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

1. Audit Committee

1.01 External Auditor - 6:30 PM

Larry Feldman, from O'Connor Davies, LLP, met with the Audit Committee to review the Annual Audit Report for the 2014-2015 school year.

2. Call to Order

3. Meeting Opening - 7:18 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; 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.

Mr. Jonathan Greengrass was not in attendance.

3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

3.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept the September 24th Agenda.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

4. Committee Reports

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4.01 Committee Reports

- Student Activities & Athletics Committee
 - Proposed upgrades to the turf at Gould Park
 - Girls softball school break trip to Orlando
 - Boys volleyball will be discussed further
 - Finding opponents in Class C may be an issue
 - Would we start with a Varsity or Modified team
 - Homecoming
 - Opposing team forfeited the game due to injuries – there will be a blue and white scrimmage instead
 - Scoreboard dedication will be held at half-time

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- Springhurst construction
- Curriculum Committee
 - Review of the 2014-2015 assessment data
 - Update on the impact of the Middle School instructional initiatives
 - Re-establishing the “ad hoc” advisory committee which will include students, teachers, administrators and parents

Citizen's Comments

A parent of two Springhurst students, who recently moved to Dobbs Ferry, thanked the District for being very accommodating and welcoming to the family.

5. Reports to the Board

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

5.01 External Auditor Report

Larry Feldman from O'Connor Davies, LLP, presented the Annual Audit Report for the 2014-2015 school year.

- Mr. Feldman gave a brief explanation of the District's Financial Statement
- District is in sound financial standing
 - Document will be available on-line

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board move Board Action numbers 6.01 and 6.02 up to this point in the meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

6. Board Actions

6.01 Audit Committee Appointment

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board appoint Jeanne Cronin Ceccolini and Abbie Relkin as Audit Committee Members for the 2015-2016 school year "nunc pro tunc".

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

6.02 Annual Audit Report

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board accept the Independent Auditors Report, performed by O'Connor, Davies, LLP, for the 2014-15 school year.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

5. Reports to the Board (continued)

5.02 Smart Schools Bond Act Technology Plan

Mr. Terance Huyter, Director of Technology, presented the Smart Schools Bond Act Technology Plan including a timeline with deliverables for 2015-2018 and the preliminary Investment Plan 2015.

- Educational Goals
- Highlights of 3 Year Plan for 2015-2016
- Highlights of 3 Year Plan for 2016-2017
- Highlights of 3 Year Plan for 2017-2018
- Smart Schools Bond
 - Preliminary Investment Plan
- Next Steps

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- Technology Update
 - MS/HS/District
 - Springhurst

The District will conduct a Public Hearing on the Technology Plan prior to the approval of the plan
Dr. Brady will ask Diane Newell to send the Board a link and log in information for the Clarity Survey

5.03 APPR Update

Mr. Douglas Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented an APPR Update.

- Where are we?
- 3012-c vs. 3012-d
- What's Negotiable
- Timeline
- Calculating a teacher's overall performance rating under 3012-d
- The New York Evaluation Matrix
- Student Performance
- Teacher Observation
- Overall Teacher Observation Score and Rating
- Combining the components – an example
- The New York Evaluation Matrix
- Hardship Waivers
- So where does that leave us?

The District anticipates filing for the hardship waiver #1 while continuing to negotiate in good faith with the bargaining unit. If no consensus is reached, the District will file for the hardship waiver #2 if necessary.

6. Board Actions

6.02 Personnel

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board approve the Civil Service Personnel and HRCE Instructors.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

7. Old Business

8. New Business

8.01 2015-2016 Board of Education Goals

Discussion:

- Smart and measureable Goals
- Possibility of two sets of goals – Board Operational and Superintendent/District
- Board members will bring suggested goals to the next meeting
- Tracy Baron will re-send last year's Board self-evaluation results
- Lisa Brady will forward her tentative goals to the Board

8.02 Contacting District Representatives regarding our projects with SED

- Should the District contact our legislators for assistance in getting the SED to move our Engineering projects through the queue
- If the projects are not approved by the end of February – construction will not start in the summer of 2015
- Dr. Brady will reach out to Andrea Stewart-Cousins

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9.0 Upcoming Meetings

9.01 Calendar

Thursday, October 8, 2015 - 7:00 PM - Business Meeting - MS/HS Library

Thursday, October 22, 2015 - 7:00 PM - Work Session - MS/HS Library

10. Adjournment

At 9.46 PM, Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays



District Clerk