



Tuesday, January 21, 2020
Work Session Meeting
MS/HS Media Center, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. 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; Ms. Tracy Baron; 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.

2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board accept the January 21st Agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

2.04 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Rosenberg seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the January 7, 2020 meetings.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays – 1 abstention – Tracy Baron

3. Announcements

- The Springhurst 4th Grade Concert is tomorrow January 22nd at 7:00 PM at Springhurst
- Next Wednesday, January 29th at 7:00 PM in the MS/HS Library there will be a Parent Safety and Security Meeting to explain our safety and security procedures. Parents can register online and submit questions
- WPSBA
 - WPSBA/Superintendent Forum with NY State Legislators
 - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 - Thursday, January 30th
 - Purchase Elementary School, 2995 Purchase St, Purchase, NY 10577, USA
 - School Smart Time - The Why's and How's of Starting the School Day Later - Workshop & Breakfast
 - 8:00am - 9:45am
 - Thursday, Feb. 13th
 - SW BOCES Career Services, 65 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla

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4. Citizen's Comments

4.01 Notice

Members of the community may comment on any matter related to the meeting's approved agenda. The Board President may request a brief description of the topic the speaker plans to address. 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.

5. Correspondence

5.01 Correspondence

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following:

- Letter re Sibshops program for siblings of special needs children
- Letter requesting a partial school-tax exemption for veterans
- Letter re a crosswalk on Briary Road

6. Board Actions

6.01 Geotechnical Survey Proposals

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Stringer seconded, that the Board accept the proposal from Dente Group (Dente Engineering P.C.) for Geotechnical Surveying services for the upcoming Capital Project and Authorize Ron Clamser, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities, and Operations to sign for the District.

The Capital Project architect suggested the survey work and it will be charged to the capital project.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

6.02 Personnel

Mr. Rosenberg moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve the staff personnel recommendation.

Dr. Brady explained that Mr. Cox will replace Kim Thornton who will be retiring. Dr. Brady thanked her for all the years teaching Health and Physical Education.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

7. Work Session Topic

7.01 Innovative Classroom Initiative

Dr. Brady introduced Amber Klebanoff, the District's Instructional Innovation Support Specialist, who answered the questions "What is Innovative Classroom Initiative and Where did ICI come from"?

- 2019-2020 represents year 2 of the program
- The session began with a quick get to know each other exercise discussing the Question of the Day – How has innovation changed your personal/professional life?
- ICI is in the second year of the program
- A mixed cohort of K-12 teachers who have demonstrated a desire to engage in a reflective learning process.
- It began in response to an identified need for the development of a risk free environment for teachers to collaborate and learn together

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- Shared the ICI Topics, a sample ICI Agenda, teacher reflections, and a student project
- Discussed the future of ICI
 - Trevor MacKenzie – will be in the District for a full staff and special session for the ICI cohort
 - Format may change from full day to ½ day sessions or drop in sessions
 - Will help with scheduling for the buildings

Ms. Kelbanoff thanked the teachers in attendance for their support (T. Zarro, S. Aronowitz, M. Cairo, Karen LaPorte, Sarah Stern, J. Hickey and J. Swart.

Dr. Brady thanked Ms. Kelbanoff and Mr. Berry for leading the ICI process.

8. Citizen's Comments

8.01 Notice

Members of the community may comment on any matter related to district business. The Board President may request a brief description of the topic the speaker plans to address. 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.

9. Acknowledgements

9.01 Treasurer's Report

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

9.02 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrant:
Warrant No. 33 Multi.

10. Old Business

None.

11. New Business

None.

12. Upcoming Meetings

12.01 Calendar

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

- Springhurst Report
- 2020-2021 Proposed Superintendent's Budget

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 - 7:00 PM - Executive Session - Board Room

- Tenure Candidates Review

13. Executive Session – Board Room 8:00 PM

13.01 Executive Session

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At 8:16 PM, Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Rosenberg seconded, that the Board recesses into Executive Session for the following purpose: To discuss ongoing litigation, The Landing on the Water at Dobbs Ferry Condominium v. Town of Greenburgh, with legal counsel.

The Board will not be moving back to the Public Meeting and will adjourn from the Board Room.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Baron moved, and Mr. Rosenberg seconded, to appoint Ms. Kennedy as Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

At 10:07 PM, Ms. Stringer moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to move back to the Public Meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

14. Adjournment

At 10:07 PM, Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

15. Approved Minutes

15.01 Approved Minutes – December 10, 2019 Meeting



District Clerk