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**Tuesday, April 18, 2023
Business Meeting
7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Meeting Opening

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 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; and Mr. Jason Balbo, Deputy District Clerk

2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Bufalini moved and Ms. Baron seconded, to accept the April 18, 2023 agenda.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

2.04 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Sullivan-Nunes moved and Mr. Wood seconded, to approve the minutes of April 11, 2023.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

3. Citizen's Comments

3.01 Notice

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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.

4. Correspondence

4.01 Correspondence for April 11, 2023

None.

5. Announcements

Mr. Slentz announced that the High School spring concert will be held on April 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle/High School auditorium.

Ms. Lucasey announced the following:

- 5.01 **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.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 Policy

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

- Policies that are currently under review
- Policies that will be presented for a first reading at the May 2 Board meeting
- Policies that will need additional focus in upcoming meetings

7. Superintendent Report

7.01 Elementary Literacy Review Project Update

Dr. Drake, Ms. Grabelsky, and Dr. Stinchcomb provided information on the literacy program review that is taking place at Springhurst Elementary School. The presentation is posted on the Board of Education website.

8. Board Actions

8.01 Board of Registry and Election Inspectors

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to appoint the Board of Registry and Election Inspectors listed on the attached document for the May 8, 2023 Personal Voter Registration and May 16, 2023 Annual Election and Budget Vote.

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

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 move to approve the Civil Service and Professional Personnel recommendations.

Mr. Slentz noted that the District Office is looking forward to having Karen Silvestri join the team as Personnel Assistant and noted the credentials of Kathryn Morales, candidate for HS Special Education.

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

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

8.03 Eighth Grade Overnight Trip

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the eighth grade overnight trip to Club Getaway in Kent, CT on June 1 and 2, 2023.

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

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

8.04 BOCES Budget Vote and Board Member Election

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District hereby move to consider a resolution with respect to approval of three Trustees for Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services - Sheryl Brady, Miles Jain, and Eileen Miller for the time period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will move to consider a resolution with respect to approval of the 2023-2024 Estimated Administrative Budget of \$12,812.124 for the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

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

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

8.05 Education Foundation Grant Approval

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to accept the following grants from the Dobbs Ferry School Foundation:

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- Makerspace in the Classroom, in the amount of \$1,115, by Catherine O'Rourke
- All Kids Bike Program, in the amount of \$6,000, by Denise Briscoe
- Sensory Swing, in the amount of \$5,089.56, by Emily Mandel

Mr. Bufalini moved and Ms. Baron seconded, to approve the resolution.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

Ms. Baron asked for a description of the All Kids Bike Program. Ms. Lucasey thanked the Foundation for its ongoing support of our students.

9. Citizens Comments

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Family members of a private school student asked the Board to consider allowing the student to participate on the DFHS softball team.

10. Old Business:

Ms. Lucasey reminded the community that because the NYS Budget had not yet been passed, there was still time for community residents to advocate for universal free school meals by contacting the Governor via information posted on the District website.

11. New Business:

None.

12. Upcoming Meetings

12.01 Calendar

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

Business Meeting with Budget Hearing

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 - 9:00 AM - Board Room

Certification of Budget Vote and Board Member Elections

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13. Acknowledgements

13.01 Warrants

The Board acknowledged the receipt of Warrant No. 48 Multi.

14. Adjournment

Ms. Baron moved and Ms. Stringer seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

On behalf of the Board,

Ken Slentz
Superintendent