



**Tuesday, September 20, 2016
Work Session Meeting
MS/HS Library, 7:00 PM**

1. Reception - 6:30 PM

1.01 Reception

A reception was hosted by the PTSA for the Tenure Teachers and New Staff in the MS/HS Library.

2. Call to Order

3. Regular Meeting Opening 7:06 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; Mr. Douglas Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations was not in attendance.

3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

3.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board move to accept the September 20th Agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

3.03 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board move to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

4. 2016-2017 School Year

Please view the entire meeting on TV DFTV - Channel 75 & 47 for full details or visit the website for the

Ms. Baron welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that the Annual Tenure and New Staff Introduction meeting is the Board's favorite event of the school year other than graduation.

4.01 New Tenure Staff

Dr. Brady congratulated the tenure teachers and said how proud she is of them. The District's process for tenure includes feedback and support from the administration, mentors and colleagues.

Each candidate was introduced with a description of their qualifications, experience and their classroom performance.

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Mr. John Falino, High School Principal, introduced the following:

Dominique Dolhon
Michelle Irvine
Megan Sardinia

Ms. Lisa Giacotti-Doty, Acting Springhurst School Principal, introduced the following:

Christine Cole
Cristina Moccia
Currier Todd

Ms. Erin Vredenburg, Director of Special Education, introduced the following:

Michael Pagano

4.02 Introduction of New Staff

Ms. Baron thanked the PTSA for everything they do and the beautiful reception tonight.

Ms. Baron and Dr. Brady welcomed the new teachers and explained that we have a great team. They encouraged new teachers to reach out for support from their colleagues and administrators.

Mr. Falino, Mr. Mussolini and Ms. Giacotti-Doty introduced each new staff member from their respective schools with a brief bio of each.

The Board, Administration and audience welcomed the new staff.

High School

Marisa Blasone
Mallory Cairo
Keith Galante
Caroline Matthew

Middle School

Kelly Foley

Springhurst

Melinda Burke - Special Education
Meagan O'Toole - Kindergarten Teacher
Rosann Russo - ENL Teacher
Sharis Ruiz - Special Education

4.03 Opening Day Reports

Ms. Lisa Giacotti-Doty, Springhurst Principal; Mr. Patrick Mussolini, Middle School Principal; and Mr. John Falino, High School Principal reported on the first day of the 2016-2017 school year.

All three schools had a great opening day. Each principal gave a quick account of the upcoming school year and thanked all the people involved in helping achieve a successful opening – clerical staff, facilities staff, technology and the teachers.

The enrollment on the first day of school is as follows:

High School 451 — two more than last year

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Middle School 344 -- 7% are new students to the Middle School
Springhurst 698 -- 50 new students registered so far this school year

High School - National Merit Scholarship Competition – 9 students - 7 commended and two finalists; NYS Rewards School, Blue Star school for the 4th year and No Place for Hate for the second year.

Middle School - had a fabulous opening with a great transition of the 6th grade students.

Springhurst – Held a Kindergarten visitation day in August to help our new kindergarten students have an easy transition to school. All staff welcomed the students as they entered the building and helped them find their classroom and made them feel comfortable.

Ms. Doty thanked Ms. Laporte for all her help and support.

5. Citizen's Comments

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.

6. Announcements

- Springhurst KICS registration opened today. Five of 8 classes are full; 2 classes are half full, so please register soon
- Next Monday, 9/26 at 7:00 PM, there will be an informational meeting for 10th grade parents regarding the new Personal Project

7. Superintendent's Report

- Middle School – Back to School Night on 9/29 at 6:45 PM
- Springhurst - Back to School Night - grades K-2 on 9/22 at 7:00 PM
- NYSSPRA has recognized:
 - Dobbs Ferry with an Award for Excellence for our “We are Dobbs” video – thank you to Kevin Ridley
 - An Honor Award for the Kindergarten Video – thank you again to Kevin Ridley & Sheri Aronowitz
- Ms. Baron and Dr. Brady will be attending the NYSSBA Convention at the Buffalo Convention Center and will present – “Wake Up to Later School Start Times”
- On Saturday, the class of 1966 will hold their High School Reunion – Dr. Brady will give them a little tour and answer any questions. Congratulations to the Class of 1966 on their reunion weekend!
- Congratulations to our Football team who won last Saturday! They will play Millbrook here at Gould Park this coming Saturday.

8. Board Actions

8.01 Change Order

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve and authorize the Board President to sign the following change order:

Project Number	Change Order Number	Contractor	Amount	Description

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66040303004017	Site - 005	Con-Tech Construction Technology, Inc.	\$86,894.42	Underground oil storage tank removal
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Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

8.02 Budget Transfer - Legal Fees

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve the following budget transfer to pay the legal fees for 2013 capital projects.

Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A9060.860.00.0000	\$75,000.00	A1420.400.00.8801	\$75,000.00
Medical Ins. - Premiums		Legal - Capital Projects	
Total	\$75,000.00	Total	\$75,000.00

The Board asked if Ms. Fassler-Wallach can explain if these fees were unanticipated.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

8.03 Grounds & Landscape Maintenance Services

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board award the following contract:

Bid Name/Number	Vendor Name	Annual Maintenance	Fall Clean-up	Spring Clean-up	Mark-Up %	Vendor to Be Awarded
Grounds & Landscape Maintenance Services Bid #1617-05	Mid-Westchester Lawn Services Inc.	\$34,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	15%	Mid-Westchester Lawn Services Inc.
Grounds & Landscape Maintenance Services Bid #1617-05	Acocella Contracting Inc.	\$81,463.50	\$8,651.50	\$8,651.50	35%	

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

8.04 Budget Increase - DF Touchdown Club

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve the following budget increase to accept a donation from the Dobbs Ferry Touchdown Booster Club to contribute towards Huddle Software.

The Board thanked the Touchdown Club for their donation and support.

Revenue Account to Increase	Amount	Expenditure Account to Increase	Amount
A2705	\$400.00	A2855.490.07.7900	\$400.00
Gifts and Donations		Athletics - BOCES	

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Total	\$400.00	Total	\$400.00
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Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

8.05 Policy Revision - First Reading

The Board conducted a first reading of the following policies. They will be brought back for a second reading at the next Regular meeting.

- 1740 – Relationship with Nonpublic Schools
- 5151 – Homeless Children

8.06 Policy Revision - Second Reading

The Board conducted a second reading of the following policies:

- 1500 – Public Use of School Facilities
- 5220 – School-Sponsored Student Expression

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board adopt policy 1500.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board adopt policy 5220 as amended.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9. Acknowledgements

9.01 Warrant

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrant:
Warrant No. 11 Multi.

10. Upcoming Meetings

10.01 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 (will be presented at a later meeting)

Sunday, October 23, 2016 – 9:00 AM – Board Room - HS

- Board Retreat

Executive Session

At 8:27, PM, Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, to convene to Executive Session to discuss proposed litigation and to receive legal advice from the school district's attorney.

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Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

At 8:30 PM, Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, to appoint Ms. Lucasey as Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

At 9:28 PM, Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, to move back to the Regular Meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

11. Adjournment

At 9:32 PM, Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

12. Approved Minutes

12.01 Approved Minutes – August 4 and 16, 2016 meetings.



District Clerk