



**Tuesday, April 17, 2018  
Work Session Meeting  
MS/HS Library Media Center, 7:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Meeting Opening 7:00 p.m.**

**2.01 Pledge of Allegiance**

**2.02 Roll Call**

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

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept the April 17th Agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

**2.04 Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the March 27, 2018 meeting.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

**3. Announcements**

**3.01 Board Member Terms of Office**

Two terms of office of the Dobbs Ferry Board of Education will be expiring on June 30, 2018:

*Mr. Jonathan Greengrass and Ms. Shannon Johnson will be running for the two seats.*

**3.02 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 7, 2018** 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 15, 2018.*

- The Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation Gala will be held on May 4, 2018 at the Ardsley Country Club.
- The PTSA will hold its Executive Board Meeting on 4/23 at 7:30 PM in the MS/HS Library Media Center. The Dobbs Ferry Schools Administration and Board will attend the meeting to present the 2018-0219 school budget.
- Ms. Baron participated in the WPSBA "So You Want to be a Board Member" panel.

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- The District Blood Drive will be taking place on Thursday, April 19 from 9am to 7pm in the MS gym

### Superintendent's Report

- Tomorrow the District will host a Minority Recruitment Fair with the Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings-on-Hudson and Irvington School Districts. It will take place from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Dobbs Ferry High School/Middle School Commons
  - 119 participants have signed up as of today
- NYS Assessments Op Outs
  - NYS ELA test at Dobbs Ferry Middle School:
    - 344 students eligible -the total number of students opting out is 69.
    - 6th - 98 students eligible, 14 opted out
    - 7th - 129 students eligible, 13 opted out
    - 8th - 117 students eligible, 42 opted out
  - NYS ELA test at Springhurst Elementary School:
    - 358 students eligible - the total number of students opting out is 21.
    - 3rd- 120 students eligible, 7 opted out
    - 4th- 106 students eligible, 5 opted out
    - 5th- 132 students eligible, 9 opted out
  - The number of opt out students is a component of the algorithm that impacts our overall Achievement Index
  - The algorithm used by the SED for the Achievement Index may be changed in the future
- Safe Routes to School
  - Lisa met with the Village yesterday. The Village has been communicating with DOT for an update but has not heard back yet about the status of the School Zone. DF Police Chief, Rick Guevara has been able to deploy a crossing guard who is now at the McClellan crosswalk from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the crossing Guard at Broadway and Belden is now stationed there each day for the same coverage in the morning.
- Recycling/Zero Waste
  - We met today with members of our District Zero Waste Committee and Greenburgh Nature Center to discuss our Zero Waste Initiative. We had 11 people at the meeting and we discussed Action Steps to continue to move forward and into next year. These include messaging for students, communication for parents and continued training of A&A staff (we are going to make a training video in English and Spanish). We discussed some of the changes that have already been made in the food service preparation and some things that we will include when the food service bid is up at the end of next year, such as more compostable items and materials such as more compostable items and materials. We also talked about the students in the Ecology Clubs at the MS/HS doing a waste audit as was done at Springhurst.
- Homework Thoughtexchange
  - The SCR Committee meets tomorrow to review the Insights Report and the websites for the three exchanges. The information will be shared with the BOE at one of our upcoming meetings.

### High School

- We will administer a student survey this week on scheduling.
- We just received word that we have seven National Merit Scholars in the junior class, Class of 2019. The names have not yet been released.
- The DFHS MYP Personal Project Expo will be held on Wednesday, April 25th. This is the culminating task of the IB MYP and captures the skills that students develop in all areas of the program.
- DFHS Trip to Spain! A group of 18 juniors and seniors took off on the trip of a lifetime over spring break. The trip consisted of five beautiful cities: Barcelona, Cordoba, Granada, Madrid, and Toledo. A special thanks to Megan Sardinia (Lois) for organizing all aspects of this trip, and to our two other chaperones Maria Milio and Lisa Honeck.

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### Springhurst

- Today, Tuesday April 17, 2018, Springhurst welcomed a group of 10th grade students who came to present their MYP projects to 4th grade students! 10th grade projects presented were selected out of over 100 projects! This wonderful collaborative event was made possible because of the efforts of Josh Rosen & Connor Cohn!
- Principal Julia Drake & Psychologist Dr. Hallie Malbin co-authored an article that was peer-reviewed and selected to be published by the School Administrators Association of NYS (SAANYS) on the topic of student mental health! The article will be published in the next issue of SAANYS' Vanguard Magazine - [click here to access the article.](#)

### Middle School

- Patrick is in Bogota, Columbia where he was invited to speak with administrators and teachers about MYP. This is a wonderful tribute to his work with our MYP. Administrators from Bogota attended the session that Patrick facilitated at the International IB conference this past summer in Orlando.

### Wellness Fair

- The fair was a great success. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> fair we have held. Thanks to Andrew Klaich for all his work in coordinating this effort.
- Our students received accolades for their behavior from the leaders of the various sessions.

## 4.0. Citizen's Comments

### 4.01 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.

*Live streaming of the meeting on our website takes place during the meeting.*

*The meeting can also be viewed on TV DFTV - Channel 77 & 47 or visit the website for the video of the meeting*

## 5. Reports to the Board

### 5.01 Proposed 2018-2019 Budget & Revenue Update

Mr. Ron Clamser, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations updated the Board.

- Districtwide Budget Priorities
- 2018-19 Budget Highlights
- Proposed 2018-2019 Budget Statistics
- Summary of 2018-19 Proposed Expenditures
- Estimated Sources of Revenue
- Proposition #2
- 2018-2019 Budget Preparation Calendar

Comments/Discussion:

- State aid number still estimated

### 6.02 2017 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey

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Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent, reviewed the 2017 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey results, which included the following:

- Background of the survey
- Survey Instrument
- Results from the 2017 Survey
- Demographics
- Past 30-Day Use of Alcohol
- Binge Drinking
- Past 30-Day Use of Marijuana
- Past 30-Day Use of Cigarettes and E-Cigarettes
- Past 30-Day Misuse of Prescription Pain Relievers
- Past 30-Day Misuse of Prescription Stimulants
- Perception of Risk
  - Alcohol
  - Marijuana
  - Cigarettes
  - Prescription Pain Relievers
- Perception of Parental Disapproval
  - Alcohol
  - Marijuana
  - Cigarettes
  - Prescription Pain Relievers
- Source & Location of Alcohol Use
- Availability
- Protective Factors
- Risk Factors
- Key Risk Factors Identified
- Strengths
- Challenges
- Current Prevention Strategies
- Recommendations

### Comments

- Survey was given in an academic setting
- There are 24 – 32 validity checks within the data
- Results are consistent across Westchester
- Opioids and relationship to heroin addiction
- The Dobbs Ferry Youth Services and the \_\_\_\_\_ Coalition will be working on this in the community
- Parental responsibility is a large part

## 6. Board Actions

### 6.01 Budget & Proposition Adoption

Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board adopt the Proposed Budget of \$44,796,949 and Proposition #2 for the 2018-2019 school year.

- The Board may have started the budget process with differences of opinions but they worked towards a consensus.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

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### 6.02 SWBOCES Trustee & Budget Vote

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board approve two Trustees for Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services - John V. Filiberti and Claudia Glaser for the time period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

**AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board approve a resolution with respect to the 2018-2019 Estimated Administrative Budget of \$11,330,444.00 for the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

### 6.03 Supplemental Agreement

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board approve the terms of a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement dated April 9, 2018, between the District and the Civil Service Employees Association, CSEA, Local 1000, AFSCME, Westchester County Local 860 (Dobbs Ferry Office Personnel Association) as presented to the Board at this meeting, a copy of which Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

### 6.04 BOCES Appointment

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board approve the 2018-2019 Initial Contract of Services with Southern Westchester BOCES.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

### 6.05 Personnel

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board approve the Civil Service personnel recommendations.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

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## 8. Old Business

As of tonight, there is no talk of any students walking out on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. New Business

The Superintendent's annual review & process will be discussed at the next Leadership meeting.

Mr. Reiser will be heading up the mechanics of the application.

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### 10. Upcoming Meetings

#### 10.01 Calendar

Monday, April 23, 2018 - 7:30 PM - MS/HS Media Center

- Board Presentation to the PTSA

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

- Public Hearing Budget, Proposition, and Trustee Hearing
- Special Education Workshop

### 11. Adjournment

At 8:22 PM, Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

### 12. Approved Minutes

12.01 Approved Minutes - March 27, 2018



Loretta Tularzko  
District Clerk