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Tuesday, March 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Google Meet - Virtual Meeting, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Opening of the Meeting – 7:00 PM

Louis Schwartz called the meeting to order.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Roll Call

Mr. Louis Schwartz, President; Ms. Rita Kennedy, Vice President; Ms. Shannon Johnson; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Ms. Tracy Baron; Ms. Shannon Stringer; Mr. Massimo Bufalini, 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. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board accept the March 9th Agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

2.04 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Stringer seconded, that the Board move to approve the minutes of the February 9 and 23, 2021 meetings.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

3. Citizens Comments

3.01 Anyone wishing to make comments during the two Citizen's Comment portions of the meeting can do so by emailing boemeetingcomment@DFSD.org and you will be sent a link with additional details for joining the Google Meet for the Citizen's Comments portion of the meeting.

3.02 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.

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One comment was received.

Daniel Werges, 52 Luzern Rd.

- Thanked the District for keeping the children safe
- Having them in hybrid classes since September
- Opening schools full time beginning April 12

Mr. Schwartz thanked Mr. Werges for his comments.

4. Announcements

4.01 Private School Transportation Requests

Parents who are considering sending a child to a private school next year are advised that transportation requests must be submitted by **Thursday, April 1, 2021**, in order to be included in the district's request for transportation next year. Requests for forms should be made to the Transportation Director at 914-295-5544. A written request must be submitted for each child and for each school being considered. The School Board has established a firm policy of not considering requests submitted after the deadline.*

(Parents should note that a separate request must be submitted for each school being considered. Requests may be withdrawn if a school is not selected, but **may not be considered if submitted after the deadline).*

4.02 Board Member Terms of Office

Two terms of office of the Dobbs Ferry Board of Education will be expiring on June 30, 2021:

Two seats for three (3) year terms, July 1, 2021-June 30, 2024

- *Mr. Louis Schwartz and Ms. Shannon Johnson*

Forms for petitions to run for a seat on the Board of Education are available in the District Office. Petitions to run as a candidate for the School Board next year must be submitted by the close of business on Monday, April 19, 2021. Thirty-eight signatures of qualified voters in the district are required.

4.03 Personal 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 Monday, May 10, 2021, 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 May 18, 2021.

5. Superintendent's Report

District

The Reopening Schools presentation is posted on all District websites, in the Spotlight Section, along with the PP slides in both English and Spanish. Thank you especially to Danielle Huyter who translated for us today so we could get the Spanish version up. There were 628 attendees on the call. There is an email address at the end of the slide deck for questions which I have been responding to personally today. Almost everyone should have gotten a response from me. If you have questions, we encourage you to email that address and either I will get back to you or one of the principal's if there's part of your question that I may not have that level of detail.

Great News. Our Dobbs Ferry staff has been slotted for dedicated vaccine appointments this Thursday and Friday in White Plains. This should ensure that any staff who wants to be vaccinated is able to obtain an appointment to do so.

Section One - Basketball will now allow 2 spectators for each senior athlete for both home and away games beginning on March 10th.

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Race Matters Committee meets again next Wednesday at 7 p.m. to begin to work on recommendations for consideration by the BOE in the spring. Minutes of the meetings are posted on the Race and Equity tab of our District website.

The BOE Work Session on March 23 will discuss “Unpacking Culturally Responsive Sustaining Education Framework” which will be facilitated by Natalie Zwerger - NYU Steinhardt Metro Center for Equity and the Transformation of Schools.

6. Correspondence

6.01 BOE Correspondence

The Board acknowledged the following:

- One email regarding the Remainder of the Year and any changes to the current Springhurst plan
- One email recommending the implementation of the Out for Safe Schools Program
- One email regarding Opening Up Our Schools five days a week, full-time
- One email regarding D'Assern Housing - participation in Dobbs Ferry School District BOE
- One email regarding Parent Update-Response Required-NYS Yellow Zones Testing Requirements
- One email regarding the Springhurst Turf Field

7. Committee Reports

School & Community Relations – 2/10

- The Committee worked on updating the Reopening Website to reflect the changes in our hybrid models in middle school and high school.
- They talked about how to make sure that the resources section of the Race and Equity Website is organized in a way that is helpful to parents. It is a work in progress.
- They also talked about communications that Lisa is going to be working on, which has now happened about changes coming in our school opening status.

School & Community Relations – 3/3

- The committee reviewed the PowerPoint that Dr. Brady presented on Monday and made some suggestions.
- We also talked about the continuing work on the Race and Equity web page and the resources section.

Special Ed – 3/2

- The Committee reviewed the CSE/CPSE Recommendations for the March 9th Agenda. Questions were raised and clarified.
- The Committee also discussed the following: (Also shared with the Curriculum and Instruction Committee)
- Addressing Reading Proactively
 - Data Analysis has shown that a significant number of classified students who become eligible for targeted reading support through special class reading in the upper elementary grades have been classified in the primary grades and given speech and language services.
 - This speaks to the link between language based disabilities and reading development, as well as, challenges students face as readers in the upper elementary grades as the focus shifts from decoding to comprehension skills.
 - Delays in receiving special class reading services is a factor of the lengthy 3 step RTI (Response to Intervention) process that requires an incremental approach to providing specialized reading instruction prior to classification.
 - To address this, our Special Education department is beginning to utilize Speech and Language pathologists to support reading development in the primary grades as part of their service model.
 - The goal is to develop a system to identify students who require specialized instruction for reading earlier through the RTI process and then provide more targeted instruction through special class reading.
 - Speech and Language providers will receive training in Wilson Reading - Orton Gillingham program.
- Special Class Program
 - The district is exploring commercially available options that will provide for a more structured approach to curriculum delivery within the life skills program.
 - Assessments would be tailored to students within the special classes and their unique learning goals.
 - This would allow teachers to provide improved and more meaningful feedback for parents of alternatively assessed students through the option of using a standardized curriculum.

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Finance – 3/2

- The bulk of the meeting was spent on tonight's budget presentation.
 - We offered some suggestions specifically on how to look at the sales tax revenues and how to project forward.
- We received an expense update which has nothing out of order.
- We reviewed the Veterans exemption data table because we received more detailed numbers. We will present those at a later date along with a Veteran's exemption resolution.
- Lastly, we reviewed the budget numbers to date.

Personnel – 3/3

- The committee discussed the personnel recommendations on tonight's agenda.
- The deadline has passed and there are no additional retirements.

Curriculum & Instruction – 2/24

- Jean Gismervik, our Director of Special Education, gave an extensive report and presentation on what Special Education reported on regarding the reading and the special tests.
- We discussed the New York state assessments and their status currently of the 3-8 assessments, and Regents Exams still remain somewhat unclear.
 - New York State has proactively submitted a waiver request regarding the mandated assessments, but the indications are that the US. Department of Education is not going to allow that but they may provide some flexibility to states and that might include shortening the length or adjusting the time of those assessments, or the possibility of moving the assessments.
- We talked about the return to our full time in person instruction.
 - The plan is to return to in person instruction by April 12.
 - There are many issues and many areas that have to be worked out and addressed.
 - This is an ongoing effort by our administration and school at large.
 - The remote option will still remain available.
 - Dr. Brady updated on the COVID vaccinations for our staff.

This meeting can be viewed on TV DFTV - Channel 77 & 47 or visit the website for the video of the complete meeting.

8. Public Hearing

8.01 Notice of State Mandated Emergency Health Protocols

There were no public comments or questions regarding the revised District-Wide Safety & Emergency Management Plan.

9. Proposed 2021-2022 Budget Presentations

9.01 Budget Presentations

Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent, and Mr. Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations, reviewed the current 2021-2022 Budget.

Dr. Brady welcomed the Department presenters:
Springhurst Elementary - Julia Drake, Principal
Middle School - Patrick Mussolini, Principal
High School - Dr. John Falino, Principal
Special Education - Jean Gismervik, Director
Athletics & Nursing Services - Andrew Klaich, Director
Technology - Terance Huyter, Director
Operations & Maintenance - Dave Robertin, Director
Curriculum & Prof Dev - Doug Berry, Assistant Supt. for Curriculum and Instruction

Mr. Schwartz explained that the structure for the department presentations has changed from the past by consolidating the presentations so they can be discussed with the Board and community during a regular board meet rather than on a Saturday.

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Dr. Brady thanked everyone at the meeting for all the input and work that goes into creating the budget, especially Ron, who is working very hard to create a workable budget.

Highlights:

- We still have a budget gap that we need to close.
- Budget challenges and the unknowns:
 - We still don't have state funding numbers.
 - Re NYS budget:
 - New York State uses federal stimulus money as it sees fit.
 - Feds give a chunk of money to the state, which the governor may use to balance the budget.
 - Then school aid may be cut for the schools, which creates an enormous amount of uncertainty and anxiety for school districts in creating their budgets.
 - We are working with our demographer to get a district enrollment snapshot.
 - School reopening costs such as PPE, desk barriers, air purifiers
 - Student surveillance testing, if necessary.
 - Social and emotional and academic support programs to respond to student needs.
 - IEP Special Ed staff requirements.
 - Pending litigation.
 - Outstanding DFUT contract with the teachers.
 - Costs are rising for contractual increases for staff, health insurance and pension contributions.
 - We are below the tax cap as we have been for the past 10 years.

Question:

- When will get information from the demographer?
 - We should have information by the beginning of April.

Presentation included:

- Budget Challenges & Unknowns
- Key Financial Assumptions
- 2021-22 Budget Highlights
- How do you build a school budget?
- Step 1: Calculate the Maximum Allowable Tax Levy
- Step 2: Project the Revenues
- Step 3: Project the Expenditures
- Step 4: Project the District Enrollments
- Athletics & Health Services
- Operations & Support
 - Technologies Priorities
 - Facilities Priorities
- Curriculum & Professional Development
- Summary of Expenditures
- Preliminary Tax Cap Calculation as of 3/9/21

Discussion:

- Mr. Clamser explained that we wanted the presentation to the community to be instructional to give people a sense of how we build the budget.
- It is team effort. It couldn't be accomplished without the support of the building principals and the other administrators, Dr. Brady, Doug Berry and the Finance Committee.
- When we begin to build the budget, the ultimate goal is to have a budget that balances and, while the budget currently does not balance, we'll be working extremely hard to close that budget gap in the next few weeks.
- Next, he reviewed the steps and major categories as noted above.

Questions:

- Has there been any discussion of using our designated fund balance to balance the budget?

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- We have not had any discussions at this point. The Finance Committee would discuss the possible use if necessary.
- When will we know about state aid?
 - No indication as to when we will get the numbers from Albany, but the legislative budget needs to be approved by April 1.
- Have we thought about how we may potentially address transportation questions at Greenburgh Eleven?
 - Budget includes funds for an additional bus that would pick up Greenburgh Eleven students along with other Springhurst students.

Schools and Department presenters:

Springhurst - Julia Drake

Thanked Ron Clamser and the Administrators.

- Explained the Budget priorities
- Enrollment numbers
- Average class size
- Enrichment & Cultural Arts
- Extra-Curricular Activities

Questions:

- How are you handling space with the growing numbers?
 - We're reaching that point where other people are going to have to make accommodations with some kind of reconfiguration.
- Is that predicated on current necessity or structurally?
 - We have to be pretty creative because we really don't have any spare space.
 - Through the Facilities Committee, the architects presented some short- and long-term ideas including re-allocating current space and using what we have with the understanding that we'll need a more long-term solution in the future.

Mr. Schwartz thanked Ms. Drake for her presentation.

Middle School – Patrick Mussolini

Thanked Ron Clamser and the Administrators.

- Explained the Budget priorities
- Enrollment numbers
- Average class size
- Extra-Curricular Activities

Mr. Schwartz thanked Mr. Mussolini for his presentation.

High School – Dr. John Falino

Thanked Ron Clamser and the Administrators and a special shout out to Mr. Berry for his 10 years of personal and professional support and his upcoming retirement.

- Explained the Budget priorities
- Enrollment numbers
- Average class size
- Extra-Curricular Activities

Mr. Schwartz thanked Dr. Falino for his presentation.

Special Education – Jean Gismervik

Thanked Ron Clamser and the Administrators.

- Explained the Budget priorities
- Enrollment numbers
- The Special Ed budget is really driven by three points:
 - Student needs, which is one of the most important pieces
 - Legal mandates

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- Best practices
- Our overall percentage of classified students has decreased
- About a third fewer are being referred for special education this year

Mr. Schwartz thanked Ms. Gismervik for her presentation.

Athletics & Health Services – Andrew Kalich

Mr. Klaich gave a shout out to the Board of Ed and the administrative team.

- Explained the Athletics & Nursing budget
- Varsity & Jr. Varsity Sports numbers
- Modified & Merger Sports numbers
- A \$10,100 increase in purchase services for possibility of a student who will need a one-to-one school nurse.
- We're not adding any programs next year.
- A lot of the high school high risk sports were approved at the very last minute.

Mr. Schwartz thanked Mr. Klaich for his presentation and all the work on contact tracing and being our COVID coordinator. It's been a thankless task and we really appreciate it.

Operations & Support – Terance Huyter and Dave Robertin

Technology and Facilities budget priorities

Terance Huyter – Director

Mr. Huyter thanked the Board of Ed and the administrative team for their support during this extremely difficult year. He thanked Mr. Berry for his 17 years of professional and personal support.

- He also thanked his department – Ray, Amber, Aayush, Diane, Liz and Kevin.
- Explained the Technology budget, which includes:
 - Chromebook replacements
 - Replacement of staff devices
 - Upgrading district security cameras and intrusion alarm system cameras
 - Classroom technology
 - Online Learning will need expanded Wi-Fi

Mr. Schwartz thanked Mr. Huyter for his presentation and for getting all our students online in an extremely challenging environment.

Dave Robertin – Director

Mr. Robertin thanked the Board of Ed and the administrative team, Ron and the custodial staff for all their work with Covid requirements, a number of snow storms, and now getting ready for all in person students on April 12.

- Explained the Facilities budget which includes:
 - Desk barriers, PPE equipment, masks, sanitizer
 - The kindergarten expanded playground
 - Springhurst library renovations
 - Renovation of fifth-grade bathrooms located outside the library
 - Refinishing the gymnasium floors
 - The capital project summer work

Comment:

- In addition to getting ready for September, we'll have work going on with the capital project. None of that work happens without somebody from our facilities department on site supporting the contractors making sure that buildings are open, and then getting behind them and cleaning up to make sure classrooms are ready.

Mr. Schwartz thanked Mr. Robertin for his presentation and the work of the Facilities department staff.

Assistant Superintendent – Douglas Berry

Mr. Berry stated that he appreciated all the kind comments from all presenters tonight.

- Watching over the years, our District has been on a path of continual improvement.
 - This can only happen through the hard work of a wonderful administrative team, wonderful teaching staff, a supportive Board of Education and a supportive community.

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- The work is never done; we're always trying to get better.
- Our district has been at the forefront of work around diversity and equity, which will continue into next year and beyond.
- There's always ongoing work with regards to changing New York State standards, even in the age of COVID, new standards continue to come out.
- Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development highlights included:
 - Illustrative Math
 - Science 21
 - Curricular revision
 - Student Social & Emotional Health

Mr. Schwartz thanked Mr. Berry for his presentation.

Ron Clamser gave a summary of the following:

- 2021-22 preliminary expenditures
- Preliminary tax rate calculation
- Historical Trend of the budget, tax levy and allowable tax cap

Mr. Schwartz thanked Mr. Clamser for his very thorough presentation and for the work to be done to bring us to a balanced budget.

10. Board Actions

10.01 Adoption of the Revised District-Wide Safety & Emergency Management Plan

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board adopt the updated District-Wide School Safety & Emergency Management Plan which has been posted to the District website for 30 days.

The Plan has been updated to reflect the New York State Education mandated Health Emergency Protocols.

There were no questions or comments by the public.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

10.02 Resolution to Ratify 2020-2023 Memorandum of Agreement Between the District and the CSEA Clerical, Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistants Unit

Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board ratifies the provisions of a Memorandum of Agreement executed on January 28, 2021 by the negotiating teams for the District and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, Westchester County Local 860 (Dobbs Ferry UFSD Clerical, Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistants Unit #8210-02), calling for a three-year successor Collectively Negotiated Agreement to the one that expired on June 30, 2020, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to implement the economic provisions of the parties' 2020-2023 Collectively Negotiated Agreement.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

10.03 Resolution to Ratify 2020-2023 Memorandum of Agreement Between the District and the CSEA Custodial/Security Personnel Union

Mr. Bufalini moved, and Ms. Stringer seconded, that the Board ratifies the provisions of a Memorandum of Agreement executed on February 10, 2021 by the negotiating teams for the District and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, Westchester County Local 860 (Dobbs Ferry UFSD CSEA, Custodial/Security Personnel Union), calling for a three-year successor Collectively Negotiated Agreement to the one that expired on June 30, 2020, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to implement the economic provisions of the parties' 2020-2023 Collectively Negotiated Agreement.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

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10.04 Participation in Higher Risk Sports

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Bufalini seconded, that the Board approve student participation in the following “higher-risk” sports, subject to strict adherence to the guidelines and protocols established by state and local health authorities, as well as the rules of Section I of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association:

Modified Football - March 15th
Modified Volleyball - March 15th

Boys Varsity Lacrosse - April 18th
Boys JV Lacrosse - April 18th
Boys Modified Lacrosse - April 18th

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

10.05 Consent Agenda

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Stringer seconded, that the Board approve the recommended Consent Agenda, as amended to reflect the correct the numbering sequence 10.06 thru 10.13.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Bufalini seconded, that the Board approve the following Board Actions as a Consent Agenda:

10.06 - Partial Tax Exemption
10.07 - Quad Management Transportation Services Agreement
10.08 - Participation in SWBOCES Bids
10.09 - Budget Increase
10.10 - Budget Transfer
10.11 - CSE/CPSE
10.12 - Personnel Recommendations
10.13 - Policy Revision - Second Reading of Policies 5151 and 5420.

To make more efficient use of meeting time, the Board of Education authorizes the use of a consent agenda as a part of the meeting agenda. A Consent Agenda allows for one motion to approve multiple items and such items are identified as such on the Agenda. The President of the Board will ask for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and will ask if Board member(s) wish to have a discussion and/or clarification on a specific item(s) contained within the Consent Agenda. Following the discussion, the Board will then vote on the Consent Agenda motion. In addition, a Board member may request to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda in order to vote on the motion separately.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

10.06 Partial Tax Exemption For Qualified Persons Aged 65 or Older and For Qualified Persons With Disabilities and Limited Income

The Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that real property owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, or who qualify as persons with disabilities and limited income as defined by Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, shall be exempt from taxation by the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry UFSD of the town of Greenburgh in Westchester County, State of New York, to the extent of 50% of the assessed valuation thereof, subject to the provisions and limitation contained in Sections 467 and 459 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York; provided however, that the property is vested in either spouse, the combined income of both spouses for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making the application for exemption is \$37,399.99 or less. This exemption would be in effect from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

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Percentage of Assessed Value Exempt from Taxation

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Percentage of Assessed Value Exempt from Taxation</u>
Up to and including \$29,000.00	50%
\$29,000.01 to \$29,999.99	45%
\$30,000.00 to \$30,999.99	40%
\$31,000.00 to \$31,999.99	35%
\$32,000.00 to \$32,899.99	30%
\$32,900.00 to \$33,799.99	25%
\$33,800.00 to \$34,699.99	20%
\$34,700.00 to \$35,599.99	15%
\$35,600.00 to \$36,499.99	10%
\$36,500.00 to \$37,399.99	5%
\$37,400.00 or more	Not Eligible

10.07 Quad Management Transportation Services Agreement

The Board approved a Quad Management Transportation Services Agreement between the Quad Villages (Ardley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings and Irvington) to a one (1) year municipal cooperation agreement, commencing on July 1, 2021 and terminating on June 30, 2022, for the purposes of providing the administration and management of transportation services to resident pupils attending schools within each of the Quad school districts or non-public schools.

10.08 Participation in SWBOCES Bids

The Board agreed that the District participate with other school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services in their cooperative bidding service as per the attached list.

10.09 Budget Increase

The Board approved the following budget increase to enable the District to pay a tax certiorari refund to Devoe Twin Properties LLC as consented to at the January 7, 2020 Board meeting:

Revenue Account to Increase	Amount	Expenditure Account to Increase	Amount
A864 Appropriated Reserve for Tax Certiorari	\$4,451.21	A1930-434-99-8002 Tax Certiorari	\$4,451.21

10.10 Budget Transfer

The Board approved the following budget transfer to align transportation budget codes with current needs:

Account	Decrease	Increase
A 5540-435-09-7200 Contr Trans Out-of-District	\$130,000	
A 5540-436-09-0000 Contr Trans In-District		\$100,000
A 5540-401-09-9000 Contr Trans Attendants		\$30,000

10.11 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 March 2, 2021, 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;

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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 March 2, 2021.

10.12 Personnel

The Board approved the civil service and staff personnel recommendations.

10.13 Policy Revision - Second Reading

The Board conducted a second reading and adopted the following policies:

- 5151 - Homeless Children
- 5420 - Student Health Services

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

11. Acknowledgements

11.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for January 2021.

11.02 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrant:
Warrant No. 40 Multi.

12. Citizens Comments

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No comments were received.

13. Old Business

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Upcoming Meetings

15.01 Calendar

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 – 7:00 PM – TBD

- Work Session - NYS ED - Culturally Responsive Sustaining Ed Framework/Belonging and Inclusivity

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Tuesday, April 13, 2021 – 7:00 PM – TBD

- Finalization of 2021-2022 Budget and Budget Adoption

16. Adjournment

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

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

17. Approved Minutes

17.01 Approved Minutes - January 26, 2021 meeting.



Loretta Tularzko
District Clerk