



**Tuesday, January 7, 2020
Business Meeting
MS/HS Media Center, 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Regular Meeting Opening 7:02 p.m.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Roll Call

Ms. Shannon Johnson, President; Ms. Rita Kennedy, Vice President; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Mr. Louis Schwartz; Ms. Shannon Stringer; Mr. Matthew Rosenberg; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Mr. Douglas Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

Ms. Tracy Baron was not in attendance.

2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Stringer seconded, that the Board accept the January 7th Agenda.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

2.04 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Rosenberg seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 meetings.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays - 1 abstention - Shannon Stringer

3. Announcements

None.

4. Report to the Board

4.01 Demographic Report - Richard S. Grip Ed.D.

Dr. Brady introduced Dr. Grip and explained that he was asked to update his June 2016 report due to the rise in this year's Kindergarten numbers.

- Statistical Forecasting
- Purpose of the Study
- Dobbs Ferry Demographic Profile
- Map of Dobbs Ferry
- Historical Enrollment Trends
- Historical K-12 Enrollments 1994-95 to 2019-20

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- Non-Public School Enrollment 2014-15 to 2018-19
- Public/Private School Percentages 2014-15 to 2018-19
- Pre-K Children 2019-20
- Enrollment Projection Method Cohort Survival Ratio
- Birth Counts
- Birth Counts & Birth to Kindergarten Survival Ratios
- Historical Births Dobbs Ferry Attendance Area 2005-2017
- Age Pyramid Dobbs Ferry Attendance Area 2000
- Age Pyramid Dobbs Ferry Attendance Area 2010
- Change in Males & Females 2000 to 2010
- New Housing in Dobbs Ferry
- Student Yields
- Dobbs Ferry Home Sales 2009-2019
- Enrollment Projections 2020-21 to 2024-25
- Projected Enrollment by Grade Configuration
- Summary
 - Enrollments are projected to be higher at the end of the 5-year projection period.
 - Increasing birth rate in attendance area.
 - Inward migration of families with children under 5 is evident due to strong home sales and high B-K ratios.
 - Greatest enrollment impact will be at the elementary level.

Questions/Comments

- # of people per household
 - Are the current buyers the same demographic as in prior years
 - Renters are the wildcard
 - Avg. Owner occupants went up from 2.73 – 2.78
 - Avg. Renter occupants went up from 2.18 – 2.60
 - Irvington has gone down; Hasting has gone up
- You can forecast births for 5 years; 10 years is tricky
 - Births in Dobbs Ferry have been slowing increasing in the last 5 years
- Town consists of 40% renters which could increase Kindergarten numbers
- Forecast – projects future trends; Projection – using historical trends
- The jump last three years was dramatic
- Knowing the numbers for next year's Kindergarten cohort will help
- This year could be an anomaly year
- Number of tours at Springhurst has gone up – most are from NYC or Brooklyn
- New units at Children's Village could yield– 40% Elementary – 20% MS – 20% HS
- Can we get renter populations now vs 5 years ago?
 - District can get a count of how many renters vs. home owners for the last few years – not worth the time
- Exact up to date numbers would take doing a census door to door
- 2020 is a census year
- Next time to look at this data again would be after the Kindergarten cohort numbers for the next school year are available
- Generally having an update every 3 years would be a good indicator
- Registration begins in the spring and goes through the summer
- Tours are conducted at Springhurst and they have increased – so far this year 15 tours with 30 children
- If we can track a few years of tours that would help
- Can we have the number of the Kindergarten orientation attendees over the last few years?
- Paddy Steinschneider, 329 Broadway, commented on recent home renovations in the District and possible development of Children's Village property.

5. Superintendent's Report

- January 15th is PTSA Safe Routes Walk to School Day
- January 20th schools are closed for Martin Luther King Day

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- January 21st BOE Work Session – update on the Innovative Classroom Initiative
- Instructional Technology Parent Night (Grades 6-12) – January 14th at 6:30 PM in the MS/HS Library Media Center
- Parent Safety & Security Information Night – January 29th at 7:00 PM in the MS/HS Library Media Center. A K-12 will be sent out so people can send their questions ahead of time. We will also have a brochure with all the do's and don'ts.

- Middle School Winter Concert held a very successful winter concert featuring our school band, orchestra, chorus and Girls Glee and Flight on 12/12.
- The DFMS No Place for Hate Clubs visited Mother Cabrini Nursing home and joined the patients in the memory card unit in singing a few holiday songs.
- The DFMS staff celebrated the holidays with a Bowling party.

- Springhurst parents will be receiving information regarding our growing safety problem with parents picking up walkers via car.
- MaryJane Shimsky has asked to hold her ceremonial swearing in at Springhurst on January 31 with our 4th and 5th grade students.
- On 12/13 our 5th grader had an amazing visit from Miles Forma as part of their Out of My Mind book study.
- Building Bridges ends next week with our kindergarten students learning about disabilities including a presentation from our MS Students on 1/16.
- Compost Kids Program begins for second graders this month. This is our fourth year of Compost Kids.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 BOE Committees

Special Ed - 12/17 (No meeting - emailed communication with the committee)

Personnel - 12/18

- The committee discussed the Personnel recommendations for Civil Service and Professional Staff.
- They reviewed the MOA for the Assistant Superintendent - Curriculum & Instruction on tonight's agenda.

School & Community Relations- 12/19

- The committee reviewed:
 - The Demographic Study results on tonight's agenda
 - The information for the Parent Safety & Security Night

Facilities - 12/19

- Received a very robust update from Tetra Tech & Calgi Construction on design development.
- Our questions answered.
- The Committee and BOE members, along with the architects and construction manager, reviewed the current project designs for each area of the Capital Project.
- Received an update on the progress of "User Groups" for each area of the project who have been meeting with the administration, architects and construction manager to provide input into the design of each area.
- The PowerPoint which details all of the designs to date will be posted to the website with other information about the project.

Finance - 12/19

- Discussed the Calgi bills for the last capital project and agreed on them. However, going forward the committee has requested that new contracts have language stating that prior written notice and approval is required before any additional work is undertaken.
- Reviewed the Monthly Financial Reports – historical data has been added.

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- 2020-21 Budget Development has begun and meetings with Principals and Directors in early January.

7. Correspondence

7.01 Correspondence

None.

8. Citizen's Comments

8.01 Notice

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Betsy Lynn, co-chair PTSA Safe Routes Committee, reported that the Committee would like the District to ask the DFPD for a police car on Broadway after nighttime events. She also reported that the Committee created a Safe Routes petition in October regarding Broadway traffic patterns, which the Village forwarded to the DOT in December, and that the changes will take time, possibly years.

9. Board Actions

9.01 Memorandum of Agreement

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Douglas J. Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, as presented to the Board. A copy of said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.02 Settlement of a Tax Certiorari Proceeding

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board authorize its attorneys, Shaw Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute a Consent Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Devoe Twin Properties LLC v. Town of Greenburgh and Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorize the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the Consent Judgment.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.03 Student Disciplinary Hearing Officer

Ms. Stringer moved, and Mr. Rosenberg seconded, that the Board appoint, as amended, Megan Shedden, as the District's Student Disciplinary Hearing Officer to conduct Education Law Section 3214 Hearings for the Dobbs Ferry School District at the rate of \$175.00 **an hour**.

Our former Student Disciplinary Hearing Officer, Mr. Joseph Wooley, passed away at the end of last year. We are thankful to him for his service and his wide knowledge of all aspects of school law. He will be missed.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

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9.04 CSE/CPSE

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Stringer 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 December 17, 2019 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 December 17, 2019.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.05 Personnel

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

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.06 Policy Revision – Second Reading

The Board conducted a second reading of the policy #1741 - Home-Schooled Students.

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

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

10. Acknowledgements

10.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for November 2019.

10.02 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrant:
Warrant No. 27 Multi.

11. Citizen's Comments

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None.

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12. Old Business

None.

13. New Business

None.

14. Upcoming Meetings

14.01 Calendar

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

- Work Session - ICI - Innovative Classroom Initiative

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

- Proposed Superintendent's Budget
- Springhurst Report

15. Adjournment

At 8:24 PM, Mr. Rosenberg moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

16. Approved Minutes

16.01 Approved Minutes – November 5 and 19, 2019 Meetings



District Clerk