

MINUTES



**Thursday, May 5, 2016
Business Board Meeting
MS/HS Library, 7:00 PM**

1. Audit Committee

The Audit Committee met to discuss the following:

1. Pre-audit meeting with external auditor
2. Review of proposals for claims auditor

2. Call to Order

3. Meeting Opening - 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Michael Goldman called the meeting to order.

In attendance, Mr. Michael Goldman, Board President; Mr. Louis Schwartz, Vice President; Ms. Tracy Baron; Mr. Robert Reiser; Mr. Mr. Jonathan Greengrass; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Ms. Shannon Johnson; 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.

3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

3.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept the May 5th Agenda.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

3.03 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the April 7, 2016 and April 14, 2016 meetings.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting.

Vote: 4 ayes - 0 nays – 2 abstentions – Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Greengrass

4. Announcements

4.01 Personal Voter Registration

Mr. Goldman congratulated the three uncontested candidates.

MINUTES

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.

5. Superintendent's Report

- NYSSBA accepted a proposal written by Ms. Baron and Dr. Brady on our later school start time. They will be presenting at the NYSSBA Convention next October 27-29 in Buffalo.
- On Wednesday May 11th, Fox News will be at the District for a story on our later start time
- After June of this year, the Dobbs Ferry School District will no longer host the SATs or ACTs
 - The College Board administers the tests and supplies the proctors
 - There have been several issues especially on April 9th
 - Insufficient staff – pay is very low
 - Long lines and wait times
 - The District is not at fault and it puts us in a bad situation
 - There are many other sites for Dobbs Ferry students to take the tests
 - The PSATs will continue to be held here – we administer these tests internally
- Congratulations to Sofia Checa who won a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship for 2016
- We had nine Juniors recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation
- Rebecca Caddenhead was accepted into the NASA Summer Internship Program in Earth Science on the Magic Response Team
- Science Research – Tri States Science Competition
 - We had 5 winners and 1 finalist
- Spring Musical “Damn Yankees” was a huge success
- IB Testing will be taking place through May 20th
- Congratulations to the Foreign Language Honor Society Students
- 8th grade Career Day will be held tomorrow
- 5th grade Orientation will be held on May 12th
- On May 18th, Mr. Mussolini and Ms. Vredenburg will host a Parent Meeting for 5th grade students transitioning with IEPs
- The 7th Grade Philadelphia trip will be on May 26th
- Springhurst held a Compost Day on April 28th, there will be another session on June 9th
 - It was a great experience for the students
 - The students learned the entire process of composting
 - Thanks to all the parents that helped out
- Compost Team will present to the Board on June 16th
- Enrichment Clusters off to a great start
 - Record number of students
- Springhurst created a Kindergarten video to send to all the pre-schools so their students can see what Kindergarten is like at Springhurst to help alleviate their concerns about starting Kindergarten
- District Dialogue
 - A three part series with St. John Riverside Hospital on concussions and Lyme Disease
 - Mayor Connett will be taping a segment on the Dobbs Ferry Village
 - A video on the Springhurst Composting will be taped on May 17th
 - Thanks to Kevin Ridley for all his work on District Dialogue
- The Eye on the Classroom will include a segment on KenKen which will be used by the KenKen organization
- High School Orientation for incoming Freshman will be held May 11th

Mr. Goldman acknowledged a letter from the Suburban Schools Superintendents nominating Dr. Brady for membership. It is limited to 150 active superintendents from across the USA. The conference will be in Texas next fall.

- The Foundation Gala will be held on May 20th at 6:30 PM at the Waterfront
- High School Concert – May 10th
- Middle School Concert – May 17th

MINUTES

- Middle School Theater Arts Production – May 23rd
- Graduation will be held on June 20th at the Waterfront

Mr. Reiser arrived at 7:31 PM.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 BOE Committees

Curriculum
Facilities
Personnel

- Curriculum Committee
 - Reviewed a plan to change the number of report cards at Springhurst next year from three to two
 - 2 report cards and 2 Parent Teacher Conferences
 - Information will be shared via home mails and Back to School Night
 - Reviewed a new STEM 8th grade elective course
- Facilities Committee
 - Reviewed Construction Manager proposals for the Capital Projects
 - Final decision – Calgi Construction – it will be on the May 19th Agenda
 - Reviewed RFP proposals for the Capital Projects (will be discussed later on in the meeting)
- Personnel Committee
 - Reviewed Personnel Resolutions for this evening's approval

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Citizen's Comments

8.01 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.

None.

9. Public Hearing

9.01 Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan

Mr. Terance Huyter, Director of Technology, explained the Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan that was presented in the fall.

- Smart Schools Bond PIP (Preliminary Investment Plan)
- Allocation of Funds
- School Connectivity Allocations
- Classroom Technology Allocations
- Next steps, will be working with BOCES to submit our application to the SED
- This is our allocation of the proposal approved by the voters last year

9.02 2016-2017 Budget Hearing

MINUTES

Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities and Operations, explained the adopted 2016-2017 Budget.

- Sources of Revenue 2016-2017
- Summary of 2016-2017 Projected Expenditures
- Tax Levy Cap Calculation
- Tax Calculation
- Assessed Valuation
- Proposed 2016-2017 Budget
- Proposition #1 – Budget
- Board Members
- School Board Election and Budget Vote – May 17, 2016
 - 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM – High School

10. Reports to the Board

None.

11. Board Actions

11.01 Dobbs Ferry Schools Professional Development Grant

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept a professional development grant from the Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation in the amount of \$675 for Elizabeth Pinkava to attend the Sixth Annual Singapore Mathematics Summer Institute.

The Board thanked the Foundation for this additional grant.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

11.02 PTSA Grants

Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board accept the following PTSA grants:

Academic Enrichment - Middle School for the Poetry Cafe	\$ 500
Gym Guyz - to enhance Kindergarten indoor recess	\$ 1,200
Insta Writers for Amy Chiossi	\$ 360
5 USB Cameras for 5th grade classrooms	\$ 897.70
Anti-Defamation League Student Training	\$1,000
Total	\$3,457.70
Grand Total	\$3,957.70

The Board thanked the PTSA for these insta grants.

- The PTSA General Membership will be on May 9th.
- PTSA will host a "Meet the Candidates" session on Saturday, May 14th at 10:30am in the Library.
- The PTSA book fair will be held on May 19th in the HS Gym from 9:30 am to 7:30 am.
- The PTSA has endorsed the 2016-2017 District Budget.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

11.03 Piano Donation

5/5/16

MINUTES

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board accept a donation of a Schumann Baby Grand Piano from Paul and Susan Indenbaum.

The Board thanked the Indenbaums.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve Items 11.04, 11.05, 11.06, 11.11, 11.12 and 11.13 as a consent agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve 11.04, 11.05, 11.06, 11.11, 11.12 and 11.13.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

11.04 Smart Schools Bond Act

The Board approved the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District has developed a Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan, dated May 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan was posted on the District's website for a period of at least 30 days prior to the public hearing on the Preliminary Smart School Investment Plan providing the public with the opportunity to submit written comments; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Preliminary Smart School Investment Plan was held on May 5, 2016, to allow for public comment and involvement; and

WHEREAS, upon due consideration of the responses and comments received, the Board of Education has determined to adopt its Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan, as its Final Smart Schools Investment Plan, which will be dated May 5, 2016;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves and adopts the Final Smart Schools Investment Plan dated May 5, 2016 and hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools to submit the Final Smart Schools Investment Plan to the New York State Education Department and to take all other necessary actions as required by the Smart Schools Bond Act.

11.05 2016-2017 New Service Bids

The Board approved the attached 2016-2017 New Service Bids.

11.06 2016-2017 Service Bid Renewals

The Board approved the attached 2016-2017 Service Bid Renewals.

11.11 Budget Transfer

The Board approved the following budget transfer to transfer funds to reallocate appropriations among the BOCES codes to continue to pay for BOCES services out of the correct codes through the end of the fiscal year:

Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
---------------------	--------	---------------------	--------

MINUTES

A2110.490.00.0000	\$29,000	A1430.490.00.0000	\$ 4,900
Tch Reg-BOCES-Gen Ed		Personnel-BOCES	
A2280.490.03.0000	\$17,400	A2010.490.04.0000	\$21,100
Occupational BOCES		Curriculum Dev-BOCES	
A2855.490.07.7900	\$ 3,300	A2070.490.04.0000	\$ 5,200
Athletics-BOCES Officials		Staff Development-BOCES	
		A2250.490.00.7200	\$18,500
		Special Ed-BOCES	
Total	\$49,700	Total	\$49,700

11.12 CSE/CPSE

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 21, 2016 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 21, 2016.

11.13 Personnel

The Board approved the civil service and staff personnel recommendations.

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board approve Items 11.07, 11.08, 11.09, and 11.10 as a consent agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve 11.07, 11.08, 11.09, and 11.10.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Fassler-Wallach explained the work associated with the 9 contracts for award and rejection and the plans for the rebidding of those rejected.

The Board discussed the costs, maintenance and life expectancy of the crumb rubber vs. the organic fields and the projects that are not included in these bids.

Springhurst field and tennis courts will be ready by next October. The playground will be accessible for the opening of school.

MS/HS field should be ready for the beginning of the next school year.

MINUTES

The remaining projects will be completed by September 2017.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Please view the entire meeting on TV DFTV - Channel 75 & 47 for full details or visit the website for the video of details

11.07 MS/HS 2016 Capital Projects Awards

The Board awarded the following contracts and authorized the Board President and Superintendent to sign them:

Bid Number	Contract Number	Trade	Contractor	Dollar Amount
1516-11	3	Electrical	Talt Electric	\$667,000.00
1516-11	4	Site Work	Applied Landscape Technologies	\$661,245.00
1516-11	5	Roof	J. Salvatore & Sons, Inc.	\$863,318.00

11.08 MS/HS 2016 Capital Projects Bid Rejections

The Board rejected the following contracts on Bid #1516-11:

Bid Number	Contract Number	Trade
1516-11	1	General Construction
1516-11	2	Mechanical (HVAC)

11.09 Springhurst 2016 Capital Projects Contract Awards

The Board awarded the following contracts and authorized the Board President and Superintendent to sign them:

Bid Number	Contract Number	Trade	Contractor	Dollar Amount
1516-12	2	Mechanical (HVAC)	MDS HVAC-R, Inc.	\$3,898,692.00
1516-12	3	Electrical	Talt Electric	\$ 876,000.00
1516-12	4	Site Work	Con-Tech Construction Technology, Inc.	\$2,472,920.00
		Alternate #5	Con-Tech Construction Technology, Inc.	\$ 75,000.00
		Alternate #7	Con-Tech Construction Technology, Inc.	\$ 35,800.00

11.10 Springhurst 2016 Capital Project Bid Rejection

The Board rejected the following contract on Bid #1516-12:

Bid Number	Contract Number	Trade
1516-12	1	General Construction

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

MINUTES

12. Acknowledgements

12.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for March, 2016.

12.02 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:
Warrant No. 44 Multi, 46 Multi and 48 Multi.

13. Citizen's Comments

13.01 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.

14. Old Business

The Board should submit their Superintendent's Evaluation by tomorrow.

New Board Member Orientation package will be ready by June 1st.
Board Member Protocols will also be available in the June timeframe.

15. New Business

15.01 2016-2017 Board Meeting Dates

- Board Retreat Date
- Board Meeting Dates

Mr. Goldman shared the information he received from the Dobbs Ferry Village regarding the village's process for tax assessment.

Ms. Fassler-Wallach will contact Edye McCarthy, from the Greenburgh Tax Assessor's office, for further clarification on the timeline of re-assessments.

Ms. Baron will send out a "Doodle Poll" to gather Board members availability to schedule a date for their Summer Retreat.

16. Upcoming Meetings

16.01 Calendar

Monday, May 9, 2016 - 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM - HS Gymnasium Foyer

- Voter Registration

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 - 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM - HS Gymnasium

- Trustee & Budget Vote

MINUTES

Thursday, May 19, 2016 – 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

- School Report Card Review

Executive Session

At 8:30 PM, Mr. Goldman moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, to convene to Executive Session for the following purpose: to discuss contract negotiations.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Goldman moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, to appoint Mr. Schwartz as Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

At 8:51 PM, Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, to move back to the Regular Meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

17. Adjournment

At 8:52 PM, Ms. Baron moved, Ms. Lucasey seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

16. Approved Minutes

16.01 Approved Minutes – February 4, February 24, March 5 and March 17, 2016.



District Clerk