



Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Regular Board 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. Jean Lucasey, President; Ms. Shannon Johnson, Vice President; Mr. Robert Reiser; Ms. Tracy Baron; Mr. Louis Schwartz; 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 9th Agenda.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

2.04 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the March 9 and 19, 2019 meetings.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

3. Announcements

3.02 Board Member Terms of Office

Three terms of office of the Dobbs Ferry Board of Education will be expiring on June 30, 2019:

- *Ms. Jean Lucasey, Mr. Louis Schwartz and Ms. Rita Kennedy*

One term of office of the Dobbs Ferry Board of Education for two years ending on June 30, 2021:*

- *Vacancy - Mr. Jonathan Greengrass*

*One term of office of the Dobbs Ferry Board of Education for one year ending June 30, 2020.***

- *Vacancy - Mr. Robert Reiser*

**The Candidate with the fourth highest number of votes will fill the unexpired vacancy*

***The Candidate with the fifth highest number of votes will fill the unexpired vacancy.*

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 5:00 PM on Monday, April 22, 2019. Twenty-five signatures of qualified voters in the district are required.

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3.03 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 13, 2019, 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 21, 2019.

WPSBA

April 11, 2019
Prospective School Board Member Workshop
7:00 PM – 9:15 PM
Pleasantville HS Library

May 30, 2019
Annual Dinner
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Crabtree's Kittle House Restaurant & Inn, 11 Kittle Rd, Chappaqua, NY 10514, USA
Will be honoring Lisa Davis

Jun. 13, 2019
Now That You've Been Elected
6:45 PM - 9:00 PM
Byram Hills CSD Boardroom - Admin Bldg, 10 Tripp La., Armonk, NY 10504

4. Superintendent's Report

Spring Break begins on Monday, April 15th. Students return to school on Tuesday, April 23.

Earth Day is Monday, April 22. To celebrate the day (a few days later), as well as get outside and do something positive for our school community, the Ecology Club and Habitat for Humanity will be hosting an Aqueduct Clean Up. All staff and students are encouraged to partake in this service learning event. We ask that you meet in Kelly Rancier's room (room 119) after school on Wednesday, April 24 by 2:25. The club members will get you gloves and bags. You can get into a small group with other staff and/or students and head outside to clean up our aqueduct. This will take place in lieu of department meetings, weather permitting. Please bring/ wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

In addition, the Ecology Club will be selling 'Bottles and Bags' during the week of April 22. All bottles are flip-straw and the bags are large and durable, perfect for grocery shopping. They are a great way to reduce waste on a daily basis while showing some school spirit. All items read "My team is blue but I'm green too." Items will sell for \$5 each. The proceeds will go towards materials/ upkeep/ equipment for the gardens (vegetable and perennial) at Springhurst, the composting center at Springhurst, and the Outdoor Classroom program. These provide educational opportunities for our Springhurst students as well as all 3 levels of the Ecology Club.

Congratulations Seussical.

Seussical was a great success this past weekend. The show was amazing and really showcased the talents of the kids. A special thank you to Paul Huneke who directed both musicals this year.

The District Band Day & Concert is tomorrow 4/10. They will hold a performance tomorrow in the MS/HS Auditorium @ 2:30 pm tomorrow 4/10.

Over the weekend the Dobbs Ferry High School Destination Imagination team placed 2nd at the state tournament in Binghamton, New York and, as a result, the team qualified for the Global Finals Event.

NYS ELA Test is behind us. (& the MS) NYS Math Test at SH and MS is Wed 5/1 & Thurs 5/2.

Enrichment Clusters at Springhurst began last week. (so popular - there was more student interest than we could accommodate)

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The Outdoor Classroom Garden is coming to life getting ready for warmer weather. Students have been planting. The kindergarteners are engaged in Compost Kids lessons this week.

April 7-13 is National Library Week.

Clearwater Walkabout Chorus is coming 4/23 to perform for the students in grades K-3

Special Education Director Search Process

Lisa and Doug conducted a focus group this afternoon with staff from across the District. Parents Focus Groups will be held on April 23 at 9 a.m. at Springhurst and April 24th at 7 p.m. in the MS/HS Library. An interview committee is being put together and interviews will be held in early May.

Dr. Brady shared the new student dress code that will be piloted this spring.

The Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Schools District believes that the responsibility for student dress and general appearance rests with individual students and parents. However, the Board requires students to attend school in appropriate dress that meets health and safety standards and does not interfere with the learning process.

Appropriate school dress has a positive impact on student behavior and increases the esteem in which students and the community regard the school. Students have the responsibility to use discretion and common sense in their choice of clothing. Students are expected to wear clothing appropriate to the school.

Students Cannot Wear:

- Violent language or images on clothing
- Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity) or the use of same.
- Hate speech, profanity or pornography.
- Images and/or language that create a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class.
- Visible underwear or bathing suits of similar design
- Helmets, hoodies which cover the head or other headgear that obstructs the face.
- Clothing or footwear that could pose a safety hazard.

Note: Visible waistbands or straps on undergarments worn under other clothing are not a violation.

Discussion:

- The dress code is aimed at MS/HS students.
- Most parents of elementary school students decide what their children wear to school.
- Parents of all school students should be involved in what is proper dress at school.
- Administrative personnel have the authority to require a student to change his/her attire should it be deemed inappropriate according to the guidelines.
- After the pilot, some minor changes may be made to the rules.

5. Committee Reports

5.01 Committee Reports

School & Community Relations - 3/21

- Budget Newsletter Communications
 - Spanish Translation is being worked on for the Newsletter and budget materials.
 - Spanish translated materials will be available on the District website as well as printed materials at the polls (ballots and instructions). Ads in Spanish will appear in print publications. Newsletters will also be available in Spanish at the DF Library, Cabrini Immigrant Services, the Food Pantry and for distribution by our ENL teachers to families.

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- The newsletter will be sent on April 26th to PNWBOCES
- Must be in the homes in the community by May 15th
- Capital Projects Communication Timeline
 - April 23 BOE Meeting – Update
 - May 2 Public Presentation - Community Input/Feedback (MS/HS Campus) – 7PM
 - May 8 Public Presentation - Community Input/Feedback (Springhurst) - 10AM
 - May 28 BOE Meeting - Final Project Presentation
 - June 11 BOE Meeting - Adoption

Facilities - 3/26

- Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers was present to discuss updates to tentative schedule and potential project scope list.
- We are in the final stages of developing the project scope
- Reviewed Capital Project Timeline Slides & Future Dates
 - March 26 - Facilities Committee meeting
 - April 9 - BOE Meeting (award theater consultant)
 - April 23 - BOE Meeting (project update)
 - April 30 - Facilities Committee meeting
 - May 23 - Facilities Committee meeting
 - May 28 - BOE Meeting (project update)
 - June 11 - BOE Meeting (SEQRA and Board Resolution)
 - October 22 - Referendum Vote
- Reviewed Financial Considerations for the Project
- Capital Reserves will be utilized
- Debt drop will minimize cost impact to tax payers
- Maximizing Building Aid for the project will be important including maximum cost allowances
- Debt drop is coming in 2021. The goal is to bring on new debt at the same time the drop occurs

The group discussed how the information will be distributed, i.e., website, advertorials, newsletter, letters to the editor, etc.

Personnel – 3/26

- Dr. Brady explained the Personnel Recommendations on the agenda.

Special Ed - 3/26

- The Committee reviewed the recommendations on tonight's agenda
- Hiring a leave replacement for MS for the rest of the year and also for Semester 1 next year for a teacher on child care leave.
- Currently hiring for the HS Special Class and would like to have someone hired by end of April. The interview committee will meet at the beginning of April.
- We are also going to be interviewing for the school psychologist now as well.

Curriculum & Instruction - 3/27

- The committee reviewed the 3-8 assessment data, Regents and IB data that Mr. Berry will present later on in the meeting.

6. Citizen's Comments

6.01 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.

7. Correspondence

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7.01 Letter from Paul Feiner

The Board acknowledged receipt of the letter.

8. Reports to the Board

8.01 Proposed 2019-2020 Budget & Revenue Update

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

Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent, and Mr. Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations, presented the proposed 2019-2020 Budget.

Highlights:

- Program Goals
- 2019-2020 Budget Highlights
- Budget Summary
- Summary of Proposed Expenditures
- Historical Trends
- General Fund Balance and Reserve History
- 2019-2020 Budget Preparation Calendar

Discussion:

- Governor signed the permanent tax cap of 2%
- Possibility of a TRS Reserve Fund

The Board thanked Mr. Clamser, Dr. Brady and the Administration for all their work on the budget.

8.02 Assessment Data Summary

Mr. Douglas Berry presented the Assessment Data Summary.

- NYS 3-8 Assessments
 - Scale Scores and Student Performance Levels
 - 2017 Scale Score Conversion
 - 2018 Scale Score Conversion
 - Grades 3-8 ELA and Math
 - Performance Levels and Growth
 - Variables n Play
 - Changes in Assessment
 - 2018 Opt Out Data
 - Student/Parent Attitude Toward Testing
 - Free & Reduced Lunch Eligibility
 - Math & Split
 - 2018 Proficiency Results
 - 2018 ELA Results
 - 2018 Math Results
 - Springhurst ELA Highlights
 - Middle School ELA Highlights
 - Springhurst Math Highlights
 - Middle School Math Highlights
 - MS Performance on Regents Exams
 - Sub Group 3-8 Performance Economically Disadvantaged
- HS Performance On Regents Exams
- School Meter
 - IB Program Data
 - IB Diploma Data

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Discussion:

- Mr. Berry explained the data, the changes in the assessments and the scoring of assessments
- The Board wanted to know if we had a profile of the “opt out” students
 - Middle School parents tend to pick their battles
- Approximately 25% of IB students do not have enough points to earn the IB diploma

The Board thanked Mr. Berry for the update.

9. Board Actions

9.01 Budget Adoption

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board adopt the Proposed Budget of \$46,482,888 for the 2019-2020 school year.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.02 Board Trustee Resignation

Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board accept the resignation of Mr. Robert Reiser, Board Trustee, effective at the conclusion of the April 23, 2019 Board meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.03 Quad Management Transportation Services Agreement

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board approve a Quad Management Transportation Services Agreement between the Quad Villages (Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings and Irvington) to a one (1) year municipal cooperation agreement, commencing on July 1, 2019 and terminating on June 30, 2020, 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.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.04 Budget Transfer

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve the following budget transfer to cover various maintenance projects:

Account	Decrease	Increase
A 2250-470-01-0000 Spec Ed-Tuition K-5	\$50,000	
A 1621-401-08-0000 Maint Projects		\$50,000

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.05 CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Baron 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 March 25, 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;

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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 25, 2019.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.06 Personnel Recommendations

Ms. Baron moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board approve the staff personnel recommendations.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

10. Acknowledgements

10.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Reports for February 2019.

10.02 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrant:
Warrant No. 49 Multi.

11. Citizen's Comments

11.01 Notice

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12. Old Business

None.

13. New Business

Graduation:

- Is there a set date for graduation 2020? Probably 6/20.
- Will there be more chairs this year? Last year, many people had to stand.
- Can anything be done to increase the volume of the audio? Last year, people could not hear.
 - Unfortunately, there is a lot of activity going on at the same time as graduation – i.e., playground, trains, water traffic, etc.

14. Upcoming Meetings

14.01 Calendar

Thursday, April 23, 2019 - 7:00 PM – MS/HS Media Center

- SWBOCES Vote
- Capital Project Plan Presentation

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

- Public Hearing on the Budget
- Special Education Report

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15. Adjournment

At 9:08 PM, Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays



Loretta Tularzko
District Clerk