



**Tuesday, June 6, 2023
Business Meeting
7:00 PM**

1. Videoconferencing Notice

Ms. Stringer participated via videoconference.

2. Call to Order

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

3. Meeting Opening

3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

3.02 Roll Call

Ms. Jean Lucasey, President; Ms. Brooke Bass, Vice President; Ms. Tracy Baron; Ms. Shannon Stringer (attending by videoconference); Ms. Penny Sullivan-Nunes; Mr. Darren Wood; Mr. Kenneth Slentz, Superintendent; Dr. Darrell Stinchcomb, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Equity

Massimo Bufalini was absent.

3.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Sullivan-Nunes moved and Ms. Bass seconded, to accept the June 6, 2023 Agenda.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

3.04 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wood moved and Ms. Baron seconded, to approve the May 23, 2023 minutes.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

4. Citizen's Comments

4.01 Notice:

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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 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.

5. Correspondence

5.01 Correspondence for May 2, 2023

The Board received correspondence on the following topics:

- Substitute Teacher and Club Advisor concern
- District audit information
- Substitute teacher application process
- Elementary school schedule

6. Announcements

Ms. Baron announced the following:

- There will be a program sponsored by the Dobbs Ferry Youth Coalition titled *What Every Parent Should Know* regarding teen vaping. This program will be held on June 12 at 6:30 p.m./ in the MS/HS commons.

Mr. Slentz announced the following:

- The Senior Prom is being held tonight, and we are wishing our seniors a safe, happy, and memorable night.
- Spring 2023 Scholar Athlete Teams have been announced by the NYS Public High School Athletic Association. The following Dobbs teams were recognized: Girls Lacrosse, Girls Outdoor Track/Field, Unified Basketball, Boys Baseball, Boys Golf, Boys Outdoor Track/Field, and Boys Tennis. Congratulations to our student athletes and coaches.

7. Reports to the Board:

7.01 **DEI Task Force Meeting Summary.** Mr. Slentz and Dr. Stinchcomb updated the Board on the meeting of the task force that was held on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. The work established in the DEI Plan and the direction that is provided within the DEI policy will be included in the next iteration of the District's Strategic Plan.

8. **Superintendent Report: Strategic Planning Overview.** Mr. Slentz reviewed a framing document with the Board that might guide the development of the next strategic plan. Board members were asked to review the document and provide

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feedback at the June 20, 2023, meeting on its usefulness/effectiveness in merging the current strategic plan, the DEI Plan, the District Goals, and the District Professional Development Plan.

9. Board Actions

Ms. Lucasey asked for a motion to combine actions 9.01, 9.03, 9.04, and 9.06 into a consent agenda.

Ms. Stringer moved and Ms. Bass seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

Ms. Baron moved and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, to approve the items on consent.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

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. Slentz highlighted the appointment of new teachers for Science Research and the Middle School special class.

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda.

9.02 Appointment of Interim Elementary Principal

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Dr. Darrell Stinchcomb as Interim Elementary Principal at an hourly rate of \$110.50 for the period of July 1, 2023 through September 1, 2023, pending the appointment of a new principal.

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

9.03 Sports Mergers

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District hereby move to approve the following team mergers for the winter 2023-24 season: Varsity Boys Hockey - Merged with Irvington, Leffel, Ardsley, Ossining, and Sleepy Hollow.

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda.

9.04 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 June 1, 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;

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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 June 1, 2023.

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda.

9.05 Policy Revision – Second Reading

BE IT RESOLVED, that having satisfied the procedural requirements of policy 2410, the following policies are hereby adopted:
Policy 5500

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

9.06 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 for the following District operations:

Bid #2324-03 Concrete Construction & Repair Services Bid
Bid #2324–06 Hardware & Various Supplies-Percent Discount Bid

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda.

10. Citizens Comments

10.01 Notice:

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None.

11. Old Business:

None.

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12. **New Business:**

Ms. Lucasey alerted Board members to be ready at the next Board meeting to discuss their potential interest in seeking a leadership role for the 2023-24 school year.

13. **Upcoming Meetings**

13.01 **Calendar**

- Tuesday, June 20, 2023 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library
- Tuesday, July 11, 2023 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Library

14. **Acknowledgements**

14.01 **Warrants**

The Board acknowledged the receipt of Warrant No. 54 Multi.

14.02 **Treasurer's Report**

The Board acknowledged the receipt of the Treasurer's Report for April 2023.

15. **Adjournment**

Mr. Wood moved and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

On behalf of the Board,

Ken Slentz
Superintendent