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

1. Call to Order

2. Meeting Opening - 7:11 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. Greengrass was not in attendance.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept the October 8th Agenda.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

2.03 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays – 1 abstention

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

3. Announcements

- SPRING is holding a coat drive – slightly used or new - for both children and adults – now through October 22. Receptacles are available in each school and the Community Nursery School
- Ms. Baron updated the Board on the information she received at the WPSBA School Board Governance Training held on October 5th
 - Various Districts Board Governance as compared to Dobbs Ferry
 - Timelines of the Goal Setting Process
 - Length of Board meetings
- October 24 – Pumpkin Fair – volunteers are needed

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4. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Brady will be attending the Bright Bytes Conference in San Francisco next week with 75 other school administrators. The topic of the conference is 21st Century Leadership. They will be taking a trip to Drop Box.
- Wednesday's professional development training concentrated on interdisciplinary teaching
- Dr. Brady is still monitoring the traffic patterns with Chief Gelardi
 - More students seem to be walking this year
 - Sign at the end of the driveway needs to be update to reflect new school bell schedule
 - No-idling signs should be posted

5. Committee Reports

5.01 BOE Committees

Wellness
Personnel
School & Community Relations
SE Subcommittee

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- Wellness Committee
 - Ms. Johnson, from the Ardsley School District, shared information on their Health Fair and answered the committee questions
 - Update on the newly formed PTSA Wellness Committee
 - Committee membership was discussed
- Personnel Committee
 - Reviewed all professional and civil service on the 10/8 agenda
 - Reviewed information about probationary teachers
 - The tenure process will be reviewed
 - APPR Waiver will be on the 10/22 agenda
- School Community Relations Committee
 - Reviewed survey draft
 - Discussed how to target non parents for the survey
 - How do we capture communicating "in"?
 - Dobbs TV Schedule and Live streaming
 - BOE welcome from the BOE K-12
 - Feedback on later start times
- Special Education Subcommittee
 - Committee received information regarding the number of new and current students with 504s or IEPs
 - Discussed a possible due process case
 - Current case depositions will take place on 10/21
 - Linda Schluter has begun working in the district. Start was delayed due to insurance issue

Board discussed "what does inclusion mean".

- It is a philosophy not a description
- Integrated co-teaching
- Dr. Brady met with the Austrian Minister of Education and her team. She also met Susan Mariano-Lapidus, Ph.D., Mercy College Special Education Department Chair, who is conducting research at Mercy College on what people's beliefs are regarding inclusion internationally

6. Correspondence

None.

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7. Citizen's Comments

7.01 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.

None.

8. Reports to the Board

None.

9. Board Actions

9.01 PTSA Funding

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept the following PTSA 2015-2016 Academic Enrichment and Field Trip funds totaling \$32,000:

Academic Enrichment - High School	\$ 5,000
Academic Enrichment - Middle School	\$ 7,000
Academic Enrichment - Springhurst	\$15,000
Field Trip - Middle School	\$ 2,000
Field Trip - Springhurst	\$ 3,000
Total	\$32,000

Ms. McNamara, PTSA President, presented Dr. Brady with a check for the funds.

Dr. Brady and Mr. Goldman thanked the PTSA for their continued support.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

9.02 DAC Building Level Coordinators

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board appoint the Assistant Principals of the High School (Candace Reim), Middle School (Anne Pecunia) and Springhurst (Lisa Doty) as the Building Level Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the 2015-2016 school year.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

9.03 Budget Increase

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board approve the following budget increase to accept a donation from the Dobbs Ferry Youth Services Council:

Dr. Brady thanked the Services Council for their donation which supplied ice cream for the students on Monday during Anti Bullying Day.

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Revenue Account to Increase	Amount	Expenditure Account to Increase	Amount
A2705.000	\$ 600.00	A2110.450.00.0000	\$ 600.00
Gifts and Donations		Tch Reg - Supplies - General	
Total	\$ 600.00	Total	\$ 600.00

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

9.04 2015-2016 Use of Reserves

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board approve the following budget increase to utilize the reserves to pay a retiree's accrued benefit:

Revenue/Revenue Account	Budget Code to Increase	Amount to Increase
A2705.000	A9089.875.99.0000	
Reserve for Accrued Benefits Liab	Benefits-Res For Accrued	\$725.00

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

9.05 NYSSBA Proposed Bylaw Amendments & Resolutions

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board approved Ms. Lucasey to cast the Board's votes at the NYSSBA Convention in support of or against the 2015 NYSSBA proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions as agreed upon during the meeting.

#2, #6, #8, #10, #24 and #29 were discussed.

Thank you to Tracy Baron, Jean Lucasey and Shannon Johnson for their preliminary work on the information.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

9.06 CSE/CPSE

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Lucasey 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 September 30, 2015 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 September 30, 2015.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

9.07 Personnel

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

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

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10. Acknowledgements

10.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for August, 2015.

10.02 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:
Warrant No. 9 (from the 9/10 meeting), 11 and 13 Multi.

11. Old Business

None.

12.02 Location of the March 5th Budget Forum

The Board discussed the pros and cons of holding the March 5 Budget Forum at Springhurst and possible ways of publicizing via other avenues of social media.

Mr. Ridley will inspect the Springhurst cafeteria to see if it will allow for video-taping the meeting and will let Dr. Brady know next week.

12. New Business

12.01 BOE Goals

The Board continued their discussion on the 2015-2016 goals and the possible process going forward.

The Board will compile and review suggested goals/objectives and resume discussion at the next meeting.

13. Upcoming Meetings

13.01 Calendar

Thursday, October 22, 2015 – 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

- Work Session
- Strategic Plan Update

Thursday, November 5, 2015 – 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

- Business Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2015 – 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

- Work Session

14. Adjournment

At 9.41 PM, Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

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15. Approved Minutes

15.01 Approved Minutes – August 27, 2015

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

District Clerk