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**Tuesday, May 23, 2023
Business Meeting
7:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order**

Ms. Lucasey called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the Board appoints Mr. Slentz as the clerk pro tem for the meeting.

Ms. Baron moved and Mr. Wood seconded, to appoint Mr. Slentz as clerk pro tem.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

2. **Proposed 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 non-pedagogical employee.*

Ms. Stringer moved and Ms. Bass seconded, to recess to executive session.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

Return to Regular Session

Ms. Bass moved and Mr. Wood seconded, to return to the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

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.

3.03 **Acceptance of the Agenda**

Ms. Baron moved and Mr. Bufalini seconded, to accept the May 23, 2023 Agenda.

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Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

3.04 Approval of Minutes

May 1, 2023: Mr. Bufalini moved and Ms. Bass seconded, to approve the May 1, 2023 minutes.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions, by Ms. Stringer and Mr. Wood

May 2 and May 9, 2023: Ms. Stringer moved and Ms. Baron seconded, to approve the May 2 and May 9, 2023 minutes.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention by Mr. Wood

May 17, 2023: Ms. Bass moved and Mr. Bufalini seconded, to approve the May 17, 2023 minutes.

Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 3 abstentions, by Ms. Stringer, Ms. Sullivan-Nunes, and Ms. Baron

4. Announcements

Ms. Baron announced the following:

- The Westchester Putnam School Board Association is sponsoring a board member event on June 8, 2023. Please contact Mr. Slentz if you are planning to attend.
- The Westchester Putnam School Board Association is sponsoring state-required training for newly elected Board members on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 8:00 am - 4:00 p.m. at the Education House in White Plains.

Mr. Slentz announced the following:

- The 8th grade performance of the Outsiders will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle/High School auditorium.
- This year's Junior Formal will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Westchester Manor.

5. Citizen's Comments

5.01 Notice:

The Board of Education values input from the entire Dobbs Ferry School District community. Although we do not engage in dialogue with the public at our Board of Ed business meetings, we are listening. Members of our school district community may comment on any matter related to the meeting's approved agenda. If you wish to address the board, please sign in with the District Clerk. Any group or organization wishing to address the Board must identify a single spokesperson. Please state your name for the record and keep your remarks to 3 minutes or less. Speakers will conduct themselves in a civil manner and will be ruled out of order for any statement that constitutes a direct threat against officers, employees or students of the school district, or that is

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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.

6. Correspondence

6.01 Correspondence for May 23, 2023

The Board received correspondence on the following topics:

- Parent interest in Springhurst search committee
- Absentee ballot request
- CSEA Contract Grievance

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Policy

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

- Clarifying language in policies 5205 and 5225
- The current status of time-out room policy and guidance from the State Education Department
- Future policies for the Committee's consideration

8. Reports to the Board:

8.01 Overview of District Safety Plan: Mr. Slentz updated the Board on the background, required elements, new requirements, required training, and next steps regarding the adoption of the District Safety Plan. Mr. Slentz also explained that NYS Commissioner's Regulation 155.17 does not allow building-level safety plans to be shared with the public.

8.02 Foundation Aid Increase Plan: Dr. Clamser updated the Board on the American Rescue Plan/Foundation Aid Increase Plan, which the District is required to have in place for the 2023-24 school year.

9. Superintendent Report: Mr. Slentz updated the Board on the following:

- Spring sports and post-season play
- Participation in Spring Sports for students in grades 7-12 and the increase that the District is seeing over prior years
- Spring musical performances and the continuous improvement that the music faculty are bringing to each of their respective groups
- Spring celebrations and the concern for student safety
- The status of the Springhurst Principal Search
- The work of the Facilities Department leadership and staff in the buildings and on District grounds

10. Board Action

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10.01 Policy Revision – First Reading

The Board conducted a first reading of policies 5205 and 5525. Related to Policy 5205, Board members discussed the difference between higher level policy direction and administrative regulations, including the Athletic Code of Conduct.

10.02 Budget Transfer

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following payroll budget transfers:

Account	Decrease	Increase
1240-160-00-8110 Secretary to Supt		20,463.48
1430-160-00-8110 Personnel	20,463.48	
2020-151-01-8100 Asst. Building Principal		17,256.40
2020-160-03-8120 Clerical Office Asst.	13,697.85	
2110-140-01-0000 Tch Reg-Per Diem Subs-SH		24,020.05
2110-140-01-1000 Tch Reg-Permanent Sub	17,295.00	
2110-140-02-0000 Tch Reg-Per Diem Subs-MS		27,380.00
2110-140-02-2000 Tch Reg-Permanent Sub	34,682.50	
2110-155-01-8121 Teacher Assistant	13,376.58	
2110-156-01-8121 TA-Class Coverage SH		14,894.70
2250-150-01-6300 Spec Ed Sal Spch & Lang	14,440.22	
2250-150-02-7200 Spec Ed Salary Spec Ed		38,176.17
2250-150-03-7200 Spec Ed Salary Spec Ed		18,990.28
2250-155-01-8121 Teacher Assistant	57,254.30	
2250-155-02-8121 Teacher Assistant		39,133.07
2630-160-00-8110 Technology Support	29,104.22	
	200,314.15	200,314.15

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

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

10.03 2023-2024 Reorganizational Board Meeting Date

WHEREAS, by Education Law the Organization Meeting is held on the first Tuesday in July which would be July 4, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the July 4, 2023 is a legal holiday and Education Law states the meeting is then held on the first Wednesday in July; and,

WHEREAS, Education Law permits a Board of Education by resolution, to choose another date within the first 15 days of July for the Organization Meeting when the first Tuesday date falls on a holiday;

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING THE BOARD HEREBY:

1. Approves the Organization Meeting to be held the second Tuesday in July, July 11, 2023.

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2. Authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, and/or his designee, and the District Clerk to take all steps necessary to implement this resolution.

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

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

10.04 **Renewal of Annual Service Contracts**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to renew the following contracts for annual service contracts for District operations.

Mr. Wood moved and Mr. Bufalini seconded, to approve the resolution.

The renewed service contracts are attached to the agenda and made a part of these minutes by reference.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

10.05 **Award of Annual Service Contracts**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following contracts for annual service contracts for District operations.

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

The service contracts are attached to the agenda and made a part of these minutes by reference.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

11. **Citizens Comments**

11.01 **Notice:**

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None.

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12. Old Business:

None.

13. New Business:

13.01 2023-24 School Board Meeting Dates

Ms. Lucasey asked Board members to review the proposed meeting schedule, which would be acted on at the July 11, 2023 reorganizational meeting. The proposed schedule is attached to the agenda and made a part of these minutes by reference.

Board graduation gowns will be available to pick up at the June 6 meeting.

14. Upcoming Meetings

14.01 Calendar

- Tuesday, June 6, 2023 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library
- Tuesday, June 20, 2023 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

15. Acknowledgements

15.01 Warrants

The Board acknowledged the receipt of Warrant No. 52.

16. Adjournment

Ms. Baron moved and Mr. Bufalini seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

On behalf of the Board,

Ken Slentz
Superintendent