



Tuesday, January 3, 2017
Regular Board Meeting
MS/HS Library, 7:00 PM

1. Audit Committee – 6:15 PM

1.01 The Audit Committee met to review the RFP's for external auditing services.

2. Call to Order

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

Ms. Tracy Baron, President; Ms. Jean Lucasey, Vice President; Mr. Robert Reiser; Mr. Jonathan Greengrass; Mr. Louis Schwartz; Ms. Shannon Johnson; Ms. Rita Kennedy; 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.

Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent was not in attendance.

3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

3.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept the January 3rd Agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

3.03 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the December 6, meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays – 1 abstention - Mr. Greengrass

Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of December 20, 2016 meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays – 1 abstention – Mr. Schwartz

4. Announcements

PTSA

- The PTSA will be holding another used book sale. Collection boxes will be available in the Middle School and Springhurst and JJ Beans in town. Books/DVDs/CDs are needed.
- On February 11th, the PTSA will host another Harlem Wizards Game. Tickets are available online or at the door (if available). Mr. Schwartz will play as a Board representative.

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5. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Berry and the Board congratulated Dr. Hallie Malbin for her well-deserved honor of being named School Psychologist of the Year by the local chapter of the NYS School of Psychologists.

Dr. Malbin thanked the District for nominating her and said she loves working here in the district and hopes she is here for many years to come.

Mr. Berry introduced Ms. Jennifer Hickey, MYP Coordinator, who shared highlights from the feedback received from the MYP Authorization team visit:

1. Evidence (that the District is MYP prepared)
 - a. Philosophy
 - b. How does organization structure help to implement MYP?
 - c. Curriculum
 - i. Written
 - ii. Teaching & Learning
 - iii. Implementation
2. The Authorization Team looks at approximately 50 to 60 practices (subsections)
 - a. We received a yes to all
3. The District also received commendations for areas that go beyond the required levels
 - a. A few examples are:
 - i. Philosophy – the District's insight based leadership with high level of respect for and trust in our teachers
 - ii. Organization – partnership of the Middle and High schools with a strong cohort of teacher leaders and leadership
 1. Governance and leadership supports all aspects of MYP
 2. Allocated funding beyond the requirements for authorization, i.e.,
 - a. Yoga room
 - b. Chromebooks for all students 6 -10
 3. Co-teaching is the norm in the District
 - iii. Curriculum
 1. Teachers systematically incorporate differentiation
 2. Language development in each subject area
 3. Simulating learning environment based on understanding and respect
 4. High School has two 10th grade classes "Intro to Research and Science Research" which help prepare students
 5. Thinking in areas that to work on curriculum alignment and assessment

Thank you to the Board for allowing the District to explore MYP; the Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation for funding the teacher training; PTSA for hosting parent informational chats; Administration – Dr. Brady, Mr. Berry, Mr. Falino, Ms. Reim, Mr. Mussolini and Ms. Pecunia; teachers and staff, and the students who embody the traits of a learners profile.

Mr. Berry thanked Ms. Hickey for all her work and Ms. Fassler-Wallach for her fiscal management.

Comment:

This effort was an undertaking of 5-6 years where we looked at the instructional program to see what adjustments needed to be made to prepare our students to be in a better position to make changes in the world if they choose to do so in the future.

Also, thank you to all community groups that helped and supported us to explore MYP.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 Committee Reports

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SE Subcommittee - 12/21

- Reviewed the following:
 - CSE recommendations on tonight's agenda
 - Special Education numbers
 - Special Education report on tonight's agenda

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Citizen's Comments

8.01 Notice

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None.

9. Reports to the Board

Please view the entire meeting on TV DFTV - Channel 75 & 47 for full details or visit the website for the video of the meeting

9.01 Special Education Update

Ms. Erin Vredenburg, Director of Special Education, updated the Board on our Special Education program. She thanked the Board, Dr. Brady, Mr. Berry, Ms. Fassler-Wallach, her administrative team, her clerical support from Ms. Frasca and Ms. Donofrio and Ms. Flanagan for her tremendous job.

- Acronyms
- Tonight's Area of Focus
 - Annual update on numbers
 - Update on special education programs in the District
- Special Educations Totals (in District)
 - 190 all three schools
- Out of District Placements
 - 8 all three schools
- Number of Special Education Students (in/Out of District) compared to total enrollment
 - 209 – 1514 (13.8%)
- Students by Disability
 - 205
- 504 Accommodation Plans
 - 107 all three schools
- CPSE to CSE
- Referrals
- Update on Programs
 - Special Class
 - Other
- Things to Know
 - Building Bridges – Celebrating Differences
 - Annual Reviews begin in February

Comments/Questions:

- Number changes occur from classifications and declassifications of students

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- The District's decisions for students are never based on budgeting
- Other Health Impairment category includes such disabilities as ADHD, medical anxiety; when students have more than one disability we choose the category that is most prevalent
- The District holds IEP and 504 plans for students outplaced in the event they come back to our schools
- Referrals must be completed within 60 days if not we must provide the NYSED with reason why
- We are continually working on integrated co-teaching training for teachers and administrators
- The 8-1-3 classes are very successful; parents are responding very positively; classes are currently not at capacity
- Comparisons of our special education numbers with other Districts is hard to calculate due to the various classifications and numbers differ in each District
- The Dobbs Ferry Special Education Program has a great reputation which attracts parents to move to Dobbs Ferry

10. Board Actions

10.01 Donation

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept a donation in the amount of \$302.64 from the Dobbs Ferry High School Class of 1966 to the Dobbs Ferry High School.

Revenue Account to Increase	Expenditure Account to Increase
A2705	A2110.450.03.3000
Gifts and Donations	Tch Reg - Supplies - HS

The Board thanked the Class of 1966 for their donation to the High School.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

10.02 Summit Security

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board appoint Summit Security to provide security services for the District.

Ms. Fassler-Wallach explained the details of the services that will be provided and answered a few questions from the Board.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

10.03 Capital Projects Change Order

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board approve the following change order:

Project Number	Contractor	Change Order Number	Amount	Description
660403-03-004017	Talt, Inc.	EC-002	\$ 8,479.80	To provide power from electrical room to existing exterior pole and install double head flood light

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

10.04 Budget Increase - School Lunch Fund

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Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board approve the following budget increase to allow for 2016-2017 activity:

Revenue Account to Increase	Amount	Expenditure Account to Increase	Amount
C1440	\$20,000.00	C2860.401.00.0000	\$10,000.00
Sale of Reimbursable Meals		Aramark - Admin Fees	
C1445	\$60,000.00	C2860.402.00.0000	\$70,000.00
Other Cafeteria Sales		School Lunch - Direct Costs	
C5999	\$52,000.00	C2860.400.00.0000	\$52,000.00
Appropriated Fund Balance		Maintenance	
Total	\$132,000.00	Total	\$132,000.00

Ms. Fassler-Wallach explained the original budgeted amount was understated, prior to knowing the actual cost, in order to make necessary payments during the summer months.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

10.05 Budget Transfer - Maintenance

Mr. Reiser moved and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve the following budget transfer to pay for additional air and water testing. Funds are available as a result of contractual cleaning contract negotiations:

Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A1620.403.00.9002	\$22,000.00	A1620.430.08.0000	\$ 1,900.00
Operations - Contr. Cleaning		Operations - Service/Maintenance	
		A1621.406.08.0000	\$10,000.00
		Maintenance - Professional Fees	
		A1621.450.08.0000	\$10,100.00
		Maintenance Supplies	
Total	\$22,000.00	Total	\$22,000.00

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

10.06 Budget Transfer - Security

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board approve the following budget transfer to pay for contracted security. Funds are available as a result of a resignation of a security aide:

Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A1620.160.00.0000	\$12,422.13	A1620.406.08.0000	\$22,978.42
Operations - Security Aide		Operations - Contr. Security	

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A1620.160.03.3000	\$ 7,852.53		
Operations - Salaries - HS			
A1620.421.08.1000	\$ 2,703.76		
Operations - Fuel Oil - SH			
Total	\$22,978.42	Total	\$22,978.42

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

10.07 Policy Revisions

The Board conducted a first reading of the following policies:

- 2112 - Board Protocols
- 4325 - Academic Intervention Services
- 5152 - Admission of Non-Resident Students

The policies will be brought back for a second reading at the next regular board meeting.

10.08 CSE/CPSE

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Schwartz 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 20, 2016 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 20, 2016.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

10.09 Personnel

Ms. Johnson moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board approve the Civil Service and staff personnel recommendations.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

11. Acknowledgements

11.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for October, 2016.

11.02 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:
Warrant No. 26 and 27 Multi.

12. Citizen's Comments

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None.

13. Old Business

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Upcoming Meetings

15.01 Calendar

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

- Budget Status Report
- Work Session - "The Originals" by Adam Grant

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 – 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

- Presentation of Superintendent's Proposed Budget 2017-2018
- School Demographics

16. Adjournment

At 8:25 PM, Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

17. Approved Minutes

17.01 Approved Minutes – November 1 and 15, 2016



District Clerk