



**Thursday, August 27, 2015
Business Board Meeting
Board Room, 7:00 PM**

1. Tour of Buildings

1.01 Annual Tour of Buildings - 4:00 PM

The Board conducted a tour of the three school buildings.

In attendance: Mr. Michael Goldman, Mr. Louis Schwartz, Ms. Tracy Baron, Mr. Jonathan Greengrass, Ms. Jean Lucasey, Ms. Shannon Johnson; Dr. Lisa Brady, Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Mr. Douglas Berry, Mr. Paul Avy, Mr. J. Maucieri, Mr. R. DiFiore and Mr. and Mrs. D. Robertin.

2. Call to Order

3. Meeting Opening - 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Goldman called the meeting to order.

In attendance, Mr. Michael Goldman, Board President; Mr. Louis Schwartz, Board Vice President; Ms. Tracy Baron; Mr. Robert Reiser; Mr. Jonathan Greengrass; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Ms. Shannon Johnson; 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.

3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board omit the reading of the pledge.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

3.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board accept the August 27th Agenda.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

3.03 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the July 22, 2015 meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board move Civil Service Personnel Resolution #16 – Director of Facilities II up to this point in the meeting.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

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Ms. Fassler-Wallach introduced David Robertin and explained the selection process.

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Johnson to appoint David Robertin as the new Director of Facilities II.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

The Board congratulated and welcomed David Robertin to the District.

4. Announcements

None.

5. Superintendent's Report

None.

7. Committee Reports

- Facilities, Finance and Curriculum Committee meeting dates and times may be found on the District website
- Special Education Subcommittee will meet on September 2 at 10:00 am
- Personnel Committee will meet on Tuesdays prior to a Board meeting
- Policy Committee will meet on an as needed basis
- Compact Committees will upload their minutes to the website and report out to the Board as part of Principal Building updates

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Citizen's Comments

8.01 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 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.

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded to move New Business up to this point in the meeting.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

10. New Business

10.01 Discussion about Executive Sessions

The Board and Dr. Brady discussed the Executive Session protocols as set forth by the Open Meetings law.

- Executive Sessions should not be predetermined
- Executive Sessions will be held in room 220

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- Dr. Brady will check with David Shaw regarding the wording of the Dobbs Ferry Village Agenda and to request an "Agenda Template"

10.02 Back to School Nights

The Board discussed representation at the Back to School Nights at each school.

- All meetings will begin at 7:00 PM
- Board decided to forego a table
- Board member will give a quick introduction
- School Community Relations committee will prepare a few bullet points for each BOE representative to use
- September 9 – HS – Jonathan Greengrass or Louis Schwartz
- September 16 – Springhurst 3-5 – Shannon Johnson
- September 17 – MS – Jean Lucasey
- September 21 – Springhurst K-2 – Michael Goldman

- September 11 – 8:45 AM – New Parent Breakfast

9. Board Actions

9.01 APPR Implementation Certification

Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District hereby ratifies the execution by the Board President and Superintendent of Schools of the Implementation Certification Form for its Annual Professional Performance Review for classroom teachers and building principals covered pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

Mr. Berry summarized the revised APPR process.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.02 School Lunch Budget 2015-2016

Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board adopt the School Lunch Budget for the 2015-2016 School Year.

2015-2016 Budgeted Revenues:	\$712,893
2015-2016 Budgeted Expenditures:	\$712,893

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board approve Items 9.03, 9.04, 9.05, 9.06, 9.07 and 9.08 as a consent agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board approve 9.03, 9.04, 9.05, 9.06, 9.07 and 9.08.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.03 Budget Increase - Computer Technology

The Board approved the following budget increase to prepare for additional revenue from the Chromebook insurance plan and additional expenditures for the repair and replacement of the devices:

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Reserve Account to Increase	Amount	Expenditure Account to Increase	Amount
A1335.100	\$5,000.00	A2630.450.00.5500	\$5,000.00
Chromebook Ins. Fees		Computer Tech Supplies	
Total	\$5,000.00	Total	\$5,000.00

9.04 2015-2016 Use of Reserves

The Board approved the following budget increase to utilize the reserves as proposed in the 2015-2016 budget:

Reserve/Revenue Account	Budget Code to Increase	Amount to Increase
A884/A5997.884		
Reserve for Debt Service	A9711.600.99.0000	\$286,000.00
A815/A5997.815		
Reserve for Unemployment	A9050.850.99.0000	\$ 30,000.00
A867/A5997.827		
Reserve for Retirement Contribution	A9010.810.99.0000	\$186,000.00

9.05 Change Orders

The Board approved and authorized the Board President to sign the following change orders to Rok-Build Construction, Inc. for the Middle/High School Commons. At the July 1, 2015 meeting the Board of Education authorized the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to approve change orders prior to obtaining Board approval.

Number	Description	Amount
1	Install motorized screen in soffit	\$7,200.00
2	Repair three corridor doors	\$6,200.00
3	Grind out existing joints and re-grout with epoxy grout in entire kitchen and server area	\$36,000.00
4	New door as requested by Fire Marshal	up to \$22,200.00

9.06 Disposition of Band Room Equipment

The Board approved the disposal of the following Springhurst Band Room equipment:

2 Pianos from the 1970's
30 assorted drums from the 1960's and 1970's

9.07 CSE, CPSE & 504 Committee Staff Members

The Board approved the following staff membership for the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-school Education for 2015-2016:

Erin Vredenburgh
Marilyn Marron
Linda Flanagan

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Lauren Dwyer
Hallie Malbin
June Battersby
Lisa Honeck

9.08 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 20, 2015 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 20, 2015.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

Executive Session

At 7.35 PM, Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, to convene to Executive Session for the following purposes: Settlement Agreement; Assistant Superintendent's Employment Contract and possible litigation against the School District by a parent.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

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

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

At 8:08 PM, Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, to move back to the Regular Meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

9.09 Settlement Agreement

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board approve the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the terms of the Settlement and Release Agreement concerning Student No. 10009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize the Superintendent of School to execute such Settlement and Release Agreement on behalf of the District.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.10 Employment Agreement

Ms. Baron moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board approve the Employment Agreement with Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations, as presented to the Board. A copy of said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

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Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.11 Personnel

Ms. Johnson moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board approve the administrative, civil service and staff personnel recommendations with the exception of the previously approved #16.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.12 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Reports for June and July 2015.

9.13 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:
Multi Warrant No. 3 and 6.

10. Old Business

None.

11. New Business

The Board will begin discussing their 2015-2016 goals at the September 24th meeting.

The District Clerk will request additional "Essential Evaluation Guides" from NYSSBA.

12. Upcoming Meetings

12.01 Calendar

Thursday, September 10, 2015 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

- 6:30 PM Tenure and New Staff Reception
- 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 2015 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

13. Adjournment

At 8:23 PM, Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

14. Approved Minutes

14.01 Approved Minutes – July 1, 2015



District Clerk