



**Monday, August 22, 2022
Business Board Meeting
7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Opening of the Meeting – 7:01 PM

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Roll Call

Ms. Jean Lucasey, President; Ms. Brooke Bass, Vice President; Ms. Tracy Baron; Ms. Shannon Stringer; Mr. Darren Wood; Mr. Kenneth Slentz, Superintendent; Dr. Darrell Stinchcomb, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Equity; Dr. Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

Mr. Massimo Bufalini and Ms. Penny Sullivan-Nunes were not in attendance.

2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Stringer moved, and Ms. Bass seconded, that the Board accept the August 22nd Agenda.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

2.04 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Stringer seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the July 6, 2022 meeting.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

3. Citizens Comments

3.01 Notice

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None.

4. Announcements

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Registration has opened for the NYSSBA Convention in Syracuse – October 27 – 29.
Anyone interested, please contact Loretta to register.

5. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Slentz thanked the Administrators for their gracious welcome yesterday during the Administrators Retreat.

6. Correspondence

6.01 BOE Correspondence

The Board acknowledged the following:

- A letter concerning Briary-Ashford Crosswalk Speed Bump

7. Board Actions

7.01 Renewal of Status

Ms. Bass moved, and Ms. Stringer seconded, that the Board approve the renewal our status with the New York State Educational Department as a District implementing an Experiment in Organizational Change.

This renewal is completed every five years.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.02 Koide Professional Development Grant

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Stringer seconded, that the Board award a Koide Professional Development Grant for an amount not to exceed \$7,483 to Dr. Darrell Stinchcomb to attend the AASA's International Delegation: A Grand Tour of Portugal & Spain.

Ms. Bass requested clarification as to whether this was a Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation (DFSF) grant or a grant administered by the school, as the attached materials indicated that the grant was from DFSF. The Board had been informed previously that the school district was now administering these funds. Dr. Clamser confirmed that the grant was administered by the school district, not the DFSF.

Ms. Bass also requested more information about the professional development aspects of the trip and how Dr. Stinchcomb would be sharing with the District what he learns. Dr. Stinchcomb responded with information about the cultural and educational elements he would be exploring, as well as studying the way that the IB program is run in both Spain and Portugal, with particular emphasis on the funding of different aspects of the program.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.03 Illustrative Math Adoption

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Bass seconded, that the Board adopt Illustrative Mathematics (Imagine Learning) Grades K-8 and the textbooks and all associated materials.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.04 Contract in Lieu of Probation for the Interim Assistant Principal

Ms. Stringer moved, and Ms. Bass seconded, that the Board authorize its President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign a contract in lieu of probation, dated August 22, 2022, for the employment of Juliet Gervargis-Mizimakoski in the position of Interim Assistant Principal, as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said contract shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

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The Board requested that an announcement be sent out to the High School parents regarding Ms. Reim's departure and Ms. Gervargis-Mizimakoski's arrival.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.05 Budget Transfer

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Bass seconded, that the Board approve the following budget transfer from In-District Transportation to Contract Transportation to cover the cost of the transportation management fee:

Account	Decrease	Increase
A 5540-436-09-0000 Contract Trans-In District	\$30,275	
A 5540-400-09-9000 Contract Trans-Contractual		\$30,275

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.06 Tax Certiorari Refund

Ms. Stringer moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board approve the following budget increase to enable the District to pay a tax certiorari refund to Luigi DePaola as consented to at the February 1, 2022 Board meeting:

Revenue Account to Increase	Amount	Expenditure Account to Increase	Amount
A864 / A5997.864 Appropriated Reserve for Tax Certiorari	\$49,768.63	A1930-434-99-8002 Tax Certiorari	\$49,768.63

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Stringer seconded, that the Board approve the items 7.07, 7.08 and 7.09 as a Consent Agenda.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Stringer moved, and Ms. Bass seconded, that the Board approve items 7.07, 7.08 and 7.09.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.07 Change Order

The Board approved the following change order:

Project #	Change Order #	Contractor	Amount	Description
660403-03-0001019	EC-MHS-4-10	Naber Electric Corp	\$1,263.43	Remove and reinstall existing devices to accommodate installation of new wall partition chase in classrooms 201 and 202.

7.08 Change Order

The Board approved the following change order:

Project #	Change Order #	Contractor	Amount	Description
660403-03-0001019	EC-MHS-4-11	Naber Electric Corp	\$17,926.09	Remove and replace light fixtures, controls, and switches in the mailroom, facilities office, and business office suite.

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7.09 Change Order

The Board approved the following change order:

Project #	Change Order #	Contractor	Amount	Description
660403-03-0001019	EC-MHS-4-12	Naber Electric Corp	\$11,677.50	Provide 150 linear feet of new feeders from switchgear in boiler to mezzanine level panel
660403-03-0001019	EC-MHS-4-13	Naber Electric Corp	\$3,654.54	Provide feed from 3rd floor electrical panel to second AHU 15.

7.10 School Lunch Budget

Ms. Baron moved, and Mr. Wood seconded, that the Board adopt the School Lunch Budget for the 2022-23 School Year.

2022-23 Budget Revenues: \$943,000
2022-23 Budget Expenditures: \$943,000

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.11 HRCE Budget

Mr. Wood moved, and Ms. Stringer seconded, that the Board adopt the Hudson River Community Education (HRCE) program budget for the 2022-23 School Year.

2022-23 Budgeted Revenues: \$70,000
2022-23 Budgeted Expenditures: \$70,000

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.12 Special Education Vendor

Mr. Wood moved, and Ms. Bass seconded, that the Board approve the Physical Therapy Services Agreement with Busy Bodies in Motion for the 2022-2023 school year, directing Mr. Slentz to finalize the language and execute the contract upon receipt of clarified language from legal counsel.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.13 CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Ms. Stringer moved, and Ms. Baron 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 August 12, 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 August 12, 2022.

The Committee did not meet, but the Board reviewed the recommendations and received answers to any questions.

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Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

7.14 Personnel

Mr. Wood moved, and Ms. Bass seconded, that the Board approve the civil service and staff personnel recommendations.

The Committee did not meet. There were no questions from the Board. The District will be fully staffed with teachers by the time school opens. We are still short some teaching assistants that we will continue to work on. Otherwise we have a good group of people coming in as teaching staff in particular.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

8.01 Executive Session

At 7:36 PM, Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Bass seconded, that the Board recesses into Executive Session for the following purpose: *to discuss an ongoing litigation PC v. Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District.*

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Baron moved, and Mr. Wood seconded, to appoint Ms. Bass as Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

At 7:45 PM, Mr. Wood moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to move back to the Public Meeting.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

9. Board Actions Continued

9.01 Third Party Action

Ms. Bass moved, and Ms. Stringer seconded, that the Board herewith approves the commencement of a third-party action against Edward ("Ted") Huffman, in the Child Victims Act litigation captioned "Patrick Cocciardi v. Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District and Dobbs Ferry High School," pending in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County (Index No.: 64701/2020), and authorizes its attorneys Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to proceed with the third-party action, pursuant to the terms of the retainer agreement between the law firm and the District.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays

10. Acknowledgements

10.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for June 2022.

10.02 MS HS Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Extra Classroom Activity Fund Report for the Middle and High Schools for July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.

10.03 Warrant

The Board acknowledged the following warrants:
Warrant No. 01, 05, 07, & 08 Multi.

11. Citizens Comments

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11.01 Notice

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None.

12. Old Business

13. New Business

1. Once the Board finalizes Board committee members, the District will create a schedule depending on times that will work for all.
2. The Dobbs Ferry Youth Services Council has asked for a Board member liaison – Tracy Baron has agreed to be the liaison.
3. The Board discussed the Board Retreat and possible Saturday times
 - a. Leadership suggested Lisa Davis from WPBSA as a possible facilitator
 - b. Tracy will send out a Doodle to see what dates will work
 - c. Possible topics – DEI, Goals, Long Range Planning, Board Self Evaluation, Strategic Plan progress
4. The Board asked Loretta to contact David Shaw for possible dates that he can conduct a New Board Orientation meeting.
5. Darren Wood and any other Board member interested in meeting with Dr. Clamser for a financial overview will contact Dr. Clamser for an appointment.

14. Upcoming Meetings

14.01 Calendar

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

- Work Session

On September 8, the Board will take a tour of the Buildings. They will meet in the Board Room at 4:00 PM. This is not a Public meeting.

15. Adjournment

At 8:23 PM, Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Bass seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

16. Approved Minutes

16.01 Approved Minutes - June 14, 20 and 21, 2022



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Loretta Tularzko
District Clerk