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Thursday, November 6, 2014 Business Board Meeting MS/HS Library, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Ms. Baron called the meeting to order.

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

2. Regular Meeting Opening 7:04 p.m.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board accept the November 6th Agenda.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

2.03 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Black seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the October 2, 2014.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays – 2 Abstentions – Mr. Goldman and Mr. Greengrass

Mr. Goldman moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the October 16, 2014.

Vote: 4 ayes - 0 nays – 3 Abstentions – Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Greengrass and Ms. Black

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the October 21, 2014.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays – 1 Abstention – Ms. Black

Mr. Greengrass, and Ms. Black seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the October 29, 2014.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays – 1 Abstention – Mr. Reiser

3. Announcements

The SPRING Community Partners will be holding their annual Square Dance on December 5th. Volunteers are needed.

4. Superintendent's Report

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4.01 Superintendent's Report for October 16, 2014

Dr. Brady thanked the Community for approving the bond and all the people that worked so hard to bring the vote forward on multiple fronts. Now that the bond has been approved, there is a lot of work to be done in the months ahead.

Special thanks to the Board and Ms. Fassler-Wallach for all their work.

The DASA committee met this morning to discuss this year's initiatives. All three schools have applied for the "No Place for Hate" award. The Anti-Defamation League will be in the District on November 17th. The Committee's main focus will be on social media and looking to do programs for parents to help them navigate social media.

November 11th - Veterans' Day – school is closed. Let us all remember to thank our current and past veterans for their service.

November 18th - High School Parent Teacher Conferences

November 19th – Board Meeting Work Session – Discussion of the book entitled - Mindset: The New Psychology of Success by Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D. Anyone not able to read the entire book can read various resources sent out in a K-12 to be able to join in the discussion. Our students from the TOK class studying perceptions, as part of their curriculum, will join the meeting.

November 20th – The annual Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Luncheon will begin at 12 Noon in the Commons. After lunch, the seniors will attend a snapshot performance of the MS Musical in the auditorium. Thank you to the Student Government for their assistance with the luncheon and to Kathy Wienborg for catering the luncheon.

Congratulations to Tracy and Rob Baron who will receive the Cabrini Services Award at the November 20th reception at Esterwood.

The Smart Schools Bond passed at Tuesday's election. Once our District applies for a grant, we could receive approximately \$360,000 for technology hardware and infrastructure upgrades. The intention of the bond is to assist school districts in purchasing devices and band-width to support on-line PARC testing.

Congratulations to the girls' volleyball team for a great season.

5. Correspondence

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Four relating to the Capital Projects Planning
2. Three relating to the Bond Vote
3. One relating to the NYSSBA Convention Voting

6. Citizen's Comments

6.01 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.

Shannon Johnson, PTSA, apologized for missing "Board Recognition" night and extended the PTSA's gratitude for the Board's timeless work, long hours and shouldering the responsibilities for the District. She also thanked the Board for moving the District forward and for their great working relationship with the PTSA.

The Board thanked Shannon for the kind words and the "goodies".

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7. Reports to the Board

7.01 Counseling Services Presentation

The presentation was postponed until a future Board meeting in December prior to the start of next year's budget process.

9. Board Actions

9.01 PTSA Funds

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board accept the following 2014-2015 Academic Enrichment and Field Trip funds totaling \$31,000:

Academic Enrichment - High School	\$ 5,000
Academic Enrichment - Middle School	\$ 6,000
Academic Enrichment - Springhurst	\$15,000
Field Trip - Middle School	\$ 2,000
Field Trip - Springhurst	\$ 3,000
Total	\$31,000

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.02 Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation Grants

Ms. Black moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board accept the following fall 2014 grants from the Dobbs Ferry School Foundation:

School	Curriculum Grant
SPRINGHURST ELEMENTARY	
1st Grade Eating the Alphabet	\$ 685.00
Science of the Superhero	\$ 890.00
Enhancement of Kindergarten Playground Supplies	\$ 810.98
ELL Field Trip to Wave Hill	\$ 345.00
Extending the Garden Growing Season	\$1,800.00
DOBBS FERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL	
Literacy-Building Classroom Libraries	\$2,000.00
Runaway Art: Interpreting Colonial Slave Ads	\$1,400.00
Museum of Tolerance Trip	\$1,500.00
DOBBS FERRY HIGH SCHOOL	
IB Biology Trip to Dolan DNA Learning Center West	\$ 748.00
Physics day at Six Flags	\$2,651.76
Grand Total	\$12,181.00

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Louise Pegg, from the Foundation, explained the grant process and said hopefully there will be more to come for MYP professional development. A fundraiser will be held on November 14th at 144 Washington Avenue, home of the Deakins family to try and raise the \$50,000 for the professional development. Ms. Pegg also recognized the Board and thanked them for their dedication to the children of the District.

The Board thanked both the PTSA and the Foundation for their continuous support.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.03 Bond Proposition

Ms. Fassler-Wallach explained that this resolution is required to move forward now that the Bond has been approved by the Community.

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, that the Board waive the reading of the entire resolution.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board accept and authorize the following:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE DOBBS FERRY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 6, 2014, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO ALL DISTRICT SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND SITES; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$16,019,145; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, INCLUDING \$1,750,000 FROM THE DISTRICT'S "DISTRICT-WIDE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND"; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$14,269,145 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE BALANCE OF SAID APPROPRIATION.

Recital

WHEREAS, at the Special District Meeting duly called and held on October 21, 2014, in the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District"), a majority of the qualified voters present and voting approved a Bond Proposition authorizing the construction of improvements to all District school buildings sites at the estimated maximum cost of \$16,019,145; and such qualified voters then present and voting further authorized the Board of Education to expend \$1,750,000 from the District's "District-wide Capital Improvement Reserve Fund", and such qualified voters then present and voting further authorized the Board of Education to levy and collect a tax to be collected in annual installments to pay the principal of and interest on the \$14,269,145 serial bonds authorized to be issued;

Now, therefore,

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DOBBS FERRY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Education) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, in the County of Westchester, New York, is hereby authorized to construct improvements to all District school buildings and sites (the "Project"), substantially as described in a Plan developed by the District, including (as and where necessary): improvements to the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and electrical systems; window and roof replacements; corridor ceilings and other abatement; technology, performing arts and auditorium improvements; and site, recreation, athletic and field enhancements, including field installation and/or replacements; paving, retaining walls, tennis court and bleacher installation and/or improvements; all of the foregoing to include all furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, and ancillary and related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith. The estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$16,019,145 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor, including the expenditure of \$1,750,000 from the District's "District-wide Capital Improvement Reserve Fund" (the "Fund"), and the issuance of \$14,269,145 serial bonds of the District to finance the balance of said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due

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and payable. Not to exceed \$1,000,000 of the Fund, if available, is hereby authorized to be expended to offset a like amount of the taxes authorized to pay for the Project, and such expenditures are hereby approved.

Section 2. Serial bonds of the District in the amount of \$14,269,145 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law") to finance a portion of said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which serial bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 97 of the Law, is thirty (30) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation of rate or amount. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Education relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of all bonds herein and heretofore authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary hereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in "*The Journal News*" and "*The Rivertowns Enterprise*," two newspapers each having a general circulation within the District and hereby designated the official newspapers of said District for such publication.

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The Board asked everyone with specific interest in the projects to read through the entire package that will be available on the website.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.04 KG&D 2014 Bond Project Contract

Ms. Black moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board consent to the 2014 Bond Project Contract with KG&D and authorize the Board President to execute the contract

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.05 Donation and Budget Increase

Ms. Black moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, that the Board accept and approve the anonymous donation in the amount of \$481.95 for the purchase of books for the fourth grade and the associated budget increase.

Revenue Account to Increase	Amount	Expenditure Account to Increase	Amount
A2705	\$481.95	A2110.481.01.1000	\$481.95
Gifts and Donations		Tch Reg - Soft-Covered Books	
Total	\$481.95	Total	\$481.95

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.06 2014-15 Emergency Contact and School Closing List

Mr. Goldman moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board adopt the District's 2014-15 Emergency Contact and School Closing List.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.07 District-wide School Safety Plan

Mr. Goldman moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board re-adopt the reviewed District-wide School Safety Plan for the 2014-2015 school year to include "all parents of students on the bus will be notified" on page 95.

Dr. Brady explained the following:

- Building Safety Teams meet twice each year
- District Safety Committee reviewed the original Safety Plan that was adopted last year. The committee hasn't met yet this year. A meeting will be scheduled after the holidays.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.08 Budget Transfer - Legal Fees

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

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Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A5540.435.09.7200	\$100,000.00	A1420.400.00.8801	\$100,000.00
Contr Trans - Out of District		Legal - Capital Projects	
Total	\$100,000.00	Total	\$100,000.00

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.09 Policies - First Reading

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Black seconded, that the Board forego a second reading and adopt the following policy:

2121 – Board Member Qualifications

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Goldman moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board forego a second reading and adopt the following policy as amended:

4526 – Computer Use in Instruction

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Goldman moved, and Ms. Black seconded, that the Board forego a second reading and adopt the following policy as amended to include “public works contracts”:

6700 – Purchasing

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.10 Personnel

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve the Civil Service and Staff Personnel recommendations.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.11 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for September, 2014.

9.12 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:
Warrant No. 17 and 19 Multi.

10. Old Business

Ms. Baron, Ms. Lucasey and Dr. Brady gave an overview of the NYSSBA Convention which included:

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- Voting results of the resolutions
- Workshops
- Pre-Convention School Law Session

Next year's convention will also be held in New York City.

Scheduling – next meeting scheduled for November 18 at 3:30 PM.

- MS – went to Hastings to review their block schedule
- HS – went to Hastings at end of last year
 - The Committee will review the information
- Alternative Methods of Assessments
 - The Springhurst report card revision will include Common Core Standards
 - We are currently researching other methods of assessments. Once a decision is made, it will be shared with the Board

Committees

The Board requested a chart of committee meeting dates to be included on the website.

Curriculum & Instructional Technology - next meeting November 19 at 12:30 PM in the Board room.

Finance Committee – next meeting November 25 at 6:00 PM in the Board Room.

Wellness Committee - next meeting scheduled December 1 at 3:15 PM in the Board room.

Student Activities/Athletics – Dr. Brady will send out the minutes from the last meeting which included discussion regarding volley ball and coaches' supervision in the locker room.

11. New Business

Board mid-year retreat

- Plan on 4-5 hours on a Saturday or Sunday in January
- Date will be chosen via Doodle

12. Upcoming Meetings

12.01 Calendar

Wednesday, November 19, 2014 – 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

- Work Session
 - Discussion of the book entitled - Mindset: The New Psychology of Success by Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D.

District Blood Drive – November 20, 2014

Thursday, December 4, 2014 – 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

- School Data Academic Progress

13. Adjournment

At 8:31 Ms. Black moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 4 ayes - 0 nays

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IF INTERESTED IN REVIEWING BACK UP MATERIALS PERTAINING TO ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA, ONCE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PLEASE CONTACT LORETTA TULARZKO AT 693-1506.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loretta Tularzko".

District Clerk