



Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Regular Board Meeting
MS/HS Media Center, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Meeting Opening 7:03 p.m.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Roll Call

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

Mr. Jonathan Greengrass, Vice President was not in attendance.

2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept the September 4th Agenda.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

2.04 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting.

Vote: 4 - ayes - 0 nays – 2 abstentions – Mr. Reiser and Ms. Johnson

3. Announcements

A quorum of the Board toured all three buildings. They viewed all the repairs and updates that were completed. Thank you to the Facilities Director and team for their excellent work.

4. Superintendent's Report

- All three schools had a smooth opening and a wonderful first day.
- Students were excited to be back.
- It was hot today and will be for this rest of the week
 - Springhurst and the Middle School has air-conditioning
 - High School is warm in some areas and classrooms
 - Portable a/c's were installed in a few classrooms on the 2nd floor
- Parents should be aware of the Speed Zone on Broadway between McClelland and Rochambeau Avenues. Law enforcement will be out to reinforce the 20 MPH speed limit during school hours.
- Thank you to the Safe Routes to School Committee, Police Department, and Village for working so closely with the DOT in getting this done prior to the opening of school.
 - Other long term road solutions will be considered sometime in the future

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- Dr. Brady thanked the following staff for all the work completed during the summer and for the first day of school:
 - Dave Robertin and the facilities staff
 - Terance Huyter and the technology staff
 - Business Office staff
 - Elizabeth Saperstein and Loretta Tularzko for all the new staff hiring and associated tasks to rollover to a new school year
- The District has switched from K-12 Alerts to School Messenger.
 - If anyone did not receive a call or an email, please contact the District.
 - Reason for switching:
 - This software is more intuitive
 - Metrics are available to track outgoing calls and emails, as well as, how many recipients were reached
- Dr. Brady explained that this was her thirty-third school opening and she is still as excited as her first time.

5. Committee Reports

5.01 Committee Reports

SE Subcommittee – 8/27

- The Committee reviewed the recommendations on tonight's agenda. All questions were answered and there are no concerns.
- SE enrollment numbers will be reviewed next month.
- The committee reviewed the numbers of all the integrated co-teaching staff for all grades.

6. Correspondence

6.01 Letter from Paul Feiner

The Board acknowledged a letter regarding "Charitable Contributions".

6.02 Letter from Southern Westchester BOCES

The Board acknowledged a letter regarding a board member vacancy.

The Board would like to know if this position is temporary until the next election.

7. Citizen's Comments

7.01 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.

The meeting can also be viewed on TV DFTV - Channel 77 & 47 or visit the website for the video of the meeting

None.

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8. Board Actions

8.01 Budget Transfer

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve the following budget transfers to cover the cost of teacher training center and copier maintenance originally budgeted under BOCES:

Account	Decrease	Increase
A 2070-490-04-0000 Staff Dev BOCES	\$15,000	
A 2070-402-04-0000 Staff Dev Teacher Center		\$15,000
A 2630-490-00-5500 Computer Tech BOCES	\$45,000	
A 2110-403-00-0000 Tch Reg-Copier		\$45,000

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

8.02 Settlement of a Tax Certiorari Proceeding

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board authorize its attorneys, Shaw Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute a Consent Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Joseph Cuneo v. Town of Greenburgh and Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District;

And it is Further Resolved, that the Board authorize the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the Consent Judgment.

After some discussion and the request for further information on the how the newly assessed value was determined, the motion did not carry.

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board table the resolution until the next Board meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

8.03 CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board authorize and direct 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 23, 2018 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 23, 2018.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

8.04 Personnel

Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve the Civil Service and staff personnel recommendations.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

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9. Acknowledgements

9.01 Warrant

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrant:
Warrant No. 7 Multi.

10. Citizen's Comments

10.01 Notice

Members of the community may comment on any matter related to district business. 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.

11. Old Business

Please fill out the Board Self Evaluation survey prior to the Board Retreat on 9/15.

12. New Business

Board members please volunteer for your choice of Board Tasks and consider which School events you will attend. Both Google docs were shared with the Board.

13. Upcoming Meetings

13.01 Calendar

Saturday, September 15, 2018 - 9:00 AM – Board Room

- Board Retreat

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 - 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

- Tenure & New Teacher - Reception - 6:30 PM
- Tenure & New Staff Introduction
- Work Session

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 - 7:00 PM –MS/HS Library

- Audit Committee – 6:00 PM

14. Adjournment

At 7:40 PM, and Ms. Johnson moved, Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

15. Approved Minutes

15.01 Approved Minutes – July 2, 2018



Loretta Tularzko
District Clerk