for the upcoming Capital Project and authorize the Superintendent to sign for the District:

- Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers
- Calgi Construction Company, Inc.
- Theatre Projects
- Bolton Land Surveying, PC

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.03 Budget Transfer

Mr. Rosenberg moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve the following budget transfer to realign special education tuitions to the correct code:

Account	Decrease	Increase
A 2250-470-02-0000 Spec Ed-Tuition 6-8	\$140,000	
A 2250-470-03-0000 Spec Ed-Tuition 9-12		\$140,000

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.04 CSE/CPSE

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, to approve the following:

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WHEREAS the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education had issued to the Board by written confidential report dated October 28, 2019 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 October 28, 2019.

Vote: 4 - ayes - 0 nays – 1 Abstention – Matt Rosenberg

7.05 Personnel

Mr. Rosenberg moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve the civil service and staff personnel recommendations.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.06 District Goals

Mr. Rosenberg moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board adopt the proposed 2019-2020 Dobbs Ferry District Goals.

Dobbs Ferry District Goals 2019-2020

Teaching and Learning

Provide a high-quality instructional program that ensures opportunities for success for all students

Human Resources

Recruit, retain, develop and support a high-quality, diverse staff

Finance and Funding

Provide strong, stable and prudent fiscal management that seeks out efficiencies and maximizes resources

Buildings and Grounds

Ensure that the District facilities support a high-quality, 21st Century teaching and learning environment

Culture and Climate

Explore new strategies to enhance Social and Emotional Learning opportunities and the culture and climate of our schools

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.07 Policy Revision - First & Second Reading

Mr. Rosenberg moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board forego a second reading and adopt the following policy:

- 6645 - Capital Assets Accounting

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Rosenberg moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board adopt the following policy:

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- 5420 - Student Health Services

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

8. Acknowledgements

8.01 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:
Warrant No. 16 and 19 Multi.

9. Citizen's Comments

9.01 Notice

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None.

10. Old Business

NYSSBA Convention

Tracy Baron and Rita Kennedy attended the Convention in Rochester, NY last week

- Discussion included:
 - NYSSBA's suggestion to add a Policy Reading/Revision category on all Board Agendas
 - The outcome of the results of the voting on the NYSSBA Proposed Bylaw Amendments & Resolutions
 - The superintendent/BOE evaluation tool being offered by NYSSBA to replace the current Survey Monkey process
 - A link will be shared for further information regarding the tool

11. New Business

12. Upcoming Meetings

12.01 Calendar

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

- Work Session – Social & Emotional Learning

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

13. Adjournment

At 8:04 PM, Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays



District Clerk