



**Tuesday, November 27, 2018
Work Session
MS/HS Media Center, 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Meeting Opening 7:06 p.m.

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

Mr. Jonathan Greengrass and Mr. Louis Schwartz were not in attendance.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept the November 27th Agenda.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

3. Correspondence

3.01. Parent Correspondence

The Board acknowledged correspondence from a parent regarding a per diem appointment.

4. Announcements

SPRING Community Partners

- Annual Square Dance will be held on Friday, November 30th at 7:00 PM at Springhurst
- Volunteers are still needed

Two School Messenger K-12s were sent out this afternoon about the incident that occurred on the Aqueduct north of Walnut Street. The perpetrator was seen heading towards Mercy College. Our school was not in session; and there was no public threat which is why we didn't go into lockdown. We were in contact with the Dobbs Ferry Police throughout this investigation. The Dobbs Ferry Police have will maintain a presence outside of the MS/HS campus throughout the evening.

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.

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6. Board Actions

6.01 Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation Grants

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept the following grants from the Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation totaling \$9,129.18:

Name of Grant	Teacher	School	Amount
Mindfulness	Julia Drake	Springhurst	\$5,195.18
License for Learning Ally	Lauren Bookin	Springhurst	\$1,099.00
Yoga Mindfulness	Patricia Zarro	Springhurst	\$2,835.00
			\$9,129.18

The Board thanked the Foundation for their continuous funding and enriching of our curriculum.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

*Please visit the website for the video of the meeting under the News & Views tab
TV Programming & Video for the complete discussion*

7. Work Session Topic

7.01 Dress Code

As part of this discussion, the following resources were suggested for reading prior to the work session:

<http://neatoday.org/2018/07/24/when-school-dress-codes-discriminate/>
<https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2018/09/05/do-school-dress-codes-discriminate-against-girls.html>
<https://www.vox.com/the-goods/2018/9/13/17847542/students-waging-war-sexist-racist-school-dress-codes>
<https://www.foxnews.com/lifestyle/california-school-districts-less-sexist-dress-code-draws-mixed-reviews>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/14/opinion/the-battle-over-dress-codes.html>
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/allthemoms/2018/08/21/san-francisco-bay-area-schools-no-shame-dress-code-allows-tube-tops-and-torn-jeans/1052718002/>

The meeting was attended by administrators, Board members, community members/parents and students.

Highlights:

- Dress Code has always been a topic of discussion since 1997 all over the country
- DFSD is not the only school researching their dress code
- This work session is for discussion not to decide what the dress code will be
- This session will inform some of the issues with the Dress Code
- Questions that framed the discussion:
 - Why are we talking about the dress code now?
 - Is it reasonable to expect administrators/teachers to enforce a dress code in 2018?
 - Are there necessary revisions to our current dress code?
 - Why do we need a dress code? What are the goals/expectations?
 - Is there a measurable educational benefit?
 - Has there been student input?
- Teachers do not make their own individual rules

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Next Steps:

- Discussion seems to be in favor towards the dress code needing some revisions
- Security will be discussed further
- Administrators and students will work on revisions and guidelines
- These revisions will be shared with the community
- If possible maybe it can be piloted in the spring
- A Public Hearing is conducted for the Code of Conduct if it is revised

Dr. Brady thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting and their input.

8. Citizen's Comments

8.01 Notice

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9. Old Business

PTSA Board Member information session

- The PTSA will review the agenda from a few years ago and maybe elaborate on some topics. The Executive Committee will present a few dates prior to February.

10. New Business

WPSBA Events

Board of Directors Meeting -Nov. 29, 2018 - 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Legislative Advocacy Meeting: LAC Priorities - Nov. 29, 2018 - 7:45 PM - 9:15 PM

Bridges to Success - Dec. 10, 2018 -7:15 PM - 9:30 PM

11. Upcoming Meetings

11.01 Calendar

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

- School Schedule

Executive Session

At 8:58 PM, Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board recesses into Executive Session for the following purpose: to discuss the possible terms of a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Dobbs Ferry United Teachers union.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

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

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Reiser left the meeting.

At 9:27 PM, Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, to move back to the Public Meeting.

Vote: 4 ayes - 0 nays

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12. Adjournment

At 9:28 PM, Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 4 - ayes - 0 nays

13. Approved Minutes

13.01 Approved Minutes – October 23, 2018



District Clerk