



**Tuesday, September 10, 2019
Business Meeting
MS/HS Media Center, 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Regular Meeting Opening 7:02 p.m.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Roll Call

Ms. Shannon Johnson, President; Ms. Rita Kennedy, Vice President; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Mr. Louis Schwartz; Ms. Shannon Stringer; 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..

Ms. Tracy Baron was not in attendance.

2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Rosenberg seconded, that the Board accept the September 10th Agenda.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

2.04 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Stringer moved, and Mr. Rosenberg seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the August 21, 2019 meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

3. Announcements

3.01 Special Bond Vote

On June 11, 2019, the Dobbs Ferry Board of Education voted to construct improvements to District buildings and/or sites.

Voting will take place on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, during the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM in the HS Gymnasium for all qualified voters.

3.02 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 Thursday, October 10, 2019 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 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 22, 2019.

3.03 Absentee Ballot Applications

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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 15, 2019, or delivered in person no later than 5:00 PM on October 22, 2019.

PTSA

- Pumpkin Fair – 10/26 – 10:00am – 4:00pm - Springhurst
- New Family Social – 9/24 – 7:00pm – The Rare Bit in Dobbs Ferry

4. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brady recognized our Board Vice President, Rita Kennedy for completing 75 points in Leadership Development Training from the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA).

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Superintendent Conference Day

Matt Kay - Not Light But Fire - 80 staff ordered the book. Matt was very well received and spoke about the kinds of messages being modeled for kids about how to engage in dialogue about controversial issues. His book gives lots of practical strategies for teachers to consider.

We have also formed a small staff Equity Group that will meet monthly to discuss ideas and help guide equity work in the District with the idea of expanding this group to other staff and students. We had our first meeting today.

Staff Book Read

85 staff signed up to read Born A Crime by Trevor Noah. Book talks are scheduled for late October, November and December.

BOE Community Opportunities for Bond Vote Information

- All school BTS Nights
- Lisa will visit with the Dobbs Ferry Senior Citizens on September 17th for lunch
- MS/HS Community Forum - Wednesday 10/2 at 7 p.m.
- Ferry Festa - Saturday 10/5 - 1 to 8 p.m. across from Village Hall
- Springhurst Community Forum - Wednesday 10/8 at 8:40 a.m.
- Springhurst Walk to School Day - Wednesday 10/16 at 8:40 a.m.

Crossing Guard/Traffic Patrol Breakfast

The District hosted a breakfast on Wednesday, September 4th for the crossing guards and officers who regularly provide school crossing support. Police Chief Rick Guevara and Mayor Bob McLoughlin attended to thank everyone.

Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held this year on Thursday, November 21 at 11:45 a.m. in the Commons

Tour of the Buildings held on 9/3 went well. Thank you to Ron Clamser, Dave Robertin and his staff and Terance Huyter and his staff for all their work in getting the buildings ready.

Springhurst

Our numbers have grown significantly - we saw an unprecedented amount of summer registrations (Apx. 40.) and have the largest enrollment since I have been principal.

As of 9/9/19 TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 719

KINDERGARTEN:	139 + 1 pending (class size range 18-21)
FIRST GRADE:	113 + 0 pending (class size range 18-20)
SECOND GRADE:	97 + 0 pending (class size range 19-20)

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THIRD GRADE:	114 + 0 pending (all classes are 23 except for one - 22)
FOURTH GRADE:	124 + 1 pending (class size range 20-21)
FIFTH GRADE:	121 + 0 pending (class size range 19-21)
SPECIAL CLASSES	11

For an update of potential growth in the District's student population, we will be working with the demographer who prepared the study four years ago.

Springhurst hit the ground running with smart sorting of lunchroom waste from day 1.

The newly painted hallways have been well-received and are helping everyone navigate the building more easily.

The New Parent Breakfast on Friday, September 6th was an overwhelming success and extremely well attended. Thank you to the PTSA for the generous help in sponsoring the breakfast which took place in our outdoor classroom. Parents were able to see our composting efforts first-hand as we strive toward reaching our goal of being a Zero Waste school (ex. Parents were treated to home-baked goods served on platters with compostable plates/utensils/cups etc.)

Professional Learning Groups start this Wednesday. These are groups facilitated by staff member volunteers that will take place during select Faculty Meeting Times. There are 11 groups open to all staff (teachers and teaching assistants). Here are the titles:

Teaching With Poverty in Mind	(Judy Sanseverino)
Special Education- Breaking Misconceptions	(Melinda Canary - formerly Melinda Burke)
Making Classroom/Behavior Management Functional and Fun.	(Emily Mandel)
Brain Based Learning	(Eileen Berasi)
Differentiation...Through Innovative Eyes	(Sheri Aronowitz)
Personalized Learning (Google Suite)	(Cathy O'Rourke)
Supporting Struggling Students	(Lauren Dwyer)
Mindfulness for Adults	(Laura Metrano)
Character Education	(Kristen Bashark)
Content Area Literacy	(Michelle Kaczmarek)
Mindsets to Motivate Learners (All Subjects)	(Josh Rosen)

SPRINGHURST BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS:

Wed. 9/18 (Grades K-2)

Wed. 9/25 (Grades 3-5) **We will host a pre-BTSN information session for 4th grade Families: 4th Gr. Chromebook Night 9/25 @ 5:30. All 4th gr. Parents/Guardians are invited to attend. Terance & Amber will lead this session. This is the launch of the district 1:1 program. More info will be sent to 4th gr. families.

Middle School

The first days of the new school year were calm and productive. Our seventh and eighth graders hit the ground running and quickly got into school mode. Our new sixth graders transitioned smoothly and were all smiles.

After school clubs offerings have been shared and students will be able to sign up at the end of this month.

Thursday, September 19th, is the MS back to school night. Parents will begin the evening in the auditorium at 5:45. The class schedule is 6:10-8:00

High School

High School Back to School Night is this Thursday, September 12th and starts at 6:30 in the Auditorium.

It was a smooth transition for our incoming 9th graders. We had a parent orientation on the evening of August 26th and a 9th grade student orientation on the morning of the 27th. Students received their new Chromebooks, got locker assignments, met teachers, went on tours, and were ready to go for the first day of school.

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A full summer of planning ensured a smooth opening all around. Very few schedule changes were requested and students were able to start school in a positive way. The building looks great and our first week of school has been positive all around.

Co-Curricular Clubs have been posted and we will have our co-curricular club fair for students on Wednesday, September 18 right after school.

The high school will have a menu-based professional development day on October 25th.

Our new Life Skills course is off and running to a great start.

As reported by Mr. Douglas Berry, the Board was refocused on our efforts on Social & Emotional Learning (SEL) that Andrew Klaich presented to the Board last school year. To continue with that effort, now at the building level, SEL surveys will be administered to grades 3 – 12. It will be on-line, in the classrooms and will take 20 – 25 minutes. Information will be sent to parents.

The K-12 teacher team will be working with the Compact committees using the survey data as baseline for planning specific efforts on Social and Emotional Learning with focus on the core competencies self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision making.

5. Correspondence

5.01 Parent Correspondence

The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence regarding bus stop relocation.

6. Citizen's Comments

6.01 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.

7. Committee Reports

School & Community Relations - 8/21

The Committee discussed the upcoming communications needed for the Bond Vote on October 22.

1. The Board and Dr. Brady will have a table at the Back to School Nights
 - a. HS 9/12
 - b. MS 9/19
 - c. SH 9/18
 - d. SH 9/25
2. Tetra Tech is working on display boards
3. A dedicated page on the District website with lots of info, and something short on the front page of the district website as well as each school website (that links to the more detailed page).
4. A K-12 Alert was sent
5. Lisa reviewed with staff at Superintendent Conference Day
6. Senior Citizens – 9/17

Special Education - 9/3

Most items discussed are confidential. The committee reviewed a settlement arrangement, a resolution which may appear on the September 24th agenda.

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Policy - 9/3

The Committee met to review the Building-Level Safety, Security & Emergency Management Plans. A number of questions and clarifications were provided. The plans are on tonight's agenda for approval by the full BOE. Building-Level Plans are confidential documents and must remain so for security purposes. These are available in BoardDocs Executive Content for a limited time and will be removed following the BOE meeting.

8. Board Actions

8.01 Adoption of Building-level Safety Plans

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Rosenberg seconded, that the Board adopt both the MS/HS and Springhurst Safety & Emergency Management Plans.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9. Executive Session

9.01

At 7:31 PM, Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Rosenberg seconded, that the Board recess into Executive Session for the following purpose to discuss a student settlement and release agreement and the employment history of a particular person.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

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

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

At 7:54 PM, Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, to move back to the Public Meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

10. Board Actions

10.01 Personnel

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

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

11. Acknowledgements

11.01 Extra Classroom Activity Fund

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Extra Classroom Activity Fund Report for the Middle and High Schools for July 1, 2018 - July 30, 2019.

11.02 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:
Warrant No. 8 & 10 Multi.

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None.

13. Old Business

None.

14. New Business

- Rita Kennedy and Tracy Baron will be attending the NYSSBA Convention in October.
- Ms. Baron will be the Board's Voting Delegate.

15. Upcoming Meetings

15.01 Calendar

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

- 6:30 PM - Tenure & New Teacher Reception

Thursday, September 26, 2019 - 5:00 PM – Board Room

- Board Retreat

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

- Public Hearing - District-Wide Safety & Emergency Management Plan
- Independent Auditor Report

- Thank you to the PTSA for hosting the Tenure & New Teacher
- The Board has requested they receive the Audit Report prior to the meeting.

16. Adjournment

At 8:06 PM, Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Rosenberg seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

17. Approved Minutes

17.01 Approved Minutes – July 9, 2019 Meeting



District Clerk