



**Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Regular Board Meeting
MS/HS Media Center, 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Meeting Opening 7:11 p.m.

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Roll Call

Ms. Jean Lucasey, President; Ms. Tracy Baron; Mr. Robert Reiser; Mr. Louis Schwartz; Ms. Shannon Johnson; 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.

Mr. Jonathan Greengrass, Vice President and Ms. Rita Kennedy were not in attendance.

2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Reiser moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board accept the November 13th Agenda.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

2.04 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Baron moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the October 23, 2018 meeting.

Vote: 4 - ayes - 0 nays – 1 abstention

3. Announcements

SPRING Community Partners

- Annual Square Dance will be held on Friday, November 30th at 7:00 PM at Springhurst.

4. Superintendent's Report

Happy Thanksgiving! - next Wednesday early dismissal prior to lunch.

Student Safety Training

Officer Kamke will be pushing into PE classes for MS and HS students on 11/28 and 11/29 to review Lockdown procedures with our students. He also conducted a pedestrian safety presentation with Springhurst students prior to Halloween and is developing a pedestrian safety program for MS and HS students with Rebecca Wing. Thanks to Justin Kamke for all of the work that he does on behalf of our students and District.

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Our second book chat with HS teachers and students from Tom Falconetti's book club will meet tomorrow. We may be using Thoughtexchange to facilitate part of the book chat since we have a group of 30 participants.

November 27th BOE Work Session will be a discussion of student dress codes. A K-12 will be sent tomorrow (Wednesday) with the links and resources for review. Lisa met with students from the Legislative Branch last week and they will be participating in the Work Session.

Performance-Based Assessment Consortium - Regent Judith Johnson is hosting a meeting for selected superintendents next week to meet with leaders of the NY Performance Standards Consortium to learn how this network of schools received a waiver to replace 4 Regents exams with rigorous performance-based assessments that grow out of the curriculum. New York Performance Standards Consortium www.performanceassessment.org was the focus of one of the chapters in Ana Kamenetz's book *The Test*, which the BOE read a few years ago. The Consortium has developed a system of assessment where the curriculum drives assessment rather than the other way around (the test-prep curriculum.)

Commissioner's Advisory Council - Lisa will be serving this year on the Commissioner's Advisory Council in Albany as part of her role as President of the Southern Westchester CSA.

Learning Forward Conference - Lisa will be presenting at the National Learning Forward Conference in Austin, Texas on December 5th with Giselle Martin-Knipe and Lissette Ruiz (Wappinger's Supervisor for Social Studies). The presentation is entitled "Are Schools Ready to Promote Civic Engagement?"

Senior Citizen Luncheon - Thursday in the Commons beginning at 11:45.

High School

National Merit Scholars! We are proud to share that DFHS has 7 students in the Class of 2019 who are being recognized this year by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) for their performance on the last year's PSAT! Of the 1.6 million students who took the exam nationally, 34,000 were designated as Commended Students and 16,000 were designated as Semifinalists. The winners are as follows: Semi Finalists: Zachary Hankewycz, Jamie Kramer, Remy Nammour. Commended: Ethan Ferland, Cole Gingham, Zachary Holzman, Jolie McDonnell.

Red Ribbon Week! Our Y2Y club has been hard at work spreading the word and encouraging their peers to sign the pledge to be drug free! A special thanks to our new Student Assistance Counselor Ms. Foster for organizing this event! #GenerationIB #DFHSIB20.

DFHS Composting at Springhurst! Despite some chilly weather, members of the #DFHSIB20 Ecology Club were "thinking globally and acting locally" and helped to get the vegetable gardens ready for the winter. They also got to learn about how the composting process works! A special thanks to Ms. Ravo for organizing this experience! #GenerationIB.

Mark Sterner Visits DFHS! A special thanks to the Dobbs Ferry Youth Services Council, including Justin Kamke and Barry Sherman, for bringing Mark Sterner to DFHS today to talk about the dangers of drinking and driving.

The football team has advanced to the state semi-final game in Middletown on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. A win gets them back to the Syracuse Carrier Dome for the state championship.

Middle School

Our entire 7th grade participated in a field trip to Boundless Adventures. The students were in the trees as they tested their nerve on high ropes courses and on the ground developing the skills needed to be a good team member and problem solver.

Our No Place For Hate Club participated in a Pajama-Book Drive. Students donated a new pair of pajamas and a new book to underprivileged children.

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Our 6th grade No Place For Hate Club visited our senior citizens and created bookmarks for the books and our 7th-grade group made scarves with our seniors.

Ms. Hacker and a group of 7th graders attended the Human Rights Institute for middle school leaders.

Mrs. Mittan pushed into put 6th grade Math classes to facilitate the MS Building Bridges and taught the students about Executive Functioning

Springhurst

The Springhurst Cram-A-Van event was a huge success! This year Springhurst donated 303 pairs of pajamas and 325 books! Special thanks to the DASA Committee and Holly Cicero for coordinating with the Pajama Program team. And many thanks to everyone who helped organize the books and pajamas to make sure every class in the building had something to bring to the van. This truly was a community effort. In addition to our Springhurst donations, we were also fortunate to receive pajamas and books from our middle and high school students as well as our Dobbs Ferry senior citizens.

On Monday, November 5, twenty-four Kindergarten parents attended the first of six Math workshops designed to provide parents with useful information about the year's math content. Monday's workshop was facilitated by Josh Rosen and kindergarten teacher Tricia Zarro. In addition to learning about the math specific to each grade level, parents had the opportunity to learn about resources in order to support their children at home. .

Subsequent workshops will all take place from 8:45-9:30 at Springhurst.

The dates are:

November 14-2nd Grade

November 16-1st Grade

November 27-3rd Grade

December 4-4th Grade

December 12-5th Grade

Mindfulness PE Unit begins this week for 3rd graders!

With the support of the Dobbs Ferry Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), third graders will engage in a Mindfulness unit as part of their Physical Education (PE) program. Springhurst staff is also engaging in Mindfulness work with the hope to expand this practice to include all grade levels across the school.

The unit will consist of two 40 minute sessions per class. Jennifer Monness (Meditation Lab Specialist from Irvington, NY) will come to Springhurst and work with all third grade students during their regularly scheduled PE class.

Building Bridges begins this week! 5th gr. Students will attend an assembly to learn more about Tourette Syndrome on Friday 11/16!

The Springhurst Times is gathering momentum and looking forward to publication! Thank you to the BOE for supporting the students' vision to have a school paper!

5. Committee Reports

5.01 Committee Reports

Curriculum & Instruction - 10/24

Computer Based Testing

- Original NYSED plan was for all 3-8 ELA and Math Assessments to be "computer based" by spring 2020 administration
- For the last several years districts have had the option of administering all or a portion of their NYSED 3-8 assessments online
- Once districts move toward Computer Based Tests (CBT) they do not have the option of returning to traditional "paper and pencil" assessments

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- DF has not chosen to transition to CBT for any subject or grade level
- DF has had the opportunity to participate in CBT "field tests" during the last two years at the elementary level
 - This allowed us to test our systems in a very limited way and get some preliminary experience in working in the CBT environment.
- 16-17 184 schools statewide administered CBT assessments
- 17-18 650 schools statewide administered CBT assessments
- NYSED has backed off 2020 deadline but CBT is a reality and is going to be required at some point in the future - unknown date
- Doug Berry, Ray Cavallo, Anne Pecunia and Diane Newell attended a CBT Information Session at LHRIC in September
- All districts across NY have opportunity to participate in CBT simulation events taking place in February and March
 - Opportunity to test our tech infrastructure
 - Important opportunity for us to gain anecdotal data and how students interact with the CBT assessment (keyboarding, online tools etc.)
 - This can inform our planning for future skill development etc.
- We are considering doing this - we need the information and to test our systems
- CBT simulation is just a practice opportunity - not scored - no feedback reports - but it is a good opportunity for the district to gain valuable insight into the "experience" prior to being forced to
- The Committee Participated in a hands on demonstration of the CBT environment.
- The Board will receive the link when available.

Special Ed - 10/7

- The CPSE/CSE recommendations were reviewed by the Committee and clarifying questions were discussed and answered.
- The Committee reviewed the numbers on SE students in the District. It is anticipated that some numbers will go up over the next two months due to students moving into the District.
- Jean has been appointed to the Lower Hudson SE Task Force - congratulations! This is a regionally based NY State entity which puts together programs for parents and providers. We are hoping to perhaps host an event here in January or February on ADD/ADHD.
- Erin is going on the Tri-States visit to Chappaqua in January and John Falino is leading this visit.
- Nancy Donofrio has retired and the list is being canvassed for her replacement. Denise Locascio is currently filling in until the Springhurst SE office until this is resolved. We are hoping to have someone in place by December.
- Springhurst office will be managing CPSE and CSE for K-5 and high school office will be managing grades six through 12 with the intention of streamlining processes

Personnel - 10/7

- The Committee reviewed the Personnel recommendations for tonight's meeting.
- Retired HS secretary, Denise Locascio is serving as a part-time clerical substitute until a replacement is found for Nancy Donofrio. Nancy retired at the end of October.
- Music teacher Georgia DeFalco has requested an extension of her childcare leave through the remainder of the school year. Her leave replacement, Daniel Russo, will stay on for the remainder of the school year.
- Stephanie Motts in the Business Office will be taking over as the HRCE Coordinator. This position was formerly filled by Krystle Leon who has left the District.

6. Correspondence

6.01 Emails from a Springhurst parent

The Board acknowledged receipt of emails from a Springhurst parent regarding seating in the cafeteria.

7. Citizen's Comments

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7.01 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.

The meeting can also be viewed on TV DFTV - Channel 77 & 47 or visit the website for the video of the meeting

8. Reports to the Board

9. Board Actions

9.01 Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation Grants

Ms. Johnson moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board accept the following grants from the Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation totaling \$15,032.63:

Name of Grant	Teacher	School	Amount
Adafruit Circuit Playground express	Colon	MS	\$ 1,050.00
Sphero Sprk Robotics	Colon & Gonzalez	MS	\$ 2,500.00
MoMath National Museum	Haggerty	HS	\$ 529.25
Podcasting Studio - IB Film & IB English HL	Falconetti & Fischbeck	HS	\$3,500.00
World Heroes - Literacy Program	Berasi	Springhurst	\$ 349.00
Dyna Math Scholastic Magazine	KC Sokolski	Springhurst	\$ 492.10
Swivi C3 Robot	Rosen	Springhurst	\$ 930.65
Flexible Seating Options - Grades 2 and 3	Meyer, Mullen, Coren, O'Toole	Springhurst	\$ 2,378.63
Sound Field Amplification Systems - K	Zarro	Springhurst	\$ 3,303.00
Total			\$15,032.63

Thank you to the Foundation for their continued generous support.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

9.02 Corrective Action Plan to the Management Letter

Mr. Reiser moved, and Mr. Schwartz seconded, that the Board accept the Corrective Action Plan to the Management Letter issued by PFK O'Connor Davies, LLP, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

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Ms. Johnson moved, and Mr. Reiser seconded, that the Board approve Items 9.03, 9.04, 9.06 and 9.07 as a consent agenda.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

Ms. Baron moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded, that the Board approve 9.03, 9.04, 9.06 and 9.07.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

9.03 2019-2020 Budget Development Calendar

The Board adopted the 2019-2020 Budget Development Calendar.

9.04 Disposition of Cafeteria Tables

The Board approved the disposal of the following furniture from the Springhurst Elementary cafeteria:

- 27 round cafeteria tables
- 4 rectangular cafeteria tables
- 100 chairs

9.05 CSE/CPSE Recommendations

The Board authorized and directed 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 November 5, 2018 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 November 5, 2018.

9.06 Personnel

The Board approved the Civil Service and staff personnel recommendations.

9.07 Trip to Montreal, Canada

Ms. Johnson moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board approve the 2018-2019 Trip to Montreal, Canada.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

9.08 Policy Revision - First Reading

The Board conducted a first reading of the following policies and agreed to move them to second reading:

- 1400 - Public Complaints
- 2340 - Notice of Meetings
- 5225 - Student Expression
- 8505 - Charging School Meals & Prohibition against Shaming

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10. Acknowledgements

10.01 Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report for September 2018.

10.01 Warrants

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following warrant:
Warrant No. 22 Multi.

11. Citizen's Comments

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None.

12. Old Business

The SALT \$1,000 contribution resolution will be added to an upcoming agenda.

13. New Business

The Board discussed the need for another PTSA Board Member information session. Ms. Johnson will discuss with the PTSA Presidents at her next meeting with them.

14. Upcoming Meetings

14.01 Calendar

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

- Work Session – Dress Code

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 - 7:00 PM - MS/HS Media Center

- Work Session – School Schedule

15. Adjournment

At 8:11 PM, Mr. Schwartz moved, and Ms. Baron seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 5 - ayes - 0 nays

16. Approved Minutes

16.01 Approved Minutes – October 9, 2018



Loretta Tularzko
District Clerk