



**Thursday, June 18, 2015
Business Board Meeting
MS/HS Library, 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Executive Session - 6:20 PM

2.01 Executive Session

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, to appoint Mr. Reiser as Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Goldman moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, to convene to Executive Session for the following purpose: to discuss the employment history of specific personnel and pending litigation.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, to move to the Regular Meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

3. Meeting Opening 7:17 p.m.

Ms. Baron called the meeting to order.

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

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, that the Board accept the June 18th Agenda.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

3.03 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the May 21, 2015 meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

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4. Announcements

Dr. Brady acknowledged Ms. Black's leaving the Board after wonderful 15 years as Board member, President and Vice President.

Dr. Brady presented Ms. Lynne Black with a certificate and bouquet of flowers. Ms. Black's was honored with a standing ovation by the Board, Administration and audience members.

Graduation will be held on June 20th at 6:30 PM at the Waterfront
Middle School Stepping-Up will be held on June 23rd at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium
Springhurst Stepping-Up will be held on June 24th at 9:00 AM in the Auditorium
The Seniors left tonight for their prom. Everyone looked beautiful.

5. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Patrick Mussolini, Middle School Principal, gave a brief update on a new Middle School course - STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math).

- The Middle Years Program requires a full year design course
- The focus is on coding and gaming for Algebra
- It is in the infancy stage of curriculum
- It is part of the MYP exploratory wheel
- PTSA reps, teacher and Curriculum Council have been notified
- It is for all students in grades 6 & 7
- It runs 1 semester every other day
- The District has a robot (named Dobbs) to be part of the library to help teach students how to code

6. Correspondence

6.01 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.

None.

8.0 Reports to the Board

8.01 Assessment Tool Update

Mr. Douglas Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented an Assessment Tool update.

- Committee Goals
- Assessment Selection Process
- Committee Membership
- Establish Criteria
- Identified Criteria
- Possible Options

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- Exploration Process
- Consensus and Recommendation
- Identified Criteria
- STAR vs. Identified Criteria
- STAR Highlights
- Roll Out Plan

Comments/Questions:

- The committee worked on this for most of the school year
 - Included teachers from all three schools in general education and special education, Administrators and the LHRIC representative
 - Thank you to the teachers you gave up a lot of their time working from 3 – 5:30 PM
- It is fully aligned towards common core standards
- This tool is in response to the Board's request for better assessment measures than state tests
- It is an assessment tool for instruction and gives objective look at student progress and is adaptable
- We have a need for an universal screener across grades K-8
- Not intended to be a direct correlation to the report cards
- Gives teachers valuable information to make instructional decisions in the classroom; will have a positive impact on instruction; and will be a valuable instructional tool
- Will also have a big impact on RTI progress
- Predictor for performance in State Assessments
- A letter will be going out to parents in the fall
- The assessment tool will not go out to parents the first year of implementation, so teachers can learn all the components – it will be a learning curve
- Data privacy – the LHRIC follows all NYS privacy regulations
- Identifiable data is housed with the 3rd party
 - Did they ever have a data breach?
- We have a unique educational philosophy
 - Is this made to access what we value as a District?
 - It is an important piece to put students on solid footing
 - Gives an objective look at individual students and it is adaptable
 - Tri-States is looking at rubrics to measure the skills that our District is looking to measure across content areas and not just content specific

8.02 Budget Status Report

Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations, presented the Budget Status Report.

- Projected Revenues Compared to Budgeted Revenues at May 31, 2015
- Projected Expenditures Less (More) than Budgeted Expenditures at May 31, 2015
- Recommended Fund Balance Options
- General Fund Balance and Reserve History
- Fund Balances

Comments/Questions:

- How do Tax Certs this year compare to other years?
 - It varies - we have been funding between 400K and 800K a year

Ms. Black left the meeting at approximately 8:10 PM.

9. Board Actions

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Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board approve Items 9.03, 9.04, 9.05, 9.06, 9.07, 9.08, 9.09 and 9.10 as a consent agenda.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Goldman moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board approve items 9.03, 9.04, 9.05, 9.06, 9.07, 9.08, 9.09 and 9.10.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.03 Out-of-District Comingled Bus Transportation

The Board awarded the 2015-16 Out-of-District Co-mingled Contract (A3, A4) to All County Bus, LLC, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

9.04 2015-2016 Service Bids

The Board renewed the attached 2015-2016 Service Bids.

9.05 Service Agreement

The Board approved the attached inter-municipal agreement with the Village of Dobbs Ferry. Approving this agreement will authorize the District to pay \$4,650 towards the installation of a new scoreboard at Gould Park.

9.06 Reserve Accounts

The Board approved the following actions on the District's reserve accounts:

G/L Account Number	Name of Reserve	Action
A827	Reserve for Retirement	Increase
A864	Reserve for Tax Certiorari	Establish for 2014-15

9.07 Budget Transfer

The Board approved the following budget transfer to pay for special education to BOCES for a student previously attending a non-BOCES program:

Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A2250.470.00.0000	\$75,000.00	A2250.490.00.7200	\$75,000.00
Special Ed. Tuition		Special Ed. - BOCES	
Total	\$75,000.00	Total	\$75,000.00

9.08 Budget Transfer

The Board approved the following budget transfer to pay The Learning Shop through the end of the school year.

Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A2250.153.00.7200	\$6,000.00	A2110.403.04.0000	\$6,000.00
Special Ed. - Home Tutors		Tch Reg - Center Tutors	

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Total	\$6,000.00	Total	\$6,000.00

9.09 Budget Transfer

The Board approved the following budget transfer to pay the June BOCES bill:

Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A1620.490.08.5500	\$ 5,000.00	A2010.490.04.0000	\$ 7,500.00
Operations - BOCES		Curriculum Dev. - BOCES	
A2820.490.00.6500	\$ 1,500.00	A2070.490.04.0000	\$ 5,000.00
Psych. Svcs. - BOCES Eval		Staff Dev. - BOCES	
A1430.490.00.0000	\$ 1,500.00	A2110.490.01.5400	\$ 4,500.00
Personnel - BOCES		Tch. Reg. Cult Arts - SH	
A9060.861.00.0000			
Medical Ins. - Waiver Pmnts.	\$ 9,000.00		
Total	\$17,000.00	Total	\$17,000.00

9.10 Disposition of Books - Springhurst

The Board approved the disposal of the books on the attached list from Springhurst classrooms.

9.01 Bond Resolution

Mr. Goldman moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board waive the reading of the resolution.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, that the Board approve the following resolution:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE DOBBS FERRY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 6, 2014, AND AMENDED JUNE 18, 2015, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO ALL DISTRICT SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND SITES; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$16,019,145; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, INCLUDING \$1,750,000 FROM THE DISTRICT'S "DISTRICT-WIDE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND"; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$14,269,145 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE BALANCE OF SAID APPROPRIATION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DOBBS FERRY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Education) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, in the County of Westchester, New York, is hereby authorized to construct improvements to all District school buildings and sites (the "Project"), substantially as described in a revised Plan developed by the District, including (as and where necessary): improvements to the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and electrical systems, including the reconfiguration of the HVAC system; roof replacements; corridor ceilings and other abatement; technology, performing arts and auditorium improvements; and site, recreation, athletic and field enhancements, including field installation and/or

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replacements; paving, tennis court and bleacher installation and/or improvements; all of the foregoing to include all furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, and ancillary and related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith. The estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$16,019,145 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor, including the expenditure of \$1,750,000 from the District's "District-wide Capital Improvement Reserve Fund" (the "Fund"), and the issuance of \$14,269,145 serial bonds of the District to finance the balance of said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable. Not to exceed \$1,000,000 of the Fund, if available, is hereby authorized to be expended to offset a like amount of the taxes authorized to pay for the Project, and such expenditures are hereby approved.

Section 2. Serial bonds of the District in the amount of \$14,269,145 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law") to finance a portion of said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which serial bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 97 of the Law, is thirty (30) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation of rate or amount. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Education relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of all bonds herein and heretofore authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary hereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

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Section 7. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in "The Journal News" and "The Rivertowns Enterprise," two newspapers each having a general circulation within the District and hereby designated the official newspapers of said District for such publication.

Section (B) The amendment of the bond resolution set forth in Section A of this resolution, shall in no way affect the validity of the liabilities incurred, obligations issued, or action taken pursuant to said bond resolution, and all such liabilities incurred, obligations issued, or action taken shall be deemed to have been incurred, issued or taken pursuant to said bond resolution, as so amended.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

9.02 Change Orders

Mr. Goldman moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board determine that the following authorizations shall be required for change orders in conjunction with the District's Capital Project during July and August 2015:

Up to and including \$71,975 - Authorization by the Superintendent of Schools or the Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities, and Operations prior to Board approval at its next regular or special meeting;

Over \$71,975 - Authorization by the Board of Education.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

9.11 2015-2016 Salaries & Stipends for Confidential Employees

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board approve the attached salaries for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for the confidential employees.

The Board met in Executive Session to thoroughly review the individual salaries.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

9.12 Policies First Readings

The Board conducted a first reading of the following updated policies:

- 1800 – Donations, Gifts, and Grants to the District
- 4326 – Programs for English Language Learners
- 9645 – Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct

Mr. Goldman moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board omit a second reading of policy 1800 – Donations, Gifts and Grants to the District and adopt the policy as amended.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, that the Board omit a second reading of policy 4326 - Programs for English Language Learners and adopt the policy.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

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After a first reading and discussion of policy 9645 – Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct, the Board requested that the Policy Committee research whether the last paragraph is required.

9.13 CSE/CPSE

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, that the Board waive the reading of the resolution.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Goldman moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that 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 June 11, 2015 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 June 11, 2015.

The Board thanked Ms. Vredenburg for the reformatting of the report.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

9.14 Personnel

The Civil Service personnel was withdrawn.

Mr. Goldman moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board approve the staff personnel recommendations.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.15 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for May, 2015.

9.16 Warrants

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

10. Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee met – see above - Assessment Tool Update.

Combined Finance and Facilities meeting met on June 15th and covered the following:

- Change order process for the Capital Projects
- Investment Option – Districts are funding other District's for tax certioraris for 4-6 months; if the District defaults the SED will step in

11. Old Business

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None.

12. New Business

Board discussed Board Leadership roles for next year and Board President and Vice Presidents nominations at the July 1st meeting.

No consensus was reached at this time.

13. Upcoming Meetings

13.01 Calendar

Wednesday, July 1, 2015 - 8:00 AM - MS/HS Library

- Reorganizational Meeting

Wednesday, July 22, 2015 - 9:00 AM - Board Room

Wednesday, July 22, 2015 -10:00 AM - Board Room

- Board Retreat

14. Executive Session

14.01 Executive Session

At 9:23 PM, Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, to convene to Executive Session for the following purpose: to continue discussion on the employment history of specific personnel and pending litigation.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, to appoint Mr. Reiser as Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays (Mr. Goldman was not present)

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Goldman seconded, to move back to the Regular Meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

15. Adjournment

At 9:42 PM, Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays



District Clerk