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Thursday, October 2, 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. Louis Schwartz; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Mr. Douglas Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

Mr. Michael Goldman, Mr. Jonathan Greengrass and Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations were not in attendance.

2. Regular Meeting Opening 7:12 p.m.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Black seconded, that the Board accept the September 4th Agenda.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

2.03 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the August 28, 2014 meeting.

Vote: 4 ayes - 0 nays – 1 abstention – Ms. Black

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Black seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the September 4 and 18, 2014 meetings.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

3. Announcements

The PTSA Pumpkin Fair will be held on October 25th at Springhurst.

Volunteers are still needed.

3.01 Special Bond Referendum Vote

On June 19, 2014, the Dobbs Ferry Board of Education voted unanimously to authorize a facility and field improvement bond referendum.

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Voting will take place on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 during the hours of **7:00 AM and 9:00 PM** in the HS Gymnasium for all qualified voters.

3.02 Voter Registration

Any community resident not registered with the Westchester County Board of Elections may do so during Personal Registration which will take place on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 between **3:30 PM and 7:30 PM** in the HS Gymnasium Foyer. Voter Qualifications: (1) Must be a citizen of the United States; (2) Must be 18 years of age or older; (3) Must have been a resident of the school district for a period of 30 days or more prior to October 21, 2014.

3.03 Absentee Ballot Application

Any registered community resident who has a valid reason for being unable to vote in person may pick up an Application for an Absentee Ballot in the District Office or download an application from the District website under the BOE tab.

All applications must be mailed to the District Clerk no later than October 14, 2014 or delivered in person no later than 5:00 PM on October 21, 2014.

4. Superintendent's Report

4.01 Superintendent's Report for October 2, 2014

Dr. Brady and the Board shared feedback they received at the Ferry Festa regarding the Capital Projects Bond:

- Overall, people responded positively
- Our table was busy with people all day
- Tennis Courts – will they be available to the community?
 - Yes, but not during school hours
- Why didn't the District add a track to the plans?
 - It was cost prohibitive - approximately an additional 5 million dollars and the area has limitations
- Why is the District seeking voter approval for a bond while Greenburgh is undergoing a reassessment?
 - Retirement of current debt, interest rates and availability of state aid
- The more information being communicated the more the community is understanding the District's reasons
- Why didn't the District add air conditioning for the auditorium?
- Why isn't all the required abatement in all three schools being considered?
- Will the Springhurst turf field accommodate all sports?
 - Lacrosse, soccer, recreation leagues, and it will be a regulation size football field
- People are happy with the plans for air conditioning Springhurst

Next steps:

- Phone chains – day of the vote from 3-7 PM
- Flyers/posters at Metro North train station
- Emails
- Banner at Gould Park – Lisa to check with the Village

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Citizen's Comments

6.01 Notice

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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.

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Black seconded, that the Board move item 8.12 Civil Service and Staff Personnel Recommendations up to this portion of the meeting.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

8.12 Personnel

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board approve item 8.12 Civil Service and Staff Personnel recommendations.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

Dr. Brady congratulated Mr. Rankin on his new position and thanked him for leaving our District in a better place than where he found us.

Dr. Brady and the Board congratulated Mr. James Frees on his appointment as Mr. Rankin's replacement at the Director of Facilities.

7. Reports to the Board

None.

8. Board Actions

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Black seconded, that the Board approve Items 8.03, 8.04, 8.05, 8.09, 8.10 and 8.11 as a consent agenda.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Black seconded, that the Board approve Items 8.03, 8.04, 8.05, 8.09, 8.10 and 8.11.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

8.01 Donation and Budget Increase

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Black seconded, that the Board accept an anonymous donation in the amount of \$200.00 for the purchase of books for the second grade classrooms and approve the associated budget increase.

Revenue Account to Increase	Amount	Expenditure Account to Increase	Amount
A2705	\$200.00	A2110.481.01.1000	\$200.00
Gifts and Donations		Tch Reg - Soft-Covered Books	
Total	\$200.00	Total	\$200.00

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The Board thanked the donor for the donation.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

8.02 Donation and Budget Increase

Ms. Black moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board accept a donation from the Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation for the IB Middle Years Program in the amount of \$10,000.00 and approve the associated budget increase.

Appropriation Account to Increase	Amount
F6359.400.02.FOUNDT	\$10,000.00
IB Middle Years Program	
Total	\$10,000.00

The Board expressed their extreme gratitude to the Foundation for this donation for MYP Professional Development and for their continued generous support for our students.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

8.03 Budget Transfer

The Board approved the following budget transfer to transfer funds from a BOCES code to a tuition code because several students budgeted to attend BOCES are attending non-public schools.

Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A2250.490.00.7200		A2250.470.00.0000	
Spec Ed - BOCES	\$350,000.00	Special Ed - Tuition	\$350,000.00
Total	\$350,000.00	Total	\$350,000.00

8.04 Board of Registry and Election Inspectors

The Board move appointed the Board of Registry and Election Inspectors for the October 15, 2014 and October 21, 2014 Personal Registration and Bond Vote.

8.05 Disposition of Books

The Board approved the disposition of the books in the Springhurst Library collection.

8.09 Special Education Consultant

The Board approved Alison Zurnick, Speech Language Pathologist, for assistive technology training/support re "Touch Chat" for a special education student. It will consist of up to and not to exceed 15 hours for a total amount of \$3,375.00. It will be charged to code A2250.465.00.7200.

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8.10 Special Education Consultant

The Board approved Dr. Beth Kastner, Psychologist, for consulting services for a special education student with selective mutism. It will consist of up to and not to exceed 10 hours @ \$225.00 for a total amount of \$2,250.00. It will be charged to code A2250.465.00.7200.

8.11 CSE/CPSE

The Board authorized and directed 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 24, 2014 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 24, 2014.

8.06 2014-2015 Board of Education Goals

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board adopt the proposed 2014-2015 Board of Education Goals.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

8.07 NYSSBA Proposed Bylaw Amendments & Resolutions

The Board agreed to support of the 2014 NYSSBA Proposed Bylaw Amendment and Resolutions as follows:

- #s 1, 2 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 – Yes
- #6, 8 – Yes 4 – No 1
- #7 – No
- #11, 13 – Abstain
- #12 – Yes – to defeat

8.08 Policy Revision - First Reading

The Board conducted a first reading of the following policies in conjunction with the New York State School Association's (NYSSBA) policy updates:

1000 – Community Relations Goals

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board forego a second reading.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Black moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board adopt Policy 1000 as amended.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

2121 – Board Member Qualifications

The policy will go back to the committee for clarification to align with current law.

5420 – Student Health Services

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Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board forego a second reading.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board adopt Policy 5420.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

8.13 Treasurer's Report

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

8.14 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:
Warrant No. 11 and 13 Multi.

9. Committee Reports

Interscholastic Athletic & Activities and Curriculum have scheduled their first meetings.

10. Old Business

Dr. Brady will poll the other Districts regarding the Veterans' Tax Exemption.

11. New Business

12. Upcoming Meetings

12.01 Calendar

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 – 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM –HS Gym Foyer

- Voter Registration

Thursday, October 16, 2014 – 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 – 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM – HS Gym

- Bond Vote
- Special Board Meeting - Board Accepts the Bond Vote Results – 9:15 PM

14. Adjournment

At 8:50 Ms. Black moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

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.



District Clerk

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