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**Tuesday, May 28, 2019
Work Session Meeting
MS/HS Media Center, 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Meeting Opening 7:04 p.m.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Ms. Jean Lucasey, President; Ms. Shannon Johnson, Vice President; Ms. Tracy Baron; Mr. Louis Schwartz; Ms. Rita Kennedy; Ms. Shannon Stringer; Mr. Matthew Rosenberg; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Mr. Douglas Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

2.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board accept the May 28th Agenda.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

2.03 Board Trustee Resignation

Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board accept the resignation of Mr. Louis Schwartz, from his current Board Trustee position, effective May 28, 2019, for the remainder of his BOE trustee term which ends June 30, 2019, in order to allow him to take the Oath of Office for the BOE Trustee term that ends June 30, 2021.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

2.04 Oath of Office to the Members of the Board of Education

The President of the Board administered the Oath of Office to the following members of the Board of Education:

- Mr. Louis Schwartz
- Ms. Shannon Stringer
- Mr. Matthew Rosenberg

2.05 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting.

Vote: 4 - ayes - 0 nays – 1 abstention – Mr. Schwartz

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3. Announcements

WPSBA

May 30, 2019

Annual Dinner

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Crabtree's Kittle House Restaurant & Inn, 11 Kittle Rd, Chappaqua, NY 10514, USA

Will be honoring Lisa Davis

Jun. 13, 2019

Now That You've Been Elected

6:45 PM - 9:00 PM

Byram Hills CSD Boardroom - Admin Bldg, 10 Tripp La., Armonk, NY 10504

PTSA

June 4, 2019

Annual End of Year Dinner

7:30 PM

Sam's Restaurant – Dobbs Ferry, NY

4. Superintendent's Report

- Senior Awards Night - June 6th at 6 p.m.
- HS Graduation - Saturday, June 15th
- MS Awards Ceremony - June 17th at 9 a.m.
- MS Stepping Up - June 25th at 9 a.m.
- Springhurst Stepping Up - June 26th at 9 a.m.
- Reading Without Walls – Dr. Brady read to 15 classes at Springhurst during the month of May
- Dr. Brady will give the Invocation at Masters School Graduation - June 8th

5. Citizen's Comments

5.01 Notice

Members of the community may comment on any matter related to the meeting's approved agenda. The Board President may request a brief description of the topic the speaker plans to address. Any group or organization wishing to address the Board must identify a single spokesperson. Presentations should be as brief as possible and no speaker will be permitted to speak for longer than 3 minutes. It is expected that 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.

6. Correspondence

None.

7.01 BOE Committees

Student Athletics & Activities - 5/14

- The Committee discussed the 2020 student trip to Spain and France from April 3 - April 10 during spring break. This will be the third international travel opportunity for Dobbs Ferry

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students. The full cost of the trip is \$3820. The Committee discussed the cost of the trip and what kinds of opportunities might be available to help students with financial obligations. There are scholarships available through the travel company ACIS and enough lead time for students to take steps to fundraise individually. This trip is offered every other year to our students. In March 2018, 18 students went on this trip.

- The Committee discussed the 2020 softball trip to Florida from April 8/9 or April 12/13. This trip is the third time that Dobbs Ferry has gone on this trip. It is an every other year trip. The girls use a combination of fundraising for the full team and individual contributions to defray the cost of the trip. Each girl usually ends up paying about \$1300 for the trip and 16 girls participate.
- New Coaches: Boys Varsity Soccer and Girls Varsity Cheerleading

School & Community Relations - 5/22

- Communication for Capital Projects - architects will develop renderings once the resolutions are approved by the BOE in June.
- Possible Venues for Communication Opportunities:
 - Tours of Auditorium
 - Forums with students and parents with the Theater Consultant
 - Back to School Nights
 - Ferry Festa
 - Pumpkin Fair
- Groups for targeted communications:
- Project Highlights
- Can we do something on October 22nd with the choral groups for the evening of the vote?
Lisa will speak with Georgia

8. Reports to the Board

8.01 Capital Project Plan

Garrett Hamlin, Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers, updated the Board on the Capital Project Plan.

Presentation included discussion on the following:

- SEQRA Update
- Capital Project Planning Process
- Capital Project Timeline
- Pre-Referendum Timeline
- Ongoing Activities & Future Dates
- Capital Project Scope
- Additional Considerations
- Capital Project Budget
- Financial Considerations

Questions/comments from the Board and community members were as follows:

- SEQRA Type -Unlisted Action
- It will require Environmental Assessment Form (EAF)
- SEQRA will be on the June 11th agenda – must be adopted prior to the bond proposition
- The Middle School roof is 58,386 sq. ft.
- The Westchester Planning Board may need to approve the ramp to the Old Croton Aqueduct since that is a New York State Park. Please follow up to confirm.
- The additional considerations are a “wish list”
- Traffic flow changes will be a major undertaking
 - It will include traffic studies, working with the Village, County, etc.
- The bond resolution and SEQRA resolution will be worked on by the bond counsel and our attorney

The Board thanked Tetra Tech and Calgi for all the information.

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9. Board Actions

9.01 Reorganizational Board Meeting

Mr. Rosenberg moved, and Ms. Stringer seconded, that the Board adopt Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM for the Reorganization Meeting.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.02 Establishment of a Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Baron moved, and Mr. Rosenberg seconded, that the Board create the Jonathan Greengrass Memorial Scholarship.

This one time scholarship will be awarded on June 6th at the Senior Awards ceremony.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve Items 9.03, 9.04, 9.05 and 9.06 as a consent agenda.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board approve 9.03, 9.04, 9.05 and 9.06

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.03 Budget Transfers

The Board approved the following budget transfers to cover the cost of fuel oil deliveries:

Account	Decrease	Increase
A 1620-426-08-0000 Operations Water	\$10,900	
A 1950-405-00-0000 Dual Residency	\$40,000	
A 2815-476-00-6400 Health Svc Contracts	\$7,000	
A 1620-421-08-1000 Operations Fuel Oil Spr		\$40,000
A 1620-421-08-3000 Operations Fuel Oil MS-HS		\$17,900

9.04 Budget Transfers

The Board approved the following budget transfers to cover the increased cost of electric bills:

Account	Decrease	Increase
A 2250-470-03-0000 Spec Ed-Tuition 9-12	\$100,000	
A 1620-425-08-1000 Operations Elec Spr		\$50,000
A 1620-425-08-3000 Operations Elec MS-HS		\$50,000

9.05 Budget Transfers

The Board approved the following budget transfers to reclassify from in-district transportation to out-of-district transportation:

Account	Decrease	Increase
A 5540-436-09-0000 Contr Trans-In District	\$54,000	
A 5540-435-09-7200 Contr Trans-Out of Dist		\$54,000

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9.06 Budget Transfers

The Board approved the following budget transfers to reclassify various BOCES codes to cover Special Ed BOCES tuition:

Account	Decrease	Increase
A 2250-490-02-7200 Spec Ed BOCES 6-8	\$9,000	
A 2280-490-03-0000 Occupational Ed-BOCES	\$32,000	
A 2630-490-00-5500 Computer Tech BOCES	\$20,000	
A 2250-490-01-7200 Spec Ed BOCES K5		\$61,000

9.07 Trip to Spain & France

Mr. Rosenberg moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board approve the 2019-2020 Trip to Spain.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

9.08 Westchester Putnam School Boards Association (WPSBA) Proposed Budget and Nominating Committee Slate

Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve, as amended, the Resolution that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District cast their vote in support of the 2019-20 Westchester Putnam School Boards Association (WPSBA) Proposed Budget and Nominating Committee Slate.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

10. Acknowledgements

10.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for April 2019.

10.01 Warrant

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrant:
Warrant No. 56 Multi.

The Board called for a short break from 8:20 PM to 8:28 PM to allow for a group photograph.

11. Student Agency Discussion

11.01 Student Agency

For our work session we will consider the following two articles:

<https://education-reimagined.org/what-do-you-mean-when-you-say-student-agency/>

<https://education-reimagined.org/toward-a-culturally-responsive-understanding-of-student-agency/>

The group had a lengthy discussion on exactly "what student agency is," the difference between "student advocacy and student agency," and how their perception has changed since reading the articles and discussion.

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13. Old Business

None.

13. New Business

- The Board would like an update on the Professional Day Diversity Training
- The Board needs to schedule a summer meeting date and a Board retreat date
- There will be an Executive Session immediately following the June 11th Board meeting

15. Upcoming Meetings

15.01 Calendar

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

- Work Session - Alternative Pathways

16. Adjournment

At 9:36 PM, Ms. Stringer moved, and Ms. Kennedy seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7 - ayes - 0 nays

17. Approved Minutes

17.01 Approved Minutes – April 9 and 23, 2019



Loretta Tularzko
District Clerk