



**Tuesday, September 6, 2016
Regular Board Meeting
MS/HS Library, 7:00 PM**

1. Tour of Buildings - 4:00 PM

2. Call to Order

3. Regular Meeting Opening 7:03 p.m.

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

Ms. Baron welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the school year.

The Board toured all three school buildings prior to the meeting. A lot of great work was accomplished over the summer.

3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

3.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board move to accept the September 6th Agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

3.03 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board move to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2016 meeting.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays – 2 abstentions – Mr. Greengrass and Ms. Kennedy

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board move to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2016 meeting.

Vote: 4 - ayes - 0 nays – 3 abstentions – Mr. Reiser, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Kennedy

4. Announcements

None.

5. Superintendent's Report

- Overall, opening Day at all three schools was wonderful
 - Springhurst had a few tears by Kindergarten parents; a few bus problems; and recess was rearranged to accommodate the work on the upper field
 - The Middle School has a few locker problems but otherwise it went smoothly
 - The High School opening went smoothly

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- At both the MS and HS the earlier orientation meetings helped with a smooth transition
- The MS and HS also held welcome back meetings for the remainder of the grades during the day
- Photos of all three schools are posted on the District Facebook page
- New website has received wonderful reviews. Thanks to all for their input
 - Again thanks to Diane Newell and everyone involved in creating the new site

6. Committee Reports

Personnel Sub-Committee - 8/30

Reviewed the Personnel items for approval tonight which included:

- Ms. Drake has extended her leave until 11/28
- Various staff changes and hires
- An additional Kindergarten teacher hired for the newly added class to accommodate additional Kindergarten students

Special Education Sub-Committee - 8/30

- Reviewed the CSE recommendations
- New 8-1-3 classes staffed
 - 2 at Springhurst; 1 at the MS
- 8 new Special Education students entered school this year

Construction Update - Ms. Fassler-Wallach

- MS/HS turf field completed over the weekend
 - It was inspected and teams were practicing on it this afternoon
- HS roof 90% completed – the remaining work will be completed over the next month or so during the weekends
- Boilers at Springhurst were dismantled and moved, asbestos was abated weeks ago
 - New boilers will be installed over the next few weeks
- Work on the tennis courts at Springhurst is a month ahead of schedule
 - Work should be completed by the end of September
- Remaining work will be completed next summer
 - Bids will go out shortly
 - So far, project on budget
 - Erik Wilson thinks the bids will be more favorable now that the summer rush for work is over

7. Correspondence

The Board acknowledged a letter from Paul Feiner regarding a comprehensive plan that the Greenburgh Town Board will vote on in late September or October regarding future land use and development planning in our school district.

Ms. Lucasey will contact Mr. Feiner for further details.

8. Citizen's Comments

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None.

9. Reports to the Board

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None.

10. Board Actions

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve Items 10.01, 10.02, 10.03 and 10.05 as a consent agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board approve Items 10.01, 10.02, 10.03 and 10.05.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

10.01 Budget Increase

The Board consented to the additional amount of the judgment and approved the following additional budget increase to enable the District to pay the tax certiorari refund to Rosalee Figliozzi. The total payment amount will be \$7,134.84 when combined with the amount approved on August 4, 2016.

Reserve/Revenue Account	Amount	Budget Account to Increase	Amount
A864/A5997.864	\$5,138.05	A1930.434.99.8002	\$5,138.05
Reserve for Tax Certiorari		Certiorari	
Total	\$5,138.05	Total	\$5,138.05

10.02 Change Order

The Board approved the following change order:

Project Number	Change Order Number	Contractor	Amount	Description
66040303001017	Site - 003	Applied Landscape Technologies, Inc.	\$20,000.00	To add Boys & Girls Lacrosse lines to the MS/HS turf field

10.03 Disposition of Equipment

The Board approved the disposal of the equipment on the attached list from the MS/HS TV Studio.

10.04 Varsity Cross Country Overnight Trip

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board approve a Varsity Cross Country overnight trip on September 23rd and 24th to Binghamton Pre-state cross country invitational.

This trip was discussed at the last meeting of the Student Athletics and Activities Committee meeting last June.

If a student can't afford the trip provisions are in place (fund raising and additional parent contribution), however, the coach is confident that this will not be an issue.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

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10.05 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 August 29, 2016 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 August 29, 2016.

10.06 Personnel

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve the Civil Service and staff personnel recommendations.

- Springhurst has added another Kindergarten class
 - This was part of the contingent budget if it was deemed necessary
- There were many staff additions and movement this summer
 - Thank you to Ms. Saperstein and the Business Office for their work in accomplishing all the changes

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

11. Acknowledgements

11.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board will acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for June 2016.

11.02 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:
Warrant No. 6, 8, and 9 Multi.

12. Citizen's Comments

12.01 Notice

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Ms. Mary McNamara, President of the PTSA, encourages everyone to go to DeCicco's and have their shopping card linked to the Dobbs Ferry School, since the store will no longer be collecting actual printed receipts. This will omit manual counting for DeCicco's and the PTSA. DeCicco's donated \$63,000 to school districts last year.

13. Old Business

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None.

14. New Business

Ms. Baron reminded the Board members to sign up on the Events Calendar for the various Back to School Nights and future events.

Ms. Johnson will attend the High School session on September 14th.

There is no need for a Board information table at this year's back to school nights.

15. Upcoming Meetings

15.01 Calendar

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 – 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

- Tenure & New Staff Introduction

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 – 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

- Work Session
 - Demographic Study
 - School Start Presentation

Executive Session

At 7:41 PM, Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, to convene to Executive Session for the following purpose: to discuss pending litigation.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

At 7:42 PM, Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, to appoint Ms. Lucasey as Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

At 7:56 PM, Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, to move back to the Regular Meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

16. Adjournment

At 7:56 PM, Ms. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

17. Approved Minutes

17.01 Approved Minutes - July 1, 2016



District Clerk