

APPROVED MINUTES



Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Business Meeting
7:00 PM

1. Video Conferencing

Ms. Stringer participated via videoconference.

2. Call to Order

Ms. Lucasey called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

3. Opening of the Meeting

3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

3.02 Roll Call

Ms. Jean Lucasey, President; Ms. Brooke Bass, Vice President; Ms. Shannon Stringer; Ms. Penny Sullivan-Nunes; Mr. Darren Wood; Ms. Pavithra Nagarajan; Ms. Rebecca Hershberg; Mr. Kenneth Slentz, Superintendent; Dr. Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; Dr. Darrell Stinchcomb, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Equity; Ms. Jessily Gonzalez, District Clerk.

3.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Hershberg moved, and Ms. Bass seconded, that the Board accept the September 12, 2023 agenda

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

3.04 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Bass moved and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the August 3, 2023 meeting.

Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 3 abstentions (Ms. Stringer, Mr. Wood, and Ms. Hershberg).

Ms. Bass moved and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the August 22, 2023 meeting.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Ms. Sullivan-Nunes and Mr. Wood).

4. Citizen's Comments

4.01 Notice

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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 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.

None.

5. Correspondence

5.01 BOE Correspondence

The Board received correspondence on the following topics:

- Student Dress Code
- Transportation concerns

6. Announcements

Mr. Sullivan- Nunes announced that the DF Youth Services Coalition's first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. and will meet the first Thursday of each month.

Mr. Slentz announced that our schools are very busy and there are a number of activities already scheduled. All activities are posted on the District website and on the websites of each school.

7. Superintendent Reports – School Opening

Mr. Slentz discussed the following items:

- Back to school nights for each school
- Highlights of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) at Springhurst
- Transportation challenges
- Middle School PBIS Initiative
- High School club and wellness fairs
- Notable athletic events including Soccer Under the Lights on Friday, September 22 and Homecoming on Friday, September 29

8. Board Actions

8.01 CPSE/CSE Recommendations

WHEREAS the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education had issued to the Board by written confidential report dated September 7, 2023, 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 September 7, 2023.

Mr. Wood moved and Ms. Nagarajan seconded, to approve the resolution.

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The Board noted that the Special Education Committee had reviewed the recommendations earlier and had received answers to its questions via email.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

8.02 Personnel

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby moves to approve the Civil Service and staff personnel recommendations.

Ms. Sullivan-Nunes moved and Ms. Bass seconded, to approve the resolution.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

8.03 Proposed Settlement Agreement Student #13

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves a Settlement Agreement dated August 22, 2023 in the matter of a Student with a Disability No. 13; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to sign this Settlement Agreement on the District's behalf.

Mr. Wood moved and Ms. Nagarajan seconded, to approve the resolution.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

8.04 DFAA Collective Bargaining Memorandum of Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby ratifies the provisions of a Memorandum of Agreement dated September 12, 2023, between the District and the Dobbs Ferry Administrators' Association, for a three-year successor Collectively Negotiated Agreement to the one that expired on June 30, 2023, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the expenditure of monies necessary to implement the economic provisions of the 2023-2026 Collectively Negotiated Agreement between the District and the Dobbs Ferry Administrators' Association.

Ms. Stringer moved and Ms. Hershberg seconded, to approve the resolution.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

8.05 Letters of Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District hereby move to accept the following proposals for Phase 2 of the voter-authorized Capital Project and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities, and Operations to sign for the District.

Mr. Wood moved and Ms. Bass seconded, to approve the resolution.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

8.06 Adoption of the District-wide Safety Plan

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby moves to adopt the District-wide Safety Plan which was posted to the District website for 30 days prior to the Public Hearing conducted on May 23, 2023.

Ms. Bass moved and Ms. Stringer seconded, to approve the resolution.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

8.07 Disposal of Library Books

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby moves to approve the disposal of books from the Springhurst Library as per the attached list.

Mr. Wood moved and Ms. Hershberg seconded, to approve the resolution.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

9 Acknowledgements

9.01 Warrant

The Board acknowledged warrant No. 9 Multi

10. Citizen Comments

10.01 Notice

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Two parents addressed the board regarding their concerns with the bus transportation at Springhurst.

11. Old Business.

None.

12. New Business

12.01 NYSSBA Resolutions

Ms. Lucasey discussed the process for reviewing the annual resolutions proposed by the New York State School Boards' Association. Ms. Sullivan-Nunes volunteered to be the Board's voting delegate. The Policy Committee will review the resolutions and report to the full board at the October 10 regular meeting.

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12.02 Board Member Orientation Meeting with Counsel

Mr. Slentz discussed the upcoming scheduling of a training session for new and newer board members regarding key legal concepts.

13. Upcoming Meetings

13.01 Calendar

- Tuesday, September 26, 2023 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library
Business Meeting preceded by reception for newly tenured staff and introduction of new staff
- Tuesday, October 10, 2023 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library
Business Meeting

14. Adjournment

Ms. Sullivan-Nunes moved and Mr. Wood seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

Jessily Gonzalez,
District Clerk