



**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**  
**Board Meeting – Work Session**  
**7:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order – 7:07 PM**

**2. Work Session Opening**

**2.01 Pledge of Allegiance**

**2.02 Roll Call**

Ms. Tracy Baron, President; Ms. Shannon Stringer, Vice President; Ms. Rita Kennedy; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Mr. Massimo Bufalini; Ms. Brooke Bass; Ms. Penny Sullivan-Nunes; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Mr. Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; Dr. Darrell Stinchcomb, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction and Equity; and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

**2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda**

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Bufalini seconded, that the Board accept the October 19<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

**3. School Board Recognition**

**3.01 School Board Recognition Week - October 18 - 22, 2021**

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

Once a year, NYS and NYSSSBA celebrate the School Boards with a School Board Recognition Week. This week, we are celebrating with all the other Districts in NYS.

Dr. Brady welcomed our two new Board members Brooke Bass and Penny Sullivan-Nunes. This District is extremely fortunate for the Board leadership that we have and the time, energy and commitment of our Community leaders.

Dr. Brady read two statements on behalf of Ms. Heffler, DFUT President and Ms. Christina Galluzzo, PTSA President, who could not be present, with their thanks for the Board's time, dedication and creating a shared vision for the future of education for our children and support; and our District is incredibly fortunate because of the leadership that takes time, energy, commitment and hard work for the students and staff of the school.

Ms. Baron thanked everyone on behalf of the Board.

**4. Citizens Comments**

**4.01 Notice**

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meetings, we are listening. Members of our school district community may comment on any matter related to the meeting's approved agenda. If you wish to address the board, please sign in with the District Clerk. Any group or organization wishing to address the Board must identify a single spokesperson. Please state your name for the record and keep your remarks to 3 minutes or less. 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.

### 5. Announcements

None.

### 6. Correspondence

None.

### 7. Committee Reports

#### 7.01 Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the Superintendent's Search

Changes to the RFP from last week

- Added presenting the Board with up to six finalists and to include the NY Metro Region.

Meetings will have to be noticed.

Next step, is to send out the RFP.

### 8. Board Action

#### 8.01 Superintendent's Search Firm Request for Proposal

Mr. Bufalini moved, and Ms. Bass seconded, that the Board directs the District Clerk to issue the RFP prepared for soliciting responses from Superintendent's Search Consultants to those firms that conduct searches in the New York Metropolitan Area, to the Southern Westchester BOCES and to the Empire State Purchasing Group, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

*To view the entire meeting visit our website under the News and Views tab and click on TV Programming/Video*

### 9. Work Session

#### 9.01 Civil Discourse

To prepare for the discussion on Tuesday, the attendees were asked to take a few minutes to read the following resources:

<https://notsofastcampaign.org/civil-discourse/>

[https://www.dfsd.org/cms/lib/NY02214206/Centricity/Domain/678/StudentsLearntoPutthe\\_Civil\\_inCivilDiscourse.pdf](https://www.dfsd.org/cms/lib/NY02214206/Centricity/Domain/678/StudentsLearntoPutthe_Civil_inCivilDiscourse.pdf)

Dr. Brady facilitated the session and began with the agenda.

- Tonight's Essential Question is How Do We Live Together?
- There are three types of discourse and each has a specific purpose:
  - Discussion
  - Deliberation

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- Debate
- The group watched a video clip with Dr. Diana Hess, Dean UW-Madison School, who was leading a HS class as they prepared for a discussion.
- The group reviewed the difference between discussions vs. debates.
  - You need to begin with a goal for the discussion.
  - You need to listen to learn, not to respond.
- The group discussed the norms for discussions to meet the goal.
- They watched a second video clip with Dr. Diana Hess during the HS class discussion.
- Then the group was divided into sub-groups to share something that stayed with them from the two articles that were shared with the community.
- Next the group discussed what they learned in their sub groups that helped or hindered their consideration of the Essential Question.
- Finally, the group was asked to share their thoughts on the following:
  - I used to think.....
  - But now I think.....

Dr. Brady thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and participating in the work session.

### 10. Citizens Comments

#### 10.01 Notice

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### 11. Old Business

None.

### 12. New Business

None.

### 13. Upcoming Meetings

#### 13.01 Calendar

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

Tuesday, November 23, 2021 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

- Work Session

### 14. Executive Session

#### 14.01 It is anticipated that the Board will act upon the following resolution to convene an Executive Session

At 8:52 PM, Ms. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Bufalini seconded, that the Board recesses into Executive Session for the following purposes: *to discuss the employment history of specific personnel - Tenure Candidate and a matter concerning the residency of a student.*

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The Board would not be returning to public session to take any action(s).

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Bufalini seconded, to appoint Ms. Stringer as Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

At 9:15 PM, Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Bass seconded, to move back to the Public Meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

### 15. Adjournment

At 9:16 PM, Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

### 16. Approved Minutes

#### 16.01 Approved Minutes – September 14 and September 21, 2021



Loretta Tularzko  
District Clerk