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Thursday, August 28, 2014 Business Board Meeting Board Room, 7:00 PM

1.0 Tour of Buildings

1.01 Annual Tour of Buildings - 4:00 PM

The Board conducted a tour of the three school buildings.

In attendance, Ms. Tracy Baron, Board President; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; and Mr. Dennis Rankin, Director of Facilities.

2. Call to Order

Ms. Baron called the meeting to order.

In attendance, Ms. Tracy Baron, Board President; Mr. Robert Reiser, Board Vice President; Mr. Michael Goldman; Mr. Jonathan Greengrass; Mr. Louis Schwartz; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations and Ms. Vredenburg, Director of Special Education.

3.0 Executive Session

3.01 Executive Session

Mr. Goldman moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, to convene to Executive Session for the following purpose: *to discuss pending litigation*

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, to appoint Mr. Reiser as Clerk Pro Tem.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

At 6:55 PM, Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, to return to the Regular Meeting

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

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4.0 Regular Meeting Opening – 7:03 PM

In attendance, Ms. Tracy Baron, Board President; Mr. Robert Reiser, Board Vice President; Mr. Michael Goldman; Mr. Jonathan Greengrass; Mr. Louis Schwartz; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Dr. Lisa Brady, Superintendent; Ms. Sylvia Fassler-Wallach, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; and Ms. Loretta Tularzko, District Clerk.

Ms. Lynne Black and Mr. Douglas Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction were absent.

4.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, to omit the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vote: 4 ayes - 0 nays – 2 abstentions – M. Goldman and L. Schwartz

4.02 Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Lucasey moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board accept the August 28, 2014 agenda.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

4.03 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Goldman moved, and Ms. Lucasey seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the July 1, and July 31, 2014 meetings.

Vote: 5 ayes - 0 nays – 1 abstention – Ms. Schwartz

5. Announcements

None.

6. Superintendent's Report

Special Education Update

Ms. Erin Vredenburgh, Director of Special Education, updated the Board on the District's Special Education program.

Statistics included:

- Identification of School-Age Students with Disabilities
- 2014-2105 Special Education Numbers
 - Number by Grade by Month
 - Totals by School by Month
 - Parentally Placed Students by Month
 - Total students with Disabilities by Month
 - Students with 504 Accommodation Plans
 - Total 504 Plans by District
 - Number of Referrals – Eligible and Ineligible
 - By parent
 - IST
 - Director

Discussion included:

- Support during 1st year after declassification
- Cost analysis for:
 - Students attending out of district schools and then coming back in district is hard to determine
 - Cost for staff can be calculated but services cannot. Services are directed by IEP'S.

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- Cost for outplacements can be calculated
- Self-contained classroom costs vs. students being outplaced – hard to determine
- Alternative Solutions
- RTI
- Preschool children
- Best guarantee of student achievement

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Citizen's Comments

8.01 Notice

Members of the community may comment on any matter related to district business. 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.

9. Board Actions

Mr. Goldman moved, and Mr. Greengrass seconded, that the Board approve Items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8, 9.9, 9.10 and 9.11 as a consent agenda.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

Mr. Goldman moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board approve Items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8, 9.9, 9.10 and 9.11.

Vote: 6 - ayes - 0 nays

9.01 Donation

The Board accepted a donation from the DF Touchdown Booster Club, Ltd. in the amount of \$2,000 for 8 additional football helmets designed with the latest concussion reduction technology.

9.02 Tax Certiorari Payment and Budget Increase

The Board approved the Tax Certiorari payment to CDP Properties NY, LLC and the budget increase to enable the District to pay the tax certiorari refund in the amount of \$10,270.82.

Reserve Account to Decrease	Amount	Budget Account to Increase	Amount
A864/A5997.864	\$10,270.82	A1930.434.99.8002	\$10,270.82
Reserve for Tax Certiorari		Certiorari	
Total	\$10,270.82	Total	\$10,270.82

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9.03 2014-2015 Use of Reserves

The Board approved the following budget increase to utilize the reserves to pay a retiree's accrued benefit.

Reserve/Revenue Account	Budget Code to Increase	Amount to Increase
A867/A5997.867 Reserve for Accrued Benefits Liab	A9089.875.99.0000	\$1,250.00

9.04 2014-2015 Use of Fund Balance

The Board approved the school lunch fund budget increase to utilize fund balance to pay for improvements.

Reserve/Revenue Account	Budget Code to Increase	Amount to Increase
C914/C5999.000 Appropriated Fund Balance	C2860.400.00.000 School Lunch - Maintenance	\$90,000.00

9.05 Budget Transfer

The Board approved the following budget transfer to pay for transportation out of the correct codes:

Account to Decrease	Amount	Account to Increase	Amount
A2855.451.07.790		A5540.408.04.07900	
Athletics - Transportation	\$74,675.00	Contr Trans-Athletics	\$74,675.00
A2110.401.01.1000		A5540.409.01.9000	
Tch Reg-Spec Programs-Spr	\$ 500.00	Contr Trans-Field Trips-Spr	\$ 500.00
A2110.401.02.2000		A5540.409.02.9000	
Tch Reg-Spec Programs-MS	\$ 250.00	Contr Trans-Field Trips-MS	\$ 250.00
A2110.401.03.3000		A2110.401.03.3000	\$ 500.00
Tch Reg-Spec Programs-HS	\$ 500.00	Contr Trans-Field Trips-HS	
Total	\$75,925.00	Total	\$75,925.00

9.06 Bid Award

The Board awarded the HVAC bid, for the 2014-2015 school year to the following vendors:

Bid/Name Number	Vendor Name	Hrly/Project Rate	Mark-up	Vendor to be Awarded
Bid #1415-19	Joe Lombardo Plumbing & Heating of Rockland, Inc.	88.00	15%	Joe Lombardo Plumbing & Heating of Rockland, Inc.
	Atlantic Westchester	137.50	60%	
	Best Climate Control	115.00	20%	
	All State Air Control	95.00	25%	

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	HRR Industries Inc.	110.00	20%	
	ITC North	94.00	30%	

9.07 Special Education Services Contract

The Board approved CRM Audiology, to provide audiology services for special education students for the 2014-2015 school year. The contract amount is \$3,900.00 and will be charged to code A2250-465-00-7200.

9.08 Special Education Tutoring Services

The Board approved Education Inc. as the provider of tutoring services for special education students for the 2014-2015 school year. The contract amount is \$4,500.00 and will be charged to code A2250-410-00-7200.

9.09 Settlement Agreement

The Board approved the terms of the Settlement and Release Agreement concerning Student No. 10009; and

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

9.10 CSE/CPSE

The Board approved the following:

WHEREAS the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education had issued to the Board by written confidential report dated August 21, 2014 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 August 21, 2014.

9.11 Personnel

The Board approved the personnel recommendations.

9.12 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for June and July 2014.

9.13 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrants:
Warrant Nos. 5, 8 and 9 Multi.

10. Old Business

None.

11. New Business

11.01 Bond Vote Communications

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- A Key Ambassador Meeting will be held on September 8th by invitation only – invitees were compiled by Lisa Brady, Liz Hausman and Sylvia Fassler-Wallach
- A letter will be mailed; an advertorial will be posted in the Enterprise and a K-12 will be emailed inviting the community to attend a Bond Form on September 18 at 7:00 within two weeks
- An informational BOND Flyer will be mailed to the community sometime after the September 18th forum
- Dr. Brady, Ms. Fassler-Wallach and a number of Board members will be in attendance at all the Back to School Nights (see District events calendar for specific school dates) to answer questions pertaining to the Bond.

11.02 BOE Goals for 2014-15

- Discussion postponed until the next Board meeting on September 4, 2014.

12. Upcoming Meetings

12.01 Calendar

Thursday, September 4, 2014 – 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

- 6:30 PM - New Staff and Tenure Candidate Introductions

Thursday, September 18, 2014 – 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

- Work Session

Thursday, October 2, 2014 – 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

Thursday, October 16, 2014 – 7:00 PM – MS/HS Library

13. Adjournment

At 8:57 PM, Mr. Greengrass moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes - 0 nays

IF INTERESTED IN REVIEWING BACK UP MATERIALS PERTAINING TO ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA, ONCE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PLEASE CONTACT LORETTA TULARZKO AT 693-1506.



District Clerk