



Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Regular Board Meeting
MS/HS Media Center, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Meeting Opening 7:01 p.m.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Roll Call

Ms. Jean Lucasey, President; Ms. Shannon Johnson, Vice President; Ms. Tracy Baron; Ms. Rita Kennedy; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Mr. Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

Mr. Louis Schwartz and Mr. Douglas Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction were not in attendance.

2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board accept the May 7th Agenda.

Vote: 4 - ayes - 0 nays

2.04 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the April 9 and 23, 2019 meetings.

Vote: 4 - ayes - 0 nays

3. Announcements

3.01 Board Member Terms of Office

Five terms of office of the Dobbs Ferry Board of Education will be voted on May 21, 2019.

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

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

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

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

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The candidates running are as follows:

Rita Kennedy, Shannon Stringer, Louis Schwartz, Jean Lucasey and Matthew Rosenberg

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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 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

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

District

Springhurst 2nd Grade Concert tomorrow at 9 a.m.

Capital Projects Forum tomorrow at 10 a.m. following the 2nd Grade Concert at Springhurst in M-16

HS Spring Concert tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Schools closed Friday, May 24 and Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day

Springhurst

Students across the school have been engaged in amazing Google Expedition trips around the world. With Amber & Jenn's help, various classroom teachers ranging from grades K-5 have been leading these awe inspiring lessons. Audible gasps, oohs and ahhs and well as yelps of excitement have been echoing through the halls. We're thinking about writing a grant to get a Google Expeditions kit for Springhurst (we're currently borrowing the MS/HS kit)

Harmonaires sang the anthem @ DFLL Opening Day 4/27

Springhurst staff went to the MYP Expo on May 1 and had a wonderful experience

2nd grade concert is this Wednesday (during the school day) & 2nd gr. Animal Fair 5/17

5th gr. Concert Tuesday 5/14 @ 7pm

High School

National Merit. The DFHS Class of 2020 (juniors) has six students who receive recognition in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.

DFHS Ranked #30 in NYS by U.S. News. DFHS was ranked #30 (out of 1,290) in NYS by U.S. News and World Report. In addition, our HS was ranked #256 nationally (out of 17,245). The methodology for this year's ranking was revamped so that more than 14,500 additional schools were ranked as compared to last year. This resulted in a significant change in rank for most schools due to the

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broader competition. Despite this shift and increase in competition, DFHS had a rank that remained consistent with past performance. College Readiness (30%).

Aqueduct Cleanup. Our teachers joined the students from our Ecology Club for a cleanup of the aqueduct in celebration of Earth Day. A special thanks to Kelly Ravo for organizing this initiative. #DFHSIB20.

IB French Trip to Montréal and Québec. Madame Irvine's IB French class spent 5 beautiful days enjoying the art, culture, and cuisine of Montréal and Québec. The students were able to practice their French throughout this wonderful experience. A special thank you to Madame Irvine for organizing this entire trip and to Signora Addona for chaperoning.

IB Diploma Candidates. The Class of 2019 has an impressive 35 full IB Diploma Candidates. Students who pursue the full diploma complete courses in all six subject areas ("groups") as well as an Extended Essay, community service (CAS), and Theory of Knowledge. Great job. #DFHSIB20.

MYP Personal Project Expo: The Personal Project Expo was a great success. Thanks to Jen Hickey and all the teachers who worked with the students to guide them along over the year. All students in Grade 10 complete a Personal Project.

Senior Internship: Our seniors are currently taking IB DP exams and have begun their internships.

DF Schools Foundation Gala is Friday evening from 7 - 11 p.m. at the Ardsley County Club.

Budget Newsletters will be mailed tomorrow to the DF Community. Budget newsletters will also be available in Spanish at the DF Library, Cabrini Immigrant Center, the Food Pantry, school offices and on the website.

Ron Clamser and Lisa visited the Senior Center today for Senior Citizen Week and spoke about the budget.

May 15th all staff professional development with Dr. Heidi O'Gilvie entitled "The Magic and Medley: An Introduction to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion." Administrators and some teachers across the buildings are currently reading *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo. We had an excellent discussion this morning and look forward to this continued work.

Reading Without Walls - an initiative with PTSA Diversity Committee. K-12 going out and Lisa do "pop up" book reads at the MS and Springhurst during the month of May.

Improv Showcase on Saturday at the DF Library at 5 p.m. Ellen Flaks has been working with DF students to prepare for this.

5. Committee Reports

5.01 Committee Reports

Curriculum & Instruction - 4/24

The Committee received a briefing on the district's efforts regarding the development of a plan to address Social Emotional Learning in the district. Andrew Klaich has been leading a team representing all three schools and multiple areas of expertise. He will give an update later on in this meeting.

School & Community Relations - 4/30

- The Committee reviewed the Advertorial for the May 8th Capital Projects Community Forum and made recommendations. Community Forums are scheduled for:
 - May 2 @ 7 p.m in the MS/HS Library
 - May 8 @ 10 a.m. in Room M-16 at SpringhurstBOE members are invited to attend if their schedule permits.
- The Committee reviewed the e-newsletter for the Budget Newsletter.

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- The Budget Newsletter will go out on May 8 or 9. We are still waiting for the Spanish version so that it can be distributed as planned.
- There will be two advertorials prior to the Budget.

Facilities - 4/30

- Tetra Tech Architects & Construction Manager were present and the committee discussed the following:
- Capital Project Planning
 - Update on Project Scope Spreadsheet
 - Several items were excluded and will be addressed (as possible) through the general fund
 - Geothermal Update
 - At the Board's request, Tetra Tech evaluated the project for feasibility of geothermal at the MS/HS. Although geothermal would be more energy efficient over time, it would be more expensive in an existing building like our MS/HS as it would require a change of systems that includes digging multiple wells below the property. Taking into account the limited size of the MS/HS campus, the size of the necessary wellfield for the project, the high cost of the advanced technology required, along with proximity to the aqueduct and other factors, the engineers do not believe that geothermal is the best fit for this project.
- CMA examined the project scope and concluded that all the work would be aidable from SED. The financial analysis confirms that the project will result in a flat budget impact when factoring state building aid, funds from the capital reserve, and new debt service payments.
- SEQRA Review Process
 - Meeting with Margo May tomorrow (May 1) to determine which pathway we need to follow for the review. There are three types: Type II is the easiest path, and we have been able to use the Type II path in the past. The proximity to the aqueduct and the historic nature of MS/HS building, however, will more than likely require us to follow the path for either an Unlisted Action or a Type I project. That means that the District will need to send letters to the Village of Dobbs Ferry, Town of Greenburgh, DEC, NYSED, and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) informing them that the District intends to be the lead agent in the process. Agency responses must be received within a 30- day period in time for the June 11th BOE meeting.

Finance – 4/30

- Tax Certiorari Analysis
 - The Committee reviewed a chart with pending tax certiorari proceedings as provided by our attorney Marc Sharff. Ron will provide additional information to address some questions posed by the committee about these claims.
- Capital Project – Draft Financial Analysis
 - This was reviewed during the meeting.
- TRS Reserve Account
 - The committee reviewed a draft resolution for the establishment of the TRS Sub-Reserve. The committee requested that Ron send the draft resolution to David Shaw's office for review before having the Board adopt.

Personnel – 4/30

- The Committee reviewed and discussed the Personnel Recommendations for the May 7th BOE Agenda.
- Appointments are recommended for Fall Coaches which include a new Boys Varsity Football Coach and Boys Varsity Soccer Coach.

Special Ed - 4/30

- The Committee reviewed the CSE/CPSE recommendations. Questions were asked, clarified and discussed.
- The Committee reviewed SE numbers across the grades and in the District.
- The Committee discussed a number of student placement issues.
- The Committee also reviewed the SE Annual Report which will be shared as a BOE Report tonight.

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6. Citizen's Comments

6.01 Notice

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None.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Public Hearing

The Board of Education conducted a Public Hearing on the adopted 2019-2020 Budget.

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
- Estimated Sources of Revenue
- Proposition #1
- Board Members
- 2019-2020 Budget Preparation Calendar

There were no questions on the budget.

9. Reports to the Board

9.01 Social & Emotional Learning

Andrew Klaich, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, reported on Social Emotional Learning.

Highlights:

- Presentation Overview
- SEL Planning and CASEL
- SEL Planning Committee
- What is SEL?
- SEL Core Competencies
- Levels of Schoolwide SEL
- Why is SEL important?
- Skills for Social & Academic Success
- Impact of SEL is Long-Lasting & Global
- What does SEL look like in schools & classrooms?
- CASEL District Theory of Action
- SEL planning, preparation & education
- Next Steps

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- Gather data from students
- Building Level Compact Committees

Discussion:

- The committee attended a 5 day training session at BOCES
- SEL Core Competencies are aligned with the IB Learner profile
- SEL should be embedded in every subject and class – a part of the school culture
- Data gathering will link to Panorama Survey we completed on Culture Climate
- SEL is an ongoing process
- Implementation at the end of next year
- Perhaps this can be Tri-Sates session?
- This is not a one size fits all process

Mr. Klaich is confident that we are in a good place for this point in time.

9.02 Special Education Update

Dr. Vredenburgh, Director of Special Education and Ms. Flanagan, Special Education Coordinator, updated the Board and audience on Special Education.

Highlights:

- Tonight's Areas of Focus
- Special Education Totals
- Out of District Placements
- Number of Special Education Students
- 504 Accommodations Plans
- CPSE to CSE
- Continuing Priorities
- Questions

Discussion:

- Number of SE students for this year will be available at the next meeting
- CPSE to CSE numbers tend to drop - qualifying areas are different
- Most related services are in the classrooms
- Those outside would be Speech, OT, PT, etc.
- Further parent training
- Continue with our DBT programs

Since this is the last time Dr. Vredenburgh will report out at a Board meeting she expressed her sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Board, Dr. Brady, Mr. Berry and the District.

Dr. Brady wished Ms. Vredenburgh all the best and expressed how much she will be missed as a colleague and a friend.

10. Board Actions

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve Items 10.01, 10.02, and 10.03 as a consent agenda.

Vote: 4 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board approve 10.01, 10.02, and 10.03.

Vote: 4 - ayes - 0 nays

10.01 2019-2020 Board of Registry and Election Inspector

The Board appointed the Board of Registry and Election Inspectors for the May 13, 2019 and May 21, 2019 Annual Election and Budget Vote.

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10.02 2019-2020 Budget & Trustee Vote Vendors

The Board approved the following authorized vendors in connection with the 2019-2020 Budget & Trustee Vote:

Westchester Board of Elections

- Four voting machines; three 3 privacy booths
- Poll Books
- Poll Lists - Active and Permanently Disabled

Ron's Trucking

- Delivery and return of voting machines and privacy booths to the Board of Elections

Phoenix Graphics

- Ballot Printing and shipping

Alperson Party Rentals

- 12 Stanchions & 8 ropes

10.03 CSE/CPSE Recommendations

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 April 22, 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;

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 April 22, 2019.

10.04 Personnel Recommendations

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

Vote: 4 - ayes - 0 nays

11. Acknowledgements

11.01 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrant:
Warrant No. 53 Multi.

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None.

13. Old Business

Special Education Director Position

- Candidate Screening – May 7, May 8 and May 9
- Interview Committee will meet the top candidates on May 16
- The goal is to appoint the selected candidate at the 6/11 meeting

14. New Business

14.01 WPSBA Proposed Budget and Board of Directors nominating slate for 2019-20

- The Board will vote on May 28th
- First time WPSBA has raised dues in a decade
- The dues are calculated on the size of the district and the overall budget
- They have high quality training
- They lobby for all the Districts in the lower Hudson area
- Ms. Baron is on the slate for officers

15. Upcoming Meetings

15.01 Calendar

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 - 9:00 AM - Board Room

- Certification of the Budget Results

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

- Public Capital Project Plan Presentation

16. Adjournment

At 8:29 PM, Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 4 - ayes - 0 nays



Loretta Tularzko
District Clerk