

# MINUTES



**Thursday, February 25, 2016  
Work Session  
MS/HS Library, 7:00 PM**

## **1. Call to Order**

## **2. Meeting Opening - 7:03 p.m.**

Mr. Goldman called the meeting to order.

### **2.01 Acceptance of the Agenda**

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept the February 25th Agenda.

Vote: 4 ayes - 0 nays

## **Attendance**

In attendance, Mr. Michael Goldman, Board President; Mr. Louis Schwartz, Vice President; Ms. Tracy Baron; Mr. Robert Reiser; Ms. Shannon Johnson; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Mr. Douglas Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

Mr. Jonathan Greengrass, Ms. Jean Lucasey, and Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach were not in attendance.

## **3. Announcements**

### **3.01 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 Friday, April 1, 2016, 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 Requests may be withdrawn if a school is not selected, but **may not** be considered if submitted after the deadline).*

### **3.02 Board Member Terms of Office**

*Three terms of office of the Dobbs Ferry Board of Education will be expiring on June 30, 2016:*

- Mr. Michael Goldman, Mr. Louis Schwartz and Ms. Jean Lucasey

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 18, 2016**. Twenty-five signatures of qualified voters in the district are required.

Mr. Goldman announced at the last Board meeting that he will not be seeking re-election.

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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 9, 2016 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 17, 2016.

## 4. Committee Reports

Please visit our District website under the BOE – Committees Tab for complete committee meeting minutes

### 4.01 Committee Reports

School Community Relations

- Reviewed the letter to community regarding Communications Survey results
  - The committee reviewed the letter and made multiple edits
  - Letter is posted on the website under the “Spotlight” section under 2015/2016 Communication Survey Results

Other Items

- Add a link to all district communications about BOE Meetings, reminding the public about accessing the live-stream of BOE meetings
- Still waiting for official notification regarding capital project delay before sending communication
- Discussion was held regarding the publicizing of the Saturday, March 5th budget meeting. Liz will draft a message for review

Curriculum Committee

New High School Course Proposals:

- The Committee discussed new courses being added to the High School Catalog for the 2016-2017 School Year
  - AP Computer Science Principles (Grades 9-12)
  - Sports Management, Marketing and Media (Grades 9 -12)
  - Business and Product Development (Grades 9-12)
  - IB Spanish Ab Initio (Grades 11-12)

At a future meeting, the committee will discuss plans for the introduction of the MYP Personal Project in Grade 10. 2014-2015 School Report Card Data is now available

## 5. Board Actions

### 5.01 Personnel

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board approve the civil service and staff personnel recommendation.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

## 6. 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 presentation*

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## 6.01 Book Talk

### "Switch: How to Change Things When change is Hard" by Chip Heath

Three community members joined the Board and Administration in a discussion of the book utilizing the "4 A's Protocol", adapted from Judith Gray, Seattle, WA 2005.

## Question regarding Special Education Consultant Presentation

- Will the new Special Education classroom structure allow for tuition students?
  - Conceivably yes, but not at first
  - Currently, we are part of a consortium that allows for out of District placements in other Rivertown schools, if there is availability.

## 7. Superintendent Goals

Mr. Goldman moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board approve the following Superintendent Goals.

- The Superintendent will provide guidance and structure for the implementation of the new BOE committee system.
- The Superintendent will provide oversight to a review of the District Special Education Program.
- The Superintendent will continue to monitor the progress toward MYP accreditation.
- The Superintendent will identify and support appropriate measures of academic achievement in addition to current NYS standardized tests.
- The Superintendent will facilitate and oversee the implementation of the 2015-2018 Technology Road Map.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

## 8. Old Business

### 8.01 NYSSBA Board Consultant

The Board discussed the process for the next steps of creating their 2016-2017 goals.

- They decided to have Jamie McPherson, from NYSSBA, return to facilitate the process in the near future.
- Dr. Brady will contact him and ask for dates of his availability
- Ms. Baron will then follow up with a Doodle Invite to Mr. McPherson, the Board and the Administration to find a common date for the meeting.

### 8.02 Ad Hoc Board Committee for BOE Orientation Manual

- Members will be as follows:
  - Mr. Goldman, Dr. Brady, Ms. Lucasey and Ms. Johnson

### 8.03 Ad Hoc Board Committee for Operations & Procedure Manual

- Members will be as follows:
  - Mr. Reiser, Mr. Schwartz and Ms. Baron

Mr. Greengrass will decide which committee he would like to join.

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### 9. New Business

None.

### Announcements

- The PTSA will be holding their Used Book Sale next week March 3 through March 5 in the Springhurst gym. No more used book donations are needed.
- On Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 in the Auditorium, the PTSA will sponsor a screening for the Rivertowns community, of the film "Most Likely to Succeed" followed by a panel moderated by Dr. Brady with Dr. Jim Gray, Ms. Stefanie Rogen and Mr. Will Richardson. Please see the PTSA website to acquire a ticket.

As noted in the Leadership Notes, the Board should review the recommended process for the Superintendent's evaluation and follow the methodology outlined.

### 10.0 Upcoming Meetings

#### 10.01 Calendar

##### Saturday, March 5, 2016 – 9:00 AM - Business – Commons

- Presentation of Proposed Budgets 2016-2017

##### Thursday, March 17, 2016 – 7:00 PM – Board Room

- Executive Session Only – Tenure Candidates & Probationary Teachers

### 11. Adjournment

At 8.47 PM, Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays



District Clerk