



**Tuesday, January 17, 2023
Work Session
7:00 PM**

1. Claims Auditor's Annual Update to the Board

The Board met with Denise Connell, CPA, District Claims Auditor, at 6:30PM for the Board's annual update.

2. Videoconferencing

Ms. Baron joined the meeting via videoconference.

3. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

4. Meeting Opening

4.01 Pledge of Allegiance

4.02 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.

4.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Bufalini moved and Ms. Stringer seconded to approve the Agenda.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

5. Citizen's Comments

5.01 Notice

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agenda will be taken under consideration and referred to the Superintendent for appropriate action.

None.

6.01 Correspondence for January 17, 2023

The Board acknowledged an email regarding a petition for a permissive referendum on a cannabis dispensary.

7. Announcements

The following announcements were made:

- Ms. Bass noted that the Harlem Wizards event, sponsored by the PTSA, is happening on Saturday, February 4, 2023.
- Mr. Slentz encouraged members of the public to view the District website as there are a number of activities happening including games, school counseling workshops for parents and other community activities.
- Mr. Slentz reminded the community that the State of the District Forum is being held on January 25 in the MS/HS auditorium.

8. Reports to the Board

8.01 Special Education at Dobbs Ferry

Ms. Gismervik, Director Special Education, and Ms. Kaplan, Assistant Director of Special Education provided an overview of special education and how it is implemented at Dobbs Ferry. Ms. Gismervik discussed possible program changes for the 2023-24 school year. The presentation has been posted to the website.

9. Board Actions

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

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Slentz noted the resignation of Carleen Ince, ENL Teacher at Springhurst Elementary School, and wished her well in her new endeavors.

9.02 Appointment of Acting Superintendent

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District hereby moves to designate the following for the 2022-2023 school year or until the next organizational meeting or a successor is appointed and qualified according to law:

That the Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations or the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Equity shall serve as Acting Superintendent at no additional compensation when the Superintendent is temporarily out of the region or state;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to notify the Board president when an Acting Superintendent is necessary.

Ms. Sullivan-Nunes moved and Ms. Stringer seconded to approve the appointment of an Acting Superintendent.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

9.03 Appointment of Compliance Officer

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Melinda Gordon, Esq., as a Title IX Compliance Officer/Investigator pursuant to Board of Education policies 0100 and 0110, and as an Investigator pursuant to matters covered by state and other federal anti-discrimination laws, at the rate of \$250 per hour, as assigned by the Superintendent of Schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby directs the District Clerk to notify Melinda Gordon of her appointment in said capacity.

Mr. Bufalini moved and Ms. Bass seconded to approve the appointment of a Compliance Officer.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

10. Citizens Comments

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None.

11. Old Business:

None.

12. New Business

Ms. Lucasey stated that she would like Board members to consider whether a resolution advocating for universal free and reduced lunch is something the Board should consider given the importance of the issue for many of our families. This will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

13. Upcoming Meetings

13.01 Calendar

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Tuesday, February 7, 2023 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library
Executive Session

14. Proposed Executive Session

14.01 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 person - midyear review of the Superintendent.*

Ms. Lucasey stated that it is not anticipated that the Board will return to public session to take any action.

Mr. Wood moved and Ms. Baron seconded to move into executive session.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Wood moved and Ms. Baron seconded to appoint Ms. Bass as Clerk Pro Tem at 8:38 PM.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

15. Adjournment

Ms. Lucasey moved and Mr. Bufalini seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

7 ayes - 0 nays

16. Approved Minutes

None.

Kristina O'Gorman
District Clerk