



**Tuesday, April 4, 2017
Regular Board Meeting
MS/HS Library, 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Regular Meeting Opening 7:07 p.m.

Ms. Tracy Baron, President; Ms. Jean Lucasey, Vice President; Mr. Robert Reiser; Mr. Jonathan Greengrass; Mr. Louis Schwartz; Ms. Rita Kennedy; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent ; Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; Mr. Douglas Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

Ms. Shannon Johnson was not in attendance.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board accept the April 4th Agenda.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

2.03 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the March 11 and 21, 2017 meetings.

Vote: 6 - 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, 2017:

- *Ms. Tracy Baron and Mr. Robert Reiser*

*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 17, 2017**. Twenty-five signatures of qualified voters in the district are required.*

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 8, 2017** 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 16, 2017.*

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PTSA

- Ms. McNamara thanked the community for all the donated books they received for the Used Book Sale.
- They donated 300 books that were left after the sale to "You Need to Read".
- Save the Date – June 2, 2017 – PTSA end of year and 25th Anniversary celebration.
 - Details to follow

4. Superintendent's Report

Spring Break - April 10 through April 17

- School is back in session on Tuesday, April 18th. There will be NO ACCESS to the Middle/High School buildings during this time due to a planned electric service upgrade. There will be no electricity to the Middle/High School buildings.

District NYS Testing

- ELA Testing is completed. Our "opt out" numbers have remained fairly consistent over the past 2-3 years.
- Math testing scheduled for May 2, 3 and 4.
- We encourage parents to send their children to school and participate in testing. We are concerned about not making AYP for the third year in a row and do not know for sure what the implications would be for the District.

MYP

- The MYP Personal Projects Showcase is scheduled for May 23 at 7 p.m. More information will be forthcoming

District Dialogue

- The following District Dialogue programs are also running on Cablevision Channel 75 and Verizon FiOS Channel 47 as well as the website.
 - Capital Projects Update
 - Tri-States Visit
 - Women in Science
 - Understanding Adolescent Sleep
- The cable channels are also livestreamed all day/every day by clicking on the News and Views tab on the District homepage.

High School

- The high school team (Falino, Reim, and Halberg) will be presenting at the IB World Conference in Florida this summer for the third year in a row. The focus of the presentation is on how to promote equity and student access to the IB DP.
- The Addams Family (high school musical) was a tremendous success! We had two sold out shows. Great job by Georgia DeFalco, Amanda Newhouse, the theater team, and our students!
- Blake Herd is a National Merit Winner! This is the second year in a row that we have a student who has won! (Sofia last year)
- Our DI team finished first in the regional tournament and has qualified to compete at the state tournament in Binghamton.
- The science research program "cleaned up" at WESEF. 9 students placed and we had two first place winners. Hannah Brown also won a spot to compete in the prestigious ISEF competition in Los Angeles this May! Also Nisha Mather will be competing in Houston at ISWEEP and Rebecca Cadenhead is a Genius Olympiad Finalist.
- The theater arts department will take a group of students to see Ms. Saigon this Wednesday. The students will be treated to a pre-show class taught by Broadway teaching artists.
- Our 18 French students went to see Amelie last week on Broadway!
- The 18 Art Show was a tremendous success. Great job by Serena Buschi and her students!
- IB exams are fast approaching (this May!).

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Middle School

- One of our DI teams finished first in the regional tournament and has qualified to compete at the state tournament in Binghamton. Great work Rachael Lief!
- Patrick's proposal, MYP and the adolescent brain....a perfect fit, was accepted by IB to present at the IB world conference in Orlando this summer.
- The MS/HS Jazz night was extremely successful. Great job Paul Huneke!
- Our MS students will participate in the District Band Workshop on April 5

Springhurst

- Springhurst continues to look at scheduling options
- DI Teams - Heading to State Competition in Binghamton NY (April 8th)
- Students in Grades 3-5 are beginning Junior Great Books pilot (funded by DFSF)
- Grade 5 students will participate in District Band Workshop at MS/HS on April 5
- Grade 1 students kick off chick/egg hatching unit with a trip to Teatown April 6
- Kindergarten Registration begins April 19
- Students in Grades 3-5 will enjoy the Walkabout Clearwater Chorus April 26th
- Animal Fair Grade 2 -April 28 - 9:00 a.m.

5. Committee Reports

5.01 Committee Reports

SE Subcommittee - 3/28

- Reviewed the following:
 - CSE recommendations on tonight's agenda
 - Update on enrollment numbers
 - Summer ESY will be held in District
 - Afternoon recreational program will be run by SPARC, Inc. also.
 - Ms. Vredenburgh and the staff will meet with the counselors from SPARKS to review IEPs, etc.

Personnel - 3/29

- Reviewed the recommendations on tonight's meeting and found no problems

School & Community Relations - 4/4

- Reviewed the draft Budget Newsletter
- Reviewed the Constant Contact program metrics

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Citizen's Comments

7.01 Notice

Members of the community may comment on any matter related to district business. 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.

8. 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 meeting

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8.01 Superintendent's Proposed Budget - 2017-2018

Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations reviewed the proposed 2017-2018 Budget.

- Budget Terms
- Sources of Revenue – 2017-2018
- 2017-2018 Tax Levy Cap Calculation
- Summary of 2017-2018 Proposed Expenditures
- Building the 2017-2018 Educational Plan and Budget
- General Fund Balance and Reserve History
- Changes Over the Years
- Proposed 2017-2018 Budget
- Proposition #2
- 2017-2018 Budget Preparation Calendar

Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach explained the formula to calculate an approximate tax levy on a home.

8.02 Revenue Forecast

Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations, presented the proposed 2017-2018 Budget.

- 2017-2018 Proposed Budget
- Sources of Revenue 2017-2018
- 2017-2018 General Fund – State & Federal Aid
- 2017-2018 Tax Levy Cap Calculation
- Projected Tax Calculation
- STAR
- Additional Tax Exemptions
- General Fund Balance and Reserve History

9. Board Actions

9.01 MS/HS 2016 Capital Projects Contract Awards

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board award the following contracts and authorizes the Board President and Superintendent to sign them. The award of the contracts below will enable the District to complete the library ceiling portion of the project:

Bid Number	Contract Number	Trade	Contractor	Dollar Amount
1617-06	Alternate #1	GC	Pearl River Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	\$105,584.00
1516-13	Alternate #1	HVAC	Pearl River Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	\$92,143.00
1516-11	Alternate #1	Electric	Talt Electric	\$136,000.00

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.02 Budget Transfer

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Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board approve the following budget transfer to transfer funds to pay utility costs through the end of the year:

Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A9020.820.00.0000	\$70,000	A1620.424.08.3000	\$70,000
Teacher Retirement		Operations - Gas - MS/HS	
Total	\$70,000	Total	\$70,000

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.03 CSE/CPSE

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Lucasey 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 24, 31, 2017 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 March 24, 2017.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.04 Personnel

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve the Civil Service and staff personnel recommendations.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

10. Acknowledgements

10.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for February, 2017.

10.02 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:
Warrant No. 43 Multi.

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None.

12. Old Business

What is the status of the Student Democratic Club?

- Being reviewed by SAAC on April 19th.

13. New Business

None.

13.01 2017-2018 Reorganizational Meeting Date

- Ms. Kennedy will send out a Doodle for the Board to select a date for the reorganizational meeting
- The resolution of the date will be on the May 2nd agenda

13.02 SWBOCES Budget & Trustee Information for the April 25th Vote

Dr. Brady will check with SWBOCES to see if the vote must take place on the 25th and if a vote should be conducted. If the meeting needs to take place on the 25th a later start time will be decided.

14. Upcoming Meetings

14.01 Calendar

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

- Finalization of 2017-2018 Budget
- Budget Adoption
- Work Session Topic – Democracy in Public Schools

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – 8:00 AM – Board Room

- SWBOCES Vote

15. Adjournment

At 8:06 PM, Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

16. Approved Minutes

16.01 Approved Minutes – February 7 and 28, 2017



District Clerk