



**Tuesday, June 14, 2022**  
**Business Board Meeting**  
**7:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Opening of the Meeting – 7:03 PM**

**2.01 Pledge of Allegiance**

**2.02 Roll Call**

Ms. Tracy Baron, President; Ms. Shannon Stringer; Vice President; Ms. Rita Kennedy; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Mr. Massimo Bufalini; Ms. Penny Sullivan-Nunes; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Mr. Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; Dr. Darrell Stinchcomb, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Equity; and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

Ms. Brooke Bass was not in attendance.

**2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda**

Mr. Bufalini moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board accept the June 14th Agenda.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

**2.04 Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Sullivan-Nunes moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays – 1 abstention – Rita Kennedy

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Bufalini seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the May 18, 2022 meeting.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays – 1 abstention – Penny Sullivan-Nunes

Mr. Bufalini moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the May 24, 2022 meeting.

Vote: 4 - ayes - 0 nays – 2 abstentions – Massimo Bufalini and Rita Kennedy

**3. Citizens Comments**

**3.01 Notice**

The Board of Education values input from the entire Dobbs Ferry School District community. Although we do not engage in dialogue with the public at our Board of Ed business meetings, we are listening. Members of our school district community may comment on any matter related to the meeting's approved agenda. If you wish to address the board, please sign in with the District Clerk. Any group or organization wishing to address the Board must identify a single spokesperson. Please state your name for the record and keep your remarks to 3 minutes

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or less. 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.

Two community members voiced their concern regarding the District Safety Plan and the Security at Springhurst in light of the Texas shootings.

### **4. Announcements**

None.

### **5. Superintendent's Report**

The Senior Walk will take place at 9:00 tomorrow at Springhurst

Graduation will be held on Saturday at Waterfront at 10 a.m.

Middle School Stepping Up on will be held on Thursday, June 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the gymnasium

The Springhurst Parade Celebration will be held on Friday, June 24 at 9:15 a.m.

Congratulations to all of the MS and HS students inducted into the Honor Societies both NHS and the World Language Honor Societies. Also, congratulations to the first group of students inducted into the Dobbs Ferry Chapter of the Thespian Honor Society.

Parents and students are encouraged to participate in the PTSA PRIDE Walk to School Day this Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

The last day of school for students and staff is Friday, June 24th

### **6. Correspondence**

#### **6.01 BOE Correspondence**

The Board acknowledged the following:

- An email regarding Solar Lights at MS/HS and other follow up.
- An email with questions and concerns related to Pride month activities.
- An email concerning scheduling conflicts between BOE and Village BOT meetings.

### **7. Committee Reports**

#### **7.01 Committee Reports**

Facilities - 5/23

The committee discussed the following:

- Walking Path between Springhurst to CV
- Springhurst replacement and relocation of existing equipment
- Capital Project Update and Summer Work
- The Wickers Creek embankment erosion
- Facilities Audit
- The Director of Facilities position interviewing process and timing

Curriculum & Instruction - 5/25  
K-8 Math Program

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- Discussed the plan to move forward with Illustrative Math K-8. The letter was sent out to the faculty and staff at Springhurst and the Middle School with the decision and rollout plan on May 24, 2022.
- The rollout plan is:
- Year 1: Grades 2, 3, 5, and 6
- Year 2: Grades K, 1, 4, and 7
- Year 3: Grade 8

### Summer Professional Development

- Building administrators and directors are working on summer professional development offerings and curriculum work needed for their buildings. Dr. Stinchcomb will review the requests and prepare the recommendations for Dr. Brady

Josh Rosen will update the Board on the new Math Program at the next meeting.

### School & Community Relations - 5/25 & 6/9

The committee discussed:

- The Committee discussed the Community Engagement Survey. We will be sending this on Wednesday, June 1st and the survey will close on June 12th
- The Committee discussed the DEI Student Voice Video/Podcast, which is coming along well. Kevin is working with HS Senior Sofia Zamora-Morales as part of her senior internship. Sofia is working with Dr. Brady 2 days/week.
- They thanked Diane Newell for all of her years of work on the Committee and for all of her assistance with District communications, particularly the website and during the many months of the school Reopening Committee. Diane will be greatly missed.

### Finance - 6/2

The committee discussed the following:

- Capital Project Financing  
Ron provided the committee with an update on the recent BAN refinancing.
- Monthly Financial Report  
Revenue Update  
Expense Update
- Year End Tax Certiorari Analysis  
Ron provided the committee with a summary of the tax certiorari claims totaled by year. The analysis included a calculation of what the potential refunds could cost the district

### Student Activities & Athletics - 6/6

The committee discussed the following:

- The status of the fall coaches and Andrew reports that we are fully staffed for Varsity and Modified teams with the exception of JV Boys Soccer.
- Some of the merged teams. We continue to have a small number of requests for merged teams to become part of the athletic program in the District.
- The Gould Park stereo system. The District has a system that we provide for football games and we do not see the benefit of purchasing a separate, new system to be installed at Gould.

### Special Ed - 6/7

- The committee reviewed the Committee on Special Ed and the Committee on Preschool Special Ed recommendations that appear on tonight's agenda.
  - Questions were asked and answered.
- Jean Gismervik discussed the success of the HS Special Class work program at local Dobbs Ferry businesses. We are hoping to continue to grow this program and invite any local business who might want to participate to contact the school.
- Jean Gismervik also discussed some very impressive DRA data as a result of reading interventions that have been put in place at Springhurst. Year-long data showed an average increase in individual student's DRA scores of 6.5 levels with more than 50% of the population moving up 8 or more levels. The intervention utilizes the Wilson curriculum and both special education teachers and speech-language pathologists to implement.

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Personnel - 6/8

- The committee reviewed the personnel recommendations for tonight's agenda
- The Committee also discussed the status of the process for hiring the new Director of Facilities. Dr. Brady explained that after interviewing candidates next week, the administration expects to advance 2 people to be interviewed by the Board in executive session. She expects the Board will be able to appoint a new director no later than the July 6 Reorganizational Meeting.

*To view the entire meeting visit our website under the News and Views tab and click on TV Programming/Video*

### 8. Reports to the Board

#### 8.01 COVID Update

Dr. Brady reviewed her last COVID numbers.



Vaccination	Springhurst	Number	Percentage	Middle	Number	Percentage	High	Number	Percentage
Students		63	11%		86	24%		180	40%
Staff		117	95%		61	97%		79	94%
COVID CASES (year totals)		Springhurst Year Total		MS Year Total		HS Year Total			
Students		267			159			198	
Staff		50			20			54	
Quarantine (year totals)		Springhurst		Middle		High			
Students		14			0			14	
Staff		0			0			1	
Surveillance testing		Springhurst		Middle		High			
Students		430	61%		162	35%		173	38%
Staff		90	73%		48	47%		30	35%



POSITIVE COVID CASES SINCE 5/10	Springhurst Total	MS Total	HS Total
Students	49	19	45
Staff	7	0	6

#### 8.02 BOE American Rescue Plan (ARP) – Foundation Aid Increase

Dr. Brady and Dr. Clamser explained the components of the ARP-Foundation Aid Increase as follows:

- This year's increase was \$858,936
- American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021 requirements
- Proposed Use of Funds
  - Adds 1 HS counselor
  - Adds 2 special education teachers
    - 1 HS
    - 1 SH

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- Adds additional administrative support for Springhurst
    - Teacher on assignment/Dean
  - Supports for student mental health and social emotional learning
    - School Psychologist
    - Behavior Intervention Monitoring Assessment System
    - Panorama Survey Instrument
  - Adds instructional supports and expands current curriculum
    - Teaching Assistant
    - Expanded ELA & Math Academies
    - Summer Academic Enrichment
- Public Comment Welcomed – email comments to boemeetingcomment@dfsd.org

### 8.03 Demographic Data

Dr. Stinchcomb reviewed the data from the last five years.

- Basically, there hasn't been a change in the numbers
- Data comes from the eSchool database
  - Parents provide this information during registration
  - Free & reduced numbers are pretty consistent, however, for the last two years all breakfasts and lunches have been free
  - Parents should register if they meet the income criteria since there are other benefits that are offered
  - Our District free and reduced numbers are higher than the surrounding districts

### 9. Board Actions

**Mr. Bufalini moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve the items 9.01, 9.07, 9.08, 9.09 and 9.10 as a Consent Agenda.**

**Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays**

**Mr. Bufalini moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve items 9.01, 9.07, 9.08, 9.09 and 9.10**

**Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays**

#### 9.01 Koide Professional Development Grant

The Board awarded a Koide Professional Development Grant in the amount of \$3,000 to Joshua Rosen and Darrell Stinchcomb to attend the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics annual conference.

#### 9.02 Appointment of Interim Superintendent

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, that the Board authorize to execute an agreement with Douglas Berry, as Interim Superintendent, setting forth the terms and conditions of his employment as Interim Superintendent effective July 1, 2022 terminating on August 14, 2022 or such earlier date when a successor Superintendent of Schools to retiring Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lisa Brady commences employment. A copy of such agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

#### 9.03 Adoption of the District-Wide Safety & Emergency Management Plan

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board adopt the District-Wide School Safety & Emergency Management Plan which was posted to the District website for 30 days prior to the Public Hearing conducted on May 24, 2022.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

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## 9.04 Reorganizational Board Meeting

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Bufalini seconded, that the Board adopt Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM for the Reorganization Meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

## 9.05 Tax Warrant Notification

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Bufalini seconded, that the Board approve the Tax Warrant Notification for the 2022-2023 School Year to the Town of Greenburgh in the amount of \$41,139,244 calculated as follows:

Total Appropriation: \$51,377,271  
Non-Property Tax Revenue: \$10,238,027  
Total Tax Warrant to be collected: \$41,139,244

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

## 9.06 Change Order

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve the following change order:

Project #	Change Order #	Contractor	Amount	Description
660403-03-0004018	GC-SES-1-02	Vinco Builders, LLC	- \$13,715.00	Credit to Owner for unused contingency allowance

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

## 9.07 Disposition of HS Math Books

The Board approved the disposal of the HS Math books on the attached list.

They were old and outdated.

## 9.08 Special Education Vendors

The Board approved the Special Education Vendors on the attached list.

## 9.09 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 June 3, 2022, 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 3, 2022.

## 9.10 Personnel

The Board approved the civil service and staff personnel recommendations.

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## 9.11 Policy Revision - Second Reading

The Board conducted a second reading and Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, to adopt the following policy:

- 2330 - Executive Sessions

Vote: 6 - ayes – 0

## 9.12 Policy Revision - First Reading

The Board conducted a first reading of the following policy:

- 1230 - Public Comment at Board Meetings

It will be brought back for second reading at the next meeting.

## 10. Acknowledgements

### 10.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Reports for April, 2022.

### 10.02 Warrant

The Board acknowledged the following warrant:  
Warrant No. 61 Multi.

## 10. Citizens Comments

### 10.01 Notice

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None.

## 12. Old Business

None.

## 13. New Business

1. Summer Board Retreat
2. BOE Dobbs Ferry Youth Services Council representative
3. 2022-2023 Board Meeting Dates

## 14. Upcoming Meetings

### 14.01 Calendar

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Tuesday, June 21, 2022 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 - 7:00 PM – Board Room

- Reorganization Meeting

### 15. Executive Session

#### 15.01 Executive Session

At 8:57 PM, Mr. Bufalini moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board recesses into Executive Session for the following purposes: to discuss a proposed special-education settlement agreement.

The Board would not be returning to public session to take any action(s).

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Bufalini seconded, to appoint Ms. Stringer as Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

At 9:35 PM, Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, to move back to the Public Meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

### 16. Adjournment

At 9:36 PM, Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays



Loretta Tularzko  
District Clerk