



**Tuesday, March 7, 2023  
Business Meeting  
7:00 PM**

**1. Proposed Executive Session**

Call to order: Ms. Lucasey called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

Motion by Ms. Baron, and seconded by Mr. Wood, that the Board appoint Ms. Bass as the Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 7 ayes - 0 nays

Motion by Ms. Ms. Baron, seconded by Ms. Stringer to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of particular pedagogical and non-pedagogical employees.

Vote: 7ayes, 0 nays

At 7:02 PM, Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Stringer seconded, that the Board return to the Public Meeting.

**2. Call to Order**

The Board reconvened in regular session at 7:11 PM.

**3. Meeting Opening**

**3.01 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.

**3.02 Acceptance of the Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Bufalini, seconded by Mr. Wood to accept the March 7, 2023 agenda.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

**3.03 Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Bufalini moved, and Mr. Wood seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of February 7 and February 14, 2023.

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Vote: 7 ayes – 0 nays

### 4. Citizen's Comments

#### 4.01 Notice

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None.

### 5. Correspondence

#### 5.01 Correspondence for March 7, 2023

The Board received correspondence on the following topics:

1. A parent re Revised Code of Conduct
2. Parents re a DASA investigation
3. Invitation to the Annual District Orchestra Concert from our DFSD orchestra teachers

### 6. Announcements

Ms. Lucasey made the following announcements:

1. **Private School Transportation Requests:** Transportation: Parents who are considering sending a child to a private school\* next year are advised that transportation requests must be submitted by Saturday, April 1, 2023, in order to be included in the district's request for transportation next year. Requests for forms should be made to the Transportation Director at 914-295-5544. A written request must be submitted for each child and for each school being considered. The School Board has established a firm policy of not considering requests submitted after the deadline.

\*(Parents should note that a separate request must be submitted for each school being considered. Requests may be withdrawn if a school is not selected, but **may not** be considered if submitted after the deadline).

2. **Personal Voter Registration:** Any community resident not registered with the Westchester County Board of Elections may do so during Personal Registration which will take place on Monday, May 8, 2023 between 3:30 pm and 7:30 pm in the High School Gymnasium Foyer. Voter Qualifications: (1) Must be a citizen of the United States; (2) Must be 18 years of age or older; (3) Must have been a resident of the school district for a period of 30 days or more prior to May 16, 2023.

3. **Board Member Terms of Office:** Two terms of office of the Dobbs Ferry Board of Education will be expiring on June 30, 2023:

Two seats for two three (3)-year terms, July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026

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*Ms. Tracy Baron, and Mr. Massimo Bufalini*

Forms for petitions to run for a seat on the Board of Education are available in the District Office. Petitions must be submitted by the close of business on Monday, April 17, 2023. Twenty-five (25) signatures of qualified voters in the district are required.

Ms. Baron made the following announcement: on Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 PM, the Dobbs Ferry Community Youth Services Coalition will be providing a Narcan training at the Embassy Community Center. Those interested should contact Melissa Diodati to register.

Mr. Slentz made the following announcement: DFSD will be hosting a senior luncheon on Thursday, March 23 in the MS/HS Commons which will be followed by a preview of the spring Musical, Chicago.

### 7. Committee Reports

Student Activities and Athletics

Ms. Baron updated the Board on the Committee's discussions which included:

- DFSD is starting a Unified Sports program for students with disabilities. Sports will include bowling and basketball.
- A request for a merged modified ice hockey team will not be recommended due to the lack of interest from regional school districts.
- DFSD is reviewing our support of the merged varsity ice hockey team due to the costs associated with the sport including ice rental.
- Chronic Absenteeism and the work that the district staff is conducting in addressing this issue. The committee recommends that the Policy Committee review our attendance policy.

### 8. Reports to the Board

Dr. Clamser and Mr. Slentz presented the 2023-2024 Budget Development Framework to the Board, which included:

- Updated information and expenditure status of the Administrative and Capital budgets.
- Initial expenditure status of the Program budget.
- Updated status of and variables within the Revenue budget.

The framework presentation is posted on the District's Budget Information page for review.

### 9. Superintendent Report

Mr. Slentz provided an update on the ongoing implementation of the following initiatives:

Mr. Slentz provided the Board with highlights from each school building and on initiatives related to District Goals, the Strategic Plan, the DEI Plan, and operational matters which included:

- Professional learning for DFSD staff members in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention, Adapted Physical Education, and Mental Health First Aid.
- DFSD participated in the Lower Hudson Regional Diversity Hiring Fair on March 4. Dr. Stinchcomb discussed the process that was involved as led by Ms.

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Saperstein and the participants that the District interviewed.

### 10. Board Actions

#### 10.01 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.

Motion by Ms. Sullivan-Nunes, seconded by Ms. Stringer to approve the resolution.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

#### 10.02 Change Orders

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following change orders:

Project #	Change Order #	Contractor	Amount	Description
660403-03-0001019	GC-MHS-1-05	APS Contracting, Inc.	\$20,324.54	Dismantle and remove existing paragon electric projector screen. Replace with Matt White Paragon E Electric Screen XT1000E, 16:10, 278"D
660403-03-0001019	GC-MHS-1-06	APS Contracting, Inc.	\$2,929.43	Rigging for relocation of (1) box boom lighting, data extension cable and removal to right of stage.
660403-03-0001019	GC-MHS-1-07	APS Contracting, Inc.	-\$1,237.75	Credit to Owner for remainder of allowance.

Motion by Ms. Baron, seconded by Mr. Wood, to approve the resolution.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

#### 10.03 2023-2024 District Calendar

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to adopt the 2023-2024 District Calendar.

Motion by Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded by Mr. Bufalini, to approve the resolution.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

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### 10.04 Settlement Agreement

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the Settlement and Release Agreement in regard to Student No. 11; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute such Settlement and Release Agreement on behalf of the District.

Ms. Lucasey asked for a motion to amend the Agenda to remove item 10.04 as the agreement was not presented in the form required.

Motion by Ms. Stringer, seconded by Mr. Wood to amend the agenda as requested.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

### 10.05 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 March 3, 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 March 3, 2023.

Motion by Ms. Sullivan-Nunes, seconded by Mr. Wood, to approve the resolution.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

### 10.06 2023-2024 Budget & Trustee Vote Vendors

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following authorized vendors in connection with the 2023-2024 Budget & Trustee Vote:

Westchester Board of Elections

- Four voting machines and three privacy booths
- Poll books
- Poll lists - Active, Military and Permanently Disabled

Ron's Trucking

- Delivery and return of voting machines and privacy booth to the Board of Elections

Phoenix Graphics

- Ballot Printing and shipping

Party Line Rentals

- Twelve (12) stanchions and eight (8) ropes

Motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Ms. Bass, to approve the resolution.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

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### 11. Citizens Comments

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None

### 12. Old Business:

None.

### 13. New Business

Ms. Lucasey requested that a Special Meeting be scheduled for March 13 for further discussion on the development of the 2023-24 budget. A quorum of members is available and the meeting will be scheduled accordingly

### 14. Upcoming Meetings

#### Calendar

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library  
Business Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library  
Business Meeting

### 15. Acknowledgements

The Board acknowledged the receipt of Warrant No. 42

### 16. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Sullivan-Nunes, seconded by Ms. Stringer to adjourn at 8:42 PM

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

On behalf of the Board,

Ken Slentz  
Superintendent