



Tuesday, January 10, 2022
Business Meeting
7:00 PM

1. Video Conferencing

Ms. Stringer joined via videoconference.

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

3. Meeting Opening

3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

3.02 Roll Call

Ms. Jean Lucasey, President; Ms. Brooke Bass, Vice President; Ms. Tracy Baron; Mr. Massimo Bufalini; Ms. Shannon Stringer; Ms. Penny Sullivan-Nunes; Mr. Darren Wood; 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. Kristina O’Gorman, District Clerk and Mr. Jason Balbo, Deputy District Clerk.

3.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Bufalini moved and Ms. Baron seconded that the Board accept the January 10, 2023 Agenda.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

3.04 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Sullivan-Nunes moved and Ms. Bass seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022 meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays - 1 abstention

Ms. Stringer abstained as she was not present at the December 20, 2022 meeting.

4. Citizen's Comments

4.01 Notice

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None.

5. Announcements

The following announcements were made:

- Ms. Baron discussed multiple events regarding the Youth Service Council, including upcoming parent and student presentations from Dr. Matt Bellace.
- Ms. Bass stated that the Harlem Wizards event is returning February 4, 2023 and tickets are on sale on the PTSA website.
- Mr. Slentz informed that the Guidance Department will be discussing the topic of coping with anxiety with students and reminded the community about the availability of free and reduced meals.

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6. Public Hearing

6.01 Revisions to the District Code of Conduct

Certain language in the Code of Conduct was changed to make it gender neutral.

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Wellness Committee

Ms. Bass reported on the Wellness Committee meeting that took place on December 20th. The committee discussed finding speakers on the topic of vaping for parent and student presentations. The committee is actively looking for candidates to form the committee.

7.02 School And Community Relations Committee

Ms. Sullivan-Nunes reported on the School Community Relations Committee meeting held on December 15th 2022. The committee discussed preparing for the District Forum and the holiday video message.

7.03 Policy Committee

Ms. Stringer, Mr. Slentz and Ms. Lucasey discussed the policy items on the Agenda. It was noted that the committee is working on changes to the policy regarding head lice.

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8. Superintendent Report

Mr. Slentz delivered the Superintendent Report. He discussed that the method of tracking the District goals has been updated. He stated that he will provide a follow up presentation at the March 21 meeting on goal progress. In June we will evaluate whether the goals have been met or whether they need to be carried over to next year.

9. Board Actions

9.01 Change Orders

Ms. Bass moved and Mr. Wood seconded to approve the following Change Orders:

Project #	Change Order #	Contractor	Amount	Description
660403-03-0001019	EC-MHS-4-20	Naber Electric Corp	\$1,585.54	Removed existing heat detector, piping, and wire. Relocated said heat detector out of location of new installed ductwork.
660403-03-0001019	EC-MHS-4-21	Naber Electric Corp	\$5,028.37	Labor, material and equipment to provide electrical power to inline/supplemental pump in Penthouse A. Provide wire and conduit for glycol panel in Penthouse B.
660403-03-0001019	EC-MHS-4-22	Naber Electric Corp	\$4,899.92	Labor, material and equipment to provide electrical power to (7) fan motor starters.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

9.02 Budget Transfer

Ms. Bass moved and Mr. Bufalini seconded to approve the following Budget transfers:

Account	Decrease	Increase
A 2250-490-01-7200 Spec Ed-BOCES K-5		\$90,000
A 2250-490-02-7200 Spec Ed-BOCES 6-8	\$45,000	
A 2250-490-03-7200 Spec Ed-BOCES 9-12	\$45,000	

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

9.03 Settlement of a Tax Certiorari

RESOLVED that the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute a Consent Order & Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Kosov Properties Co. LLC v. Town of Greenburgh and Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the Consent Order & Judgment.

Ms. Baron moved and Ms. Bass seconded to approve the Tax Certiorari settlement.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

9.04 Acceptance of Donation

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to accept a donation in the amount of \$12,000 from the Dobbs Ferry PTSA to support Middle School Academic Enrichment Programs.

Ms. Sullivan-Nunes moved and Ms. Baron seconded to approve the Acceptance of the PTSA Donation.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

9.05 CSE/CPSE Recommendations

WHEREAS the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education had issued to the Board by written confidential report dated January 4, 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 January 4, 2023.

Mr. Wood moved and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded the CSE/CPSE recommendations.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

9.06 Personnel

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the Civil Service and Professional Personnel recommendations.

Mr. Stinchcomb discussed the Rivertown Diversity (LHCPSA) Job Fair on March 4, 2023.

Ms. Bass moved and Mr. Wood seconded to approve the Personnel recommendations.

Vote: 7 ayes 0 Nays

9.07 Policy Revision - Second Reading

A second reading of Policy 0115 STUDENT HARASSMENT AND BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION took place. The update to the policy Includes a reference to a recent Supreme Court case.

Ms. Baron moved and Mr. Bufalini seconded the adoption of the Policy Revision.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

9.08 Policy Revision - First Reading

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The Board conducted a first reading and engaged in discussion of the following policies:

- Policy 2310 Regular Meetings: District Clerk will attend all meetings.
- Policy 2325 VideoConferencing of Board Meetings: Video Conferencing can be used under extraordinary circumstances without disclosing a member's location.
- Policy 2360 Minutes: Minutes will include if a member is videoconferencing under extraordinary circumstances.
- Policy 2112 Protocols for Board/Superintendent Roles and Responsibilities: Three consecutive absences without cause can result in a Board member's removal from the Board.
- Policy 9510.1 Deferred Salary Payments For Ten-Month Employees: Change in payroll from bi-weekly to semi monthly.

10. Acknowledgments

10.01 Warrants

The Board will acknowledge the following warrants: Warrants No. 31 and 34 Multi.

11. Citizen Comments

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None.

12. Old Business

None.

13. New Business

None.

14. Upcoming Meetings

14.01 Calendar

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library
Work Session

Tuesday February 7, 2023- 7:00 PM- MS/HS Library
Budget Presentations

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15. Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby recesses into Executive Session for the following purpose: to discuss the employment history of a particular administrator.

Mr. Bufalini moved and Ms. Baron seconded to appoint Ms. Bass as Clerk Pro Tem at 8:27 PM.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays (8:32 PM)

Mr. Wood moved and Ms. Baron seconded to move back to the Public Meeting.

16. Adjournment

Ms. Lucasey moved and Ms. Stringer seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

17. Approved Minutes

17.01 Approved Minutes - December 6, 2022

Kristina O’Gorman
District Clerk