



Tuesday, January 18, 2022
Virtual Board Meeting – Work Session
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – 7:03 PM

2. Work Session Opening

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. Brooke Bass; Ms. Penny Sullivan-Nunes; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Mr. Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; Dr. Darrell Stinchcomb, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction and Equity; and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Bufalini seconded, that the Board accept the January 18th Agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

3. Announcements

The Board President announced the upcoming superintendent survey and invited District stakeholders to participate.

She also announced the Superintendent Public Forums, to be held virtually on Jan 24 and invited the District to attend.

4. Work Session

4.01 School Board Governance and Community Leadership

To prepare for the discussion, the attendees were asked to read the following resources prior to the meeting::

- [Clear BOE and Superintendent Roles](#)
- [Eight Characteristics of Effective School Boards](#)

The session began with Ms. Baron sharing a presentation regarding Board Governance and Community Leadership.

It included:

Why we chose tonight's topic

- To bring information and insight about being a Board Member in case anyone may be interested in running for a seat on the Board this May.

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Role of the BOE

- It is like a Board of Directors
- It is governance, not management or operations
- They establish goals, set priorities, set policy and oversee resources for the school district
- Most important functions of the BOE
 - Hire and evaluate the superintendent
 - Set priorities and monitor progress
 - Submit a proposed budget to the voters that aligns with the priorities
- Oversees the superintendent while not micromanaging the day to day operations

Role of the Superintendent

- Is like the chief executive officer
- Educational leader of the district
- Manages and runs day to day operations
- Takes goals and priorities of the BOE and translates them into action
- Manages the employees of the district

The School Board governs and the Superintendent administers.

The group watched two YouTube videos:

What Does a Board Member Do?

Elementary students answered the question.

Andy Office Visit

A Board member was following a school bus around because he was told the bus driver was driving unsafely.

The discussion included:

- How the Board Member in the Andy Office Visit video overstepped his role as a Board Member.
- Board Members explained how much time is involved in being on the Board.
- The newer Board Members explained what their perception of being a Board Member were and what the job actually entails.
- The superintendent and the Board need a supportive, respectful and cohesive relationship.
- The attendees were asked why they would and would not run for the Board.
 - The main reason for not running is the time involved.
- The Board policies are dictated by state and financial mandates.
 - Under New York State law, a huge regulation is that the Board has to follow the Open Meetings law, which directs the Board on how they meet. It is very clear that they can take no action or decision as an individual, only as a group, in a duly noticed public meeting where a quorum of the Board is present.

5. Board Action

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

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

The Board congratulated Mr. Clamser on his tenure appointment.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

The Board discussed whether they need to schedule a meeting with David Shaw regarding the Superintendent Search before their next Executive Session to discuss salary range and benefits.

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It was decided that it wasn't necessary since Ron provided them with a list of superintendent salaries in Westchester and David Shaw communicated with the Board President that right now he really has nothing that he needs to discuss with them at this point in the process.

8. Upcoming Meetings

8.01 Calendar

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 - 7:00 PM - Board Room

- Executive Session Only
 - Tenure and Probationary Candidates Review

9. Executive Session

9.01 It is anticipated that the Board will act upon the following resolution to convene an Executive Session

It is anticipated that the Board will act upon the following resolution to convene an Executive Session:

At 8:20 PM, Ms. Lucasey moved, and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, that the Board recesses into Executive Session for the following purposes: *to discuss the ongoing litigation - The Landing on the Water at Dobbs Ferry Condominium v. Town of Greenburgh, the proposed special-education Settlement and Release Agreements for students #6 and #10 and to discuss the employment history of particular non-pedagogical employees.*

It is not anticipated that the Board will return to public session to take any action(s).

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

At 8:22 PM, Ms. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Bufalini seconded, to appoint Ms. Stringer as Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

At 9:30 PM, Ms. Bass moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, to move back to the Public Meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

10. Adjournment

At 9:31 PM, Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Bufalini seconded, to move back to the Public Meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

11. Approved Minutes

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Loretta Tularzko
District Clerk