



**Tuesday, June 6, 2017
Regular Board Meeting
MS/HS Library, 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Regular Meeting Opening 7:08 p.m.

Ms. Tracy Baron, President; Ms. Jean Lucasey, Vice President; Mr. Robert Reiser; Mr. Jonathan Greengrass; Mr. Louis Schwartz; Ms. Shannon Johnson; 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.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board accept the June 6th Agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

2.03 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Johnson moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays – 2 abstentions – Ms. Baron and Mr. Schwartz

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays – 2 abstentions – Ms. Johnson and Mr. Schwartz

3. Announcements

4. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Brady presented Ms. Baron with a NYSSBA certificate and pad folder for completing 250 points of professional and leadership development.
- Thank You to the Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation on their successful event and fundraiser on May 19th which resulted in \$50,000 for MYP teacher professional development for both MS and HS teachers.
- Thank You to the PTSA for a wonderful evening on Friday honoring all parents who have worked to establish and maintain this important parent/school partnership for our schools.
- Thank you to all of our administrators and teachers who attended these events!
- We are rescheduling the Parent Technology Information Night until early October so that we can increase attendance and respond to parent input from the Thoughtexchange Process.

Athletics:

- Scholar Athlete Teams: At the end of each sports season, the NYSPHSAA (New York State Public High School Athletic Association) honors those teams and individuals that excel in the classroom. The following varsity teams are recognized as scholar athlete teams for the spring season:

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- Boys Track and Field
- Girls Track and Field
- Boys Lacrosse
- Girls Lacrosse
- Boys Tennis

High School

- Congratulations to senior Hannah Brown on placing second at last week's ISEF competition in Los Angeles! This is an extraordinary accomplishment and a wonderful testament to the quality of our school's science research program. A special thanks to teacher Erica Curran for preparing our students!
- DF Historical Society Essay Winners! We are pleased to share that 16 our ninth grade students entered the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society essay contest. The winners were announced at a beautiful ceremony at the Mead House. The contest winner was Daniel Schwartz and the two runner ups were Shirin Dadina and Phoebe Ward. Great job! A special thanks to teacher Mike Meagh and former BOE member Jeanne Ceccolini for coordinating this for our students!
- Destination Imagination: Global Finals! The DFHS Destination Imagination team competed at Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee. 45 US States and 15+ countries attended the event, comprising of over 8,000 students. The team placed 15th out of over 80 teams in their level! Great job!
- Honor Society Induction! Congratulations to all of the students who were inducted into the Italian, French, Spanish, and National Honor Societies last week!
- Science Research Symposium! Thank you to all of the parents and community members who attended the Science Research Symposium! A special congratulations to our students and to our coordinator Erica Curran.
- The Senior Class attended their second internship seminar yesterday. They shared experiences and were engaged in some job interview skill discussions. As a part of the seminar experience, the seniors also participated in Project Rewind, a program that demonstrates the dangers of alcohol abuse. Thank you to Ms. Bell, Mr. Hoffman, and Ms. Roberto for coordinating this experience for our seniors.
- The Senior Awards Ceremony was last night. Great job by Candace Reim and Kerri Kastanis in organizing this event.
- Upcoming events: Prom (tonight); Springhurst Walk (6-14); Graduation (6-17)

Middle School

- DFMS was awarded the distinction of No Place for Hate Gold Star school
- The 8th Grade Theatre Arts class put on a wonderful theatrical production, The Curse of the Mummy and 5th graders came to a special performance
- 5th graders also visited the middle school, escorted by a 6th-grade buddy
- The 8th grade returned from a very successful trip to Washington, DC.
- The 7th grade visited the Sharpe Reservation where they completed team building challenge courses. They had a lot of fun and learned team building skills.
- The 6th grade visited Caramoor to learn about the Middle Ages- they also learned to dance the Tarantella
- The 7th grade Career day was highly successful - June 6 (today)
- The 7th grade is going on a trip to the NY Hall of Science - June 7
- NJHS Induction Ceremony - June 8
- The Student of the Month celebration breakfast - June 12

Springhurst

- Congratulations - Springhurst DI team finished 12th at global finals
- Featured in LoHud & the front cover of Journal news (5/5/17) for composting work!
- Compost kids ongoing, a number of parent volunteers have helped. Amazing learning opportunity for the students. DFHS Eagle Scout Will Hord is doing great work on building a learning space in the Outdoor Compost Classroom - we are very thankful for his efforts!
- Another successful round of Enrichment Clusters culminating this Friday afternoon. (Clusters facilitated by Springhurst Teachers- names: Tennis Anyone?, NASA Kids, Laugh Out Loud, Amazing Masks, Order in the Court, Composer's Corner, Playful Parodies, Photography Flip, & Teamwork Makes the Dream Work)
- Friday June 9th:
 - 3rd Grade Concert
 - 1st Grade Monet/Picasso Art Gallery
 - FLES Cultural Celebration (Grade 5) & FLES Fiesta (4th gr - next week)
- Monday June 12th:
 - Springhurst Salad Day!
 - World day Against Child Labor - Grade 5 Activity

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- The fifth grade students are just completing a unit of study on child labor. As one of our activities, we would like to have the students "plant" pinwheels outside the front entrance for the community to see. "The pinwheel has become the symbol of the fight against child labour, and the movement of the pinwheel itself is the message we want to convey. The five blades of the pinwheel represent the different continents of the world and the wind that makes the pinwheel spin is the will to act and to pass on the message until all countries take adequate measures to end child labour." A student will make a morning announcement to explain the significance of the day. Each teacher will bring their class outside to place the pinwheels in the ground.
- Wednesday June 14th continuing a fun tradition ... the DFHS Seniors walk-through Springhurst halls (w/Springhurst students lining the hallways cheering)!
- Thursday June 15th: Springhurst Field Day!
- Friday June 16th: Springhurst KenKen Challenge & the Kindergarten Picnic @ Gould Park

5. Committee Reports

5.01 Committee Reports

Personnel - 5/30

- The Committee reviewed the Personnel Recommendations for the June 6th agenda.

SE Subcommittee - 5/30

- Reviewed the CSE recommendations on tonight's agenda
- Out of District Placements Update
- Committee discussed CBT and DBT Therapy - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Dialectical Behavioral Therapy for students with IEP's, 504's or if needed
- Social workers and others being trained do not need to be a mental health professional

Finance - 5/30

- The Committee reviewed the May 31, 2017 Budget Status Report prior to tonight's meeting and made recommends that will be shared later on during the presentation

Curriculum & Instruction - 5/31

- Springhurst will be administering Computer Based Testing (CBT) field test in grade 5 Mathematics on Wednesday, June 7th
 - Approximately 40 minutes total (log on procedures/directions/work time)
 - Only students who participated in previous test included (18 opt outs will not participate)
- Addressing Needs of Economically Disadvantaged Students
 - Title Grant funding based on formula that accounts for Economically Disadvantaged Students
 - Title I - \$134,092 - supports Academic Intervention Services (AIS) programs
 - Title IIA - \$39,045 - supports teacher Professional Development
 - Title III - \$22, 947 - supports programs for Immigrant Students/ENL population (student after school/summer support, parent outreach, professional development)
- MS to HS
 - In the past, the Summer Bridge program has been offered in early July
 - Student participation has been inconsistent in prior years
 - In place of "Summer Bridge" we will be piloting a 8-9 transition support program in the fall
 - The program will be coordinated at the High School
- Digital Portfolios
 - HS is exploring options for introducing student digital portfolios
 - Possibly in 9th grade
 - Work samples tied to IB Profile/21 Century Skills traits
 - Web based options

6. Correspondence

The Board acknowledged emails from parents regarding the Springhurst nurse and an IB transfer student.

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7. Citizen's Comments

7.01 Notice

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8. Reports to the Board

8.01 After-School Reading Program

Ms. Lisa Giannico-Doty, Assistant Principal, reported on our After-School Reading Program.

- Funding (District & SPRING Partners)
- Student Selection Process
- Enrollment by Grade
- Benchmarks that determine student growth
- Instructors
- Length and duration of sessions

Comments:

- Students love the sessions
- Parents appreciate the program
- Thank you to SPRING, Ms. Giannico-Doty and all the teachers involved in the program

8.02 Budget Status Report

Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations, will present the budget status report.

- Tuition Revenue
- Projected Revenues at May 31, 2017
- Projected Savings on Expenditures at May 31, 2017
- Unappropriated Fund Balance
- Recommendations

9. Board Actions

9.01 Donation

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept a donation of a cello from Michael Greenstein.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

The Board thanked Mr. Greenstein for the donation.

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board approve Items 9.02, 9.03, 9.05, 9.06, 9.08, 9.09, 9.10, 9.11, 9.12 and 9.18 as a consent agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

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Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board approve 9.02, 9.03, 9.05, 9.06, 9.08, 9.09, 9.10, 9.11, 9.12 and 9.18.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.02 Tax Warrant Notification

The Board approved the Tax Warrant Notification for the 2017-2018 School Year to the Town of Greenburgh in the amount of \$36,918,421 calculated as follows:

Total Appropriation: \$43,081,450
Non-Property Tax Revenue: \$6,163,029
Total Tax Warrant to be collected: \$36,918,421

9.03 Destruction of Ballots

The Board approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2017, the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District conducted its annual budget vote and election; and

WHEREAS, the District Clerk is currently in possession of the unused, defective, and void ballots resulting from such election; and

WHEREAS, Education Law Section 2034(6) provides for the destruction of such ballots when a period of six (6) months from the date of the annual budget vote and election has elapsed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District orders that all unused, defective, and void ballots resulting from the May 16, 2017, election be destroyed no earlier than November 16, 2017.

9.05 Probationary Employment

The Board approved the terms of an Agreement between the District and Employee No. 01685 regarding the Employee's pedagogical probationary employment with the District and authorize the Board President to execute such an Agreement.

9.06 Capital Projects Change Orders

The Board approved the following change orders and authorizes the Board President to sign them:

Project Number	Contractor	Change Order Number	Amount	Description
660403-03-001017	Pearl River Plumbing & Heating d/b/a Bertussi's	GC-001	\$18,389.58	Encapsulate and paint 3rd floor high school corridors
660403-03-001017	Pearl River Plumbing & Heating d/b/a Bertussi's	GC-002	\$18,147.22	Asbestos abatement around 3rd floor high school light fixtures

9.08 Budget Transfer - Special Education Costs

The Board approved the following budget transfer to transfer funds to pay special ed costs out of the correct codes for the remainder of the school year:

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Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A2250.470.00.0000	\$109,000	A2250.490.00.7200	\$101,000
Special Ed - Tuition		Special Ed - BOCES	
A1950.405.00.0000	\$10,600	A2250.410.00.7200	\$18,600
Dual Residency		Special Ed - Home Tutors	
Total	\$119,600	Total	\$119,600

9.09 Budget Transfer - Auditorium Planning and Design Services

The Board approved the following budget transfer to transfer funds to pay for auditorium planning and design services and an updated security report:

Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A9020.820.00.0000	\$12,500	A1621.406.08.0000	\$12,500
Teacher Retirement		Maint. Professional Fees	
Total	\$12,500	Total	\$12,500

9.10 Budget Transfer - Claims Auditor

The Board approved the following budget transfer to transfer funds to pay for auditorium planning and design services and an updated security report:

Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A1310.486.00.0000	\$1,000	A1320.400.00.0000	\$1,000
Business office Advertising		Auditing – Contractual Services	
Total	\$1,000	Total	\$1,000

9.11 Budget Transfer - Legal Fees

The Board approved the following budget transfer to transfer funds to pay the capital projects and tax certiorari legal fees through June 30, 2017:

Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A1420.400.00.8800	\$10,000	A1420.400.00.8802	\$ 2,000
Legal - Counsel Retainer		Legal Certiorari	
A9020.820.00.0000	36,000	A1420.400.00.8801	44,000
Teacher Retirement		Legal - Capital Projects	
Total	\$46,000	Total	\$46,000

9.12 Budget Increase - Tax Certiorari

The Board approved the payment in the total amount of \$9,495.45 and the following budget increase to enable the District to pay the tax certiorari refund to Agron Matoshi:

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Reserve/Revenue Account	Amount	Budget Account to Increase	Amount
A864	\$7,068.50	A1930.434.99.8002	\$7,068.50
Reserve for Tax Certiorari		Certiorari	
Total	\$7,068.50	Total	\$7,068.50

9.18 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 May 26, 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 May 26, 2017.

9.04 CSEA Clerical Unit Memorandum of Agreement

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board ratify the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement executed by the negotiating teams for the District and the Dobbs Ferry CSEA Clerical Unit, dated May 8, 2017, and authorize the expenditure of those monies necessary to implement the economic provisions of the 2015-2020 Collectively Negotiated Agreement with the Dobbs Ferry CSEA Clerical Unit.

A definitions committee will review the merging MOA into the contract.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.07 Reserve Accounts

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board approve the following actions on the District's reserve accounts:

G/L Account No.	Name of Reserve	Action
A815	Reserve for Unemployment Insurance	Increase
A827	Reserve for Retirement	Increase
A864	Reserve for Tax Certiorari	Establish for 2016-2017
A867	Reserve for Employee Benefits/Accrued Liability	Increase

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.13 Budget Increase - Maintenance Projects

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Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the resolution be amended to reflect \$350,000 not the original \$400,000.

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board approve the following budget increase as amended to recognize the current year's increase in tuition revenue and enable repairs to the Middle School roof:

Revenue Account to Increase	Amount	Budget Account to Increase	Amount
A2230.000	\$350,000.00	A1621.401.08.0000	\$350,000.00
Day School Tuition		Maintenance Projects	
Total	\$350,000.00	Total	\$350,000.00

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.14 2016-2017 Use of Reserve for Accrued Benefits Liability

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve the following budget increase to utilize the reserves to pay retiree's accrued benefits:

Reserve/Revenue Account	Budget Code to Increase	Amount to Increase
A867/A5997.867	A9089.150.99.0000	\$6,570.00
Reserve for Accrued Benefits Liab.	Other Benefits - Reserve	
	A9030.830.99.0000	503.00
	Social Security - Reserve	
Total		\$7,073.00

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.15 2017-2018 New Service Bids

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board award the attached contracts to the vendors as noted, subject however, to the ability of the School District to use cooperative purchasing networks and piggybacking for such services if the cost of the services is lower than the rates noted.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.16 Disposition of Library Furniture

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board approve the following:

WHEREAS, the School District owns certain library furniture and equipment that will no longer be useful or necessary for school district purposes upon completion of the library project and, therefore, are of no value to the School District;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby declare such library furniture and equipment, as listed on the attachment that is made a part of this resolution, to be surplus property and of no value to the School District and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities and Operations to dispose of such furniture and equipment by donating them to non-profit organizations.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

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9.17 Disposition of Books

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve the disposition of books in the MS/HS Library collection.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.19 Personnel

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

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.20 Policy Revision - Second Reading

The Board conducted a second reading and adopted, as amended, the following policy:

- 0100 – Non-Discrimination & Equal Opportunity

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

10. Acknowledgements

10.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for March and April, 2017.

10.02 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:
Warrant No. 49, 51 and 53 Multi.

11. Citizen's Comments

11.01 Notice

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12. Old Business

Students Athletics & Activities Committee will meet on 6/14.

- They will be discussing clubs

13. New Business

- Board Leadership for next year
- Board Self Evaluations are due June 13th
- The Board will begin to frame out their goals for next year at the June 20th meeting
- Board Retreat will be held on September 20th
- Dr. Brady thanked the Board for their Superintendent's evaluation document

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14. Upcoming Meetings

14.01 Calendar

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

- Work Session - Thoughtexchange

Wednesday, July 5, 2017 - 7:00 PM - Board Room

- Reorganizational Meeting

15. Adjournment

At 8:49 PM, Mr. Schwartz moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

16. Approved Minutes

16.01 Approved Minutes – April 4, 18 and 25, 2017



District Clerk