



Tuesday, October 23, 2018
Work Session
MS/HS Media Center, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Meeting Opening 7:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Jonathan Greengrass and Mr. Louis Schwartz were not in attendance.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board accept the October 23rd Agenda.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

2.03 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

3. School Board Recognition Week

The Dobbs Ferry School Board was formally acknowledged for their dedication and service to the District.

Dr. Brady thanked the talented and committed and supportive community members who serve on the Board of Education and give up an extraordinary amount of time for Board meetings, committees and special events in the District. Their years in service run from eight years to three years which adds steady stability to our leadership.

Ms. Heffler, DFUT President and Ms. Ream, PTSA President, also acknowledged the Board for their dedication and service to the students, staff and District.

The Board received small gifts of appreciation.

4. Announcements

SPRING Square Dance will be held on Friday, November 30th at 7:00 PM
On Sunday, November 11th at 2:00 PM in the front of the High School, there will be a rededication of the refurbished World War I plaque by the Dobbs Ferry Village.

5. Correspondence

The Board acknowledged two emails regarding the Role of Technology in Education.

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6. Citizen's Comments

6.01 Notice

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None.

7. Committee Reports

7.01 BOE Committees

Facilities - 10/11

- The committee reviewed the new phone system that will be installed by the beginning of the next school year
- The paperwork for substantial completion on both projects was received and submitted to SED by June 30, 2018. The next step is to finish the punch-list items and close the projects. The Final Cost Reports need to be submitted by December 31, 2018 to receive a full aid payment for this year. We are going to file the cost report for MS/HS immediately and get the punch lists cleared up.
- Future Capital Project Planning which included: Scope of Project, Financial / Budget, Timeline and Energy Performance Contract (EPC)
- Our new architect Tetra Tech conducted a comprehensive site visit and building review, and provided the committee with the general observations of the condition of the school facilities. They also discussed possibilities for a future capital project based on district needs. Some of the items included: Installing air-conditioning in the HS auditorium and HS floors 1 and 2, replacing/repairing failing roofs at the MS & Springhurst and various energy and lighting upgrades
- Also discussed was the need to consider the following possible studies: Re-visit enrollment projections, traffic study and moisture scan of the roof and roof structures

Student Athletics & Activities - 10/16

- There has been recent interest among some 5th-grade students to start a Springhurst Newspaper. The District will post for an advisor.
- We currently have a merged team with Ardsley for boys swim and we participate with Ardsley in wrestling and girls swim as "independent" teams. We will also be skiing with Ardsley as an independent team this winter. Several students and parents have expressed a need to form a merged team with girls swim. Andrew has reached out to the Ardsley athletic director and head coach to see if they would be interested in forming a formal merger. The decision will be totally up to Ardsley and the District will honor it.
- The district is currently examining current coaching stipends, trends in athletes per team, allocation of assistant coaches and will make suggestions based on the needs of each individual sport.
- Assignment of Referees for home games - this is done by BOCES. The shortage of officials results in some games being without officials and coaches jumping in to help (in modified sports). This situation is worse in soccer.

School & Community Relations - 10/18

- 20 Years IB Diploma Program Recognition - what should this look like?
- District will be producing a video highlighting DFHS graduates contributions to society as a way of celebrating our 20th year as an IB district. The connection will be made to the district vision/mission and how graduates are "living" it and bringing it to life and the role an IB education had in their life and career path
- HRCE - future planning - The district is looking at options for continuing this program
- Fall e-newsletter - November 1st target will include: Instagram as another social media avenue, Alumni outreach - 20 years IB, MS Musical - Little Mermaid, Springhurst Halloween, Mac Field Day, staff read, and Reading without Walls - Community read with Dobbs Ferry Library and how it might look for a community/school partnership.

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- Apps for the 3 schools - Liz Hausman is going to ask her PR group if other schools/districts are using apps.

8. Board Actions

8.01 Budget Transfer

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board approve the following budget transfer to accommodate a change in out-of-district tuition:

Account	Decrease	Increase
A 2250-470-02-0000 Spec Ed-Tuition 6-8		\$56,500
A 2250-470-03-0000 Spec Ed-Tuition 9-12	\$56,500	

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

8.02 Personnel

Ms. Baron moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board approve the civil service and staff personnel recommendations.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

8.03 Policy Revision - Second Reading

The Board conducted a second reading of policy 6150.

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board adopt Policy 6150 - Budget Transfers.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

9. Acknowledgements

9.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for July and August 2018.

9.02 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:
Warrant No. 18 & 19 Multi.

10. Work Session Topic

10.01 Role of Technology in Schools

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/06/technology/tech-billionaires-education-zuckerberg-facebook-hastings.html?smprod=nytcare-iphone&smid=nytcare-iphone-share>

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/03/technology/silicon-valley-baltimore-schools.html?hpw&rref=technology&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&module=well-region@ion=bottom-well&WT.nav=bottom-well&_r=0

Dr. Brady introduced our instructional coaches Jennifer Cronk and Amber Riley.

She explained that our students have been raised in the age of technology and that schools have changed dramatically over the past 20 years.

Both Jen and Amber gave a brief description of their professional backgrounds.

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They reviewed how technology in schools amplifies student voice.

They explained the following:

1. SAMR model for technology integration includes four parts: Substitution, Augmentation, Modification and Redefinition.

The audience broke into groups for a learning activity and were asked to apply the SAMR model to the tasks they were given.

2. Content - Creation vs. Consumption

Consumption

- i. Passive User
- ii. Ingesting Information
- iii. Manipulating existing constructs

Creation

- i. Active User
- ii. Creator
- iii. Digesting/ Synthesizing Information
- iv. Solving Real World Problems
- v. Lifelong Kindergarten

3. Inclusion and Differentiation

- a. Read & Write for Google Chrome

- i. The toolbar is used as a Universal Design Tool which includes: Pause & Stop Reading; Talk & Type; Collect Highlights; Predictive Text; Play Button get text read to you; Screen Text; Highlight Tools and Voice Notes.

The Board thanked them for the presentation.

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A community member/parent cautioned the District about the use of technology in schools, citing statistics, academics studies/research, and personal experience.

12. Old Business

NYSSBA's 99th Convention will begin on Thursday and run through Saturday. Dr. Brady, Ms. Lucasey, Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Baron will attend.

Anyone interested in attending the WPSBA dinner on November 5, need to register through Loretta by next week.

13. New Business

Dr. Brady will research whether the SAT's may be held on a school day for our students.

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14. Upcoming Meetings

14.01 Calendar

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

- Work Session – Dress Code or School Schedule

15. Adjournment

At 8:42 PM, Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

16. Approved Minutes

16.01 Approved Minutes – September 25, 2018



District Clerk