



## **APPROVED MINUTES**

**Tuesday, August 27, 2024  
Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM  
MS/HS Library Presentation Room**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Meeting Opening**

**2.01 Pledge of Allegiance**

**2.02 Roll Call**

Ms. Brooke Bass, President; Ms. Penny Sullivan-Nunes, Vice President; Ms. Jean Lucasey; Ms. Shannon Stringer; 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; Ms. Elizabeth Saperstein, District Clerk.

Ms. Pavithra Nagarajan and Ms. Rebecca Hershberg were absent.

**2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda.**

Jean Lucasey moved and Mr. Wood, seconded that the Board accept the August 27 Agenda.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays

**3. Citizen Comments.**

**3.01 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 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.

#### **4. Correspondence**

None.

#### **5. Announcements**

Mr. Slentz announced that the District's new Public Relations Assistant Dan O'Reilly began work in the District. Mr. O'Reilly divides his time between the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District and the Pleasantville Union Free School District.

Mr. Slentz announced that tomorrow, August 28, 2024, is opening day for the staff.

#### **6. Superintendent Report**

##### **6.01 Update on Summer 2024 Activities**

Mr. Slentz reported out on highlights from the various committee's work over the summer:

- Strategic Planning: Revisions to the 2024-2025 *Strategic Planning Framework*;
- Facilities: Restorative and maintenance work on the school buildings;
- Curriculum, Instruction, and Equity: *Bookworms* implementation at Springhurst; continued work in literacy initiatives at the Middle and High School including assignment of a reading specialist at the High School;
- Special Education: continued work on the Special Education Continuum of Services, which expands this year with a new 15:1 class at the Middle School.

Mr. Slentz announced that Springhurst's new *Primary Project* starts this school year with Ms. Del Pilar and a Teaching Assistant trained in this work.

Mr. Slentz announced that Dr. Stinchcomb is establishing a data team to help interpret, analyze, and apply the data collected on student learning to improve student learning outcomes.

Mr. Slentz gave a status update on the following:

- The development of an Athletic Handbook;
- The hiring of new staff over the summer and to date;
- New Teacher Orientation on August 26 and 27 focused on teaching and learning and how we run our organization;
- Work on Policy and Procedure - we are in compliance with all required reports.

Ms. Bass thanked the committee members for their work over the summer.

#### **7. Board Reports - Annual Policy Requirements**

##### **7.01 Required Reports from Administration**

Mr. Slentz reviewed two annual reports that require compliance with laws and regulations:



1. Anti-Idling for school buses report
2. VADIR (Violence and Disruptive Incident Reporting) is now called the School Educational Climate Report. This report requires a building-by-building report of incidents. The District had 12 in total, the majority at Springhurst. Mr. Slentz explained the policy for student suspension and alternatives to suspensions, including restorative practices.

Both reports were filed with the State Department of Education and may be viewed in their entirety.

## **8. Board Committee Reports**

### **8.01 Committee Reports**

Ms. Stringer reported on two policy committee meetings over the summer, on July 18, 2024 and August 21, 2024:

- Update on student cell phone use policy discussion;
- Reviewed policy worksheet and annual notifications update;
- Code of Conduct Revision Status and inclusion of restorative practices in response to student behavior;
- Recommended changes to Policy 0115 (Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention) not required for review, but had been revised.

## **9. Board Actions**

### **9.01 Personnel - Professional/Certificated Staff**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District moves to approve the following professional/certificated personnel actions:

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

#### **1. Resignation**

- a. Lauren Dwyer, K-12 School Psychologist, Springhurst Elementary School. Effective: August 15, 2024.
- b. Kelly Doelz, Special Education Teacher, Dobbs Ferry High School. Effective: August 26, 2024.
- c. Rosann Russo, ENL Teacher, Springhurst Elementary School/Dobbs Ferry Middle School. Effective: July 31, 2024.
- d. Alexis Leahy, K-12 Teaching Assistant, Dobbs Ferry School District. Effective: July 10, 2024.
- e. Barbara Carvalho, K-12 Teaching Assistant, Dobbs Ferry School District. Effective August 26, 2024.
- f. Joel Eliach, K-12 Teaching Assistant, Dobbs Ferry School District. Effective August 19, 2024.



## **2. Leaves of Absence**

- a. Meredith Jandovitz, Elementary Classroom Teacher, Springhurst Elementary School. Unpaid child care leave of absence.

Effective August 28, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

- b. Lauren Rodriguez, School Library Media Specialist, Springhurst Elementary School. Unpaid child care leave of absence.

Effective August 28, 2024 through June 26, 2025.

- c. Gabby Kruze, Speech/Language Pathologist, Springhurst Elementary School. FMLA.

Effective approximately October 1, 2024 and for up to 12 weeks.

## **3. Probationary Appointment\***

- a. The Superintendent of Schools deems Eileen Horan to be competent and qualified to perform the Instructional Support Services ("ISS") Provider position of Elementary Literacy Instructional Coach based on her Permanent Elementary Classroom Teacher certification and her devotion of more than three years of pedagogical experience in the Elementary Classroom Teacher tenure area.

Duration of Probationary Period: August 28, 2024 - August 27, 2027.^

Tenure Area: Elementary Classroom Teacher

Per annum salary: MA +75, Step 26 (\$142,791)

Certification: Pre-K through Grade 6; School District Leader; English to Speakers of Other Languages

New position.

^ start date pending release from current position

- b. Gina DeCecco, Elementary Classroom Teacher, Springhurst Elementary School

Duration of Probationary Period: August 28, 2024 - August 27, 2027

Tenure Area: Elementary Classroom Teacher

Per annum salary: MA Step 7 (\$83,424)

Certification: Childhood Education Grades 1-6

Replaces C. O'Rourke

- c. The Superintendent of Schools deems Jennifer Lotito to be competent and qualified to perform the Instructional Support Services ("ISS") Provider position of Districtwide CSPE/CSE Chairperson based on her Permanent Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 certification and her devotion of more than three years of pedagogical experience in the Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 tenure area.

Duration of Probationary Period: August 28, 2024 - August 27, 2027



Tenure Area: Special Education

Per annum salary: MA +60, Step 17 (\$134,576)

Certification: Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6; Childhood Education Grades 1-6;  
School Building Leader; School District Leader

Replaces M. Sherer

d. Chrissy Hart, Special Education Teacher, Springhurst Elementary School

Duration of Probationary Period: August 28, 2024 - August 27, 2028<sup>^</sup>

Tenure Area: Special Education

Per annum salary: MA +30, Step 12 (\$105,613)

Certification: Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6; Students with Disabilities Grades 7-12  
(Generalist)

<sup>^</sup> probationary period eligible for reduced term upon proof of prior tenure

Replaces L. Bookin

e. Nathalie DelVecchio-Molina, Special Education Teacher, Dobbs Ferry Middle School

Duration of Probationary Period: August 28, 2024 - August 27, 2028

Tenure Area: Special Education

Per annum salary: MA, Step 15 (\$110,991)

Certification: Students with Disabilities 1-6; Childhood Education 1-6

New Position

f. Jaclyn Broccoli, Special Education Teacher, Dobbs Ferry High School

Duration of Probationary Period: September 16, 2024 through September 15, 2028.<sup>^</sup>

Tenure Area: Special Education

Per annum salary: MA +15, Step 7 (\$86,635)

Certification: Students with Disabilities 1-6; Students with Disabilities All Grades; Childhood  
Education Grades 1-6

<sup>^</sup> probationary period eligible for reduced term upon proof of prior tenure

Replaces K. Doelz

g. Susan Dowdell, K-12 Teaching Assistant, Dobbs Ferry School District

Duration of Probationary Period: August 28, 2024 - August 27, 2028

Tenure Area: K-12 Teaching Assistant

Per annum salary: Teaching Assistant, Step 5 (\$37,602)



Certification: K-12 Teaching Assistant, Level I

Replaces B. Medina

h. Anamaria Bondrea Sas, K-12 Teaching Assistant, Dobbs Ferry School District

Duration of Probationary Period: August 28, 2024 - August 27, 2028

Tenure Area: K-12 Teaching Assistant

Per annum salary: Teaching Assistant, Step 5 (\$37,602)

Certification: K-12 Teaching Assistant, Level I

Replaces T. Schenck

i. Yuanaid Liriano, K-12 Teaching Assistant, Dobbs Ferry School District

Duration of Probationary Period: August 28, 2024 - August 27, 2028

Tenure Area: K-12 Teaching Assistant

Per annum salary: Teaching Assistant, Step 1 (\$27,174)

Certification: K-12 Teaching Assistant, Level I

Replaces B. Carvalho

j. Frankie Eisenhut, K-12 Teaching Assistant, Dobbs Ferry School District

Duration of Probationary Period: August 28, 2024 - August 27, 2028

Tenure Area: K-12 Teaching Assistant

Per annum salary: Teaching Assistant, Step 2 (\$28,848).

Certification: K-12 Teaching Assistant, Level I

Replaces J. Eliach

k. Savannah Orta, K-12 School Psychologist, Springhurst Elementary School

Duration of Probationary Period: August 28, 2024 - August 27, 2028

Tenure Area: K-12 Psychologist

Per Annum Salary: MA +30, Step 4 (\$82,846)

Certification: School Psychologist

Replaces: J. Pirraglia (Pirraglia moves to MS, replaces J. Escobar)

\* In order to be eligible for tenure a classroom teacher or building principal must receive a composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-c and/or Section 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years or at least two (2) of the three (3) preceding years in the case of a teacher with verified prior tenure who is eligible for the reduced probationary period. Further if the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, he/she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.



#### **4. Temporary, Seasonal and Part-Time Appointment**

- a. Michelle Guerrero, temporary (leave replacement) Elementary Classroom Teacher  
Effective August 28, 2024 through January 31, 2025  
MA, Step 2 (\$68,347) prorated per annum  
Certification: Childhood Education Grades 1-6; Early Childhood Education Birth - Grade 2  
Replaces M. Jandovitz
- b. (i) Mary Dent, Part-time (.5) Speech/Language Pathologist, Dobbs Ferry School District  
Effective August 28, 2024 - June 26, 2025  
MA +15, Step 6 (\$83,563) prorated per annum  
Certification: Speech and Language Disabilities  
Replaces M. Wrzesc
- (ii) Mary Dent, temporary (leave replacement) (.5) Speech/Language Pathologist, Springhurst Elementary School  
Effective Approximately October 1, 2024 and for up to 12 weeks  
MA, Step 2 (\$68,347) prorated per annum  
Replaces G. Kruze
- c. Wendy Guagenti, Part-time (.4) Art Teacher, Springhurst Elementary School  
Effective August 28, 2024 - June 26, 2025  
MA, Step 15 (\$44,396.40)  
Certification: K-12 Visual Art
- d. Frank Cifali, Part-Time (.4) Music Teacher, Springhurst Elementary School  
Effective August 28, 2024 through June 26, 2025  
MA, Step 26 (\$49,864.40)  
Certification: K-12 Music
- e. Neil Abbatiello, Part-Time (.8) Math Teacher, Dobbs Ferry High School  
Effective August 28, 2024 - June 26, 2025  
\$106,640.00 prorated per annum  
Certification: Mathematics 7-12
- f. Daniela DeCicco, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, Springhurst Elementary School  
Effective September 3, 2024 and as needed for the 2024-25 school year. \$125.00 per day;  
\$62.50 per half day



h. Lizet Barragan, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, Springhurst Elementary School

Effective September 3, 2024 and as needed for the 2024-25 school year. \$125.00 per day;  
\$62.50 per half day

i. Gayle Dubensky, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, Dobbs Ferry School District

Effective September 3, 2024 and as needed for the 2024-25 school year. \$125.00 per day,  
\$62.50 per half day

j. Lisa Kelly, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, Dobbs Ferry School District

Effective September 3, 2024 and as needed for the 2024-25 school year. \$125.00 per day,  
\$62.50 per half day

k. Kevin Messam, Girls Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach, Dobbs Ferry School District

Effective August 26, 2024 (Fall Season), Category E, Step 3 (\$5,072.45)

l. Kiersten McGovern, JV Girls Soccer Coach, Dobbs Ferry School District

Effective August 26, 2024 (Fall Season) Category C, Step 1 (\$5,066.47)

m. Julia Bashark, temporary (leave replacement) Elementary Classroom Teacher, Springhurst Elementary School

Effective August 28, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

Compensation: MA, Step 1 (\$65,331) prorated per annum

Childhood Education, Grades 1-6

Replaces an employee on medical leave of absence

n. Patrick Boynes, Permanent Substitute, Dobbs Ferry High School

Effective August 28, 2024 - June 26 2025. Reappointment

Compensation: \$22,200

o. Benjamin Birrittella, Permanent Substitute, Dobbs Ferry High School

Effective August 28, 2024 - June 26 2025. Reappointment

Compensation: \$21,275

p. Mackenzie Zoller, Permanent Substitute, Springhurst Elementary School

Effective August 28, 2024 - June 26, 2025. Replaces vacant position

Compensation: \$19,425

q. Brandon Sealey, Permanent Substitute, Dobbs Ferry Middle School

Effective August 28, 2024 - June 26 2025. Reappointment

Compensation: \$21,275





#### **5. Reappointment of Per Diem Substitute Teachers**

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| a. Ariana Santizo, Dobbs Ferry Middle School | i. Sarah Clamser, High School       |
| b. Elyana Braydon, Springhurst               | j. Frances Knapp, Springhurst       |
| c. Roberta Samay, Springhurst                | k. Julia Bashark, Springhurst       |
| d. Linda DiDonato, High School               | l. Mary-Anne McTiernan, Springhurst |
| e. Katy Marx, Middle School                  | m. David Farnsworth, Springhurst    |
| f. Marisa Segarra, Middle School             | n. David Voetsch, Springhurst       |
| g. Harry Dann, Springhurst                   | o. Clark Poccia, Middle School*     |
| h. Sam Gregorio, Springhurst                 | p. James Lindsay, High School*      |
| q. Amanda Pryzgoda                           | r. Ariana Santizo                   |

Effective September 3, 2024 and as needed for the 2024-25 school year, \$125.00 per day, \$62.50 per half day.

\* Retired Teachers: \$150.00 per day, \$75.00 per half day

#### **6. Teaching Overages**

- a. Diana Castellano, one additional class per day. Reading Intervention. \$13,112.72 per annum.
- b. Amanda Newhouse, one additional class per day. Nature of Science. \$6,556.36 per annum.
- c. Justine Henry, four additional science labs per week. Chemistry and Physics. \$13,112.72 per annum.
- d. Allison Burt, one additional class every other day. Critical Debate elective. \$4936.50 per annum.
- e. Mallory Cairo, one additional class every other day. Yearbook elective. \$6,556.36 per annum.
- f. Megan Lois, one additional class every day. IB Spanish. \$13,112.72 per annum.
- g. Craig Mach, one additional class/lab every other day. IB Math. \$6,556.36 per annum.
- h. Scott Patrillo, one additional class every other day. MTSS. \$6,556.36 per annum.
- i. Laura Cosgrove, one additional class every other day. BOCES morning students. \$6,556.36 per annum.
- j. Georgia DeFalco, one additional class every other day. Music. \$6,556.36 per annum.
- k. Paul Huneke, one additional class every other day. Music. \$6,556.36 per annum.
- l. Eileen Horan, one additional period every day. Literacy. \$13,112.72 per annum.

Effective August 28, 2024 - June 26, 2025.

#### **7. Payroll Lane Changes**

- a. Troya Barghen-Hewett, Special Education Teacher. MA to MA +30, effective September 1, 2024.



b. Gabrielle Kruze, Speech/Language Pathologist. MA +15 to MA +30, effective September 1, 2024.

**8. Teacher Leaders - Springhurst Elementary School**

- a. Sheri Aronowitz, Kindergarten. \$4684.52 per annum.
- b. Elizabeth Pinkava, First Grade. \$4684.52 per annum.
- c. Diamond Summerville-Nelson, Second Grade. \$4684.52 per annum.
- d. Laura Metrano, Third Grade. \$4684.52 per annum.
- e. Holly Mair, Fourth Grade. \$4684.52 per annum.
- f. Douglas DiStefano, Fifth Grade. \$4684.52 per annum.
- g. Vincent Garofalo, Special Area. \$4684.52 per annum.
- h. KC Gilson, Special Education Coordinator. \$4684.52 per annum.

**9. Teacher Leaders-Content Leaders-Coordiators - High School**

- a. Adrienne Bell, Science, 9-12. \$2342.26 per annum.
- b. Michael Meagh, Social Studies, 9-12. \$2342.26 per annum.
- c. Donna Kahl, Mathematics, 9-12. \$2342.26 per annum.
- d. Thomas Falconetti, English, 9-12. \$2342.26 per annum.
- e. Megan Lois, World Language 9-12. \$2342.26 per annum.
- f. Michelle Propersi, Student Services/Counseling, 9-12 (.5). \$2342.26 per annum.
- g. William Palmer, Student Services/Counseling, 9-12 (.5). \$2342.26 per annum.
- h. Laura Cosgrove, Special Education, 9-12. \$3513.39 per annum.
- i. Paul Huneke, Arts, 9-12. \$2342.26 per annum.
- j. Jessica Swart, IB DP Coordinator. \$4684.52 per annum.
- k. J. Cottingham, IB DP Assistant Coordinator. \$2342.26 per annum.
- l. Mary Alice Fahy, IB CAS Coordinator. \$4684.52 per annum.
- m. Michael Meagh, IB Extended Essay Coordinator. \$4684.52 per annum.
- n. Diana Castellano, MTSS Coordinator. \$4684.52 per annum.
- o. Sarah Marino, Science Research Coordinator. \$2342.26 per annum.
- p. Laura Cosgrove, Special Education Testing Coordinator (.5). \$2342.26 per annum.
- q. Terence Brennan, Special Education Testing Coordinator (.5). \$2342.26 per annum.
- r. Laura Cosgrove, IEP Compliance Coordinator. \$2342.26 per annum.

**10. Summer 2024 Appointments - Retroactive**



a. Extended School Year Program, July 1 - August 9, 2024.

Elissa Thomas, K-12 Teaching Assistant. Compensation: hourly rate, per hour.

b. Bookworms Training, August 7 - August 8, 2024; August 21.

Sheri Aronowitz	Kristen Bashark	Nancy Griffin
Victoria Coren	Randy Gannecilli	Deanna Mullen
Alyssa Ortega	Beth Cornell	Diamond Summerville-Nelson
Currier Todd	Juliana Tsiamtsiouris	James Turenchalk
Janet Foresti	Holly Mair	Sheila Sullivan
Sarah Thompson	Kara Walker	Jessie Cooper
Lisa Serrone	Julia Bashark	Elizabeth Pinkava
Amy Chiossi	Sarah Schacher	Lisa Mayfield
Chrissy Hart	Michelle Guerrero	Julie Straub
KC Gilson	Michelle Yang-Kaczmarek	

Compensation: 80% of 1/200 of annual salary, with a maximum of \$273.19 and a minimum of \$207.62 prorated if a partial day is worked.

c. Illustrative Math - August 7, 2024.

Amy Chiossi

Compensation: 80% of 1/200 of annual salary, with a maximum of \$273.19 and a minimum of \$207.62 prorated if a partial day is worked.

d. Foreign Language Unit Planning

Danielle Huyter

Compensation: 80% of 1/200 of annual salary, with a maximum of \$273.19 and a minimum of \$207.62 prorated if a partial day is worked.

e. ENL Planning

Sarah Joy Consiglio

Compensation: 80% of 1/200 of annual salary, with a maximum of \$273.19 and a minimum of \$207.62 prorated if a partial day is worked.

f. Co-Teacher Planning

Samantha Mayrose

Chrissy Hart

Compensation: 80% of 1/200 of annual salary, with a maximum of \$273.19 and a minimum



of \$207.62 prorated if a partial day is worked.

g. Summer Work - Interview Committee Participation

Vinny Garofalo	Patricia Duane	Patricia Giuliano
Kara Walker	Rachel Glynn	Patricia Clifford
Randy Gannecilli	Holly Mair	Ro Bucci
Elizabeth Pinkava	Karen Ryan	Sheri Aronowitz
Charlie Rhyner	Lisa Serrone	Nancy Griffin
Svetlana Ostashkina	Deanna Mullen	Juliana Tsiamatsiouris
Compensation: Hourly rate, per hour.		

**11. Establish Salaries**

Ron Clamser, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations

Effective: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Compensation: \$240,935

Darrell Stinchcomb, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Equity

Effective July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Compensation: \$218,545

John Falino, High School Principal

Effective July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Compensation: \$220,280

Patrick Mussolini, Middle School Principal

Effective July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Compensation: \$224,166

Tashia Brown, Elementary Principal

Effective July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Compensation: \$218,360

Mr. Slentz highlighted the skills, background and qualifications of new teacher hires.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays

**9.02 Personnel - Professional/Certificated Staff**



BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District moves to approve the following Civil Service personnel actions:

Ms. Stringer moved and Mr. Wood seconded to approve the civil service personnel recommendations.

1. Probationary Appointment

a. Dilshad Haji, Part-Time (FTE .3686/155 minutes per day) School Monitor, Springhurst Elementary School.

Effective: August 28, 2024 - October 27, 2025.

Compensation: Aide/Monitor, Step 1 (\$8,850.09)

b. Maryann Ferrara, Part-Time (FTE .3686) School Monitor, Springhurst Elementary School.

Effective: August 28, 2024 - October 27, 2025.

Compensation: Aide/Monitor, Step 1 (\$8,850.09)

2. Appointment Changes - Part-Time School Monitors, Springhurst Elementary School.

a. Jonathan Feder increase FTE from .3214 to .3686 (to 155 minutes per day)

b. Marian Martin increase FTE from .3214 to .3686 (to 155 minutes per day)

c. Farhana Rahman increase FTE from .3214 to .3686 (to 155 minutes per day)

3. Out of Title Pay

a. Keith Gelardi, Custodial Worker.

Effective: July 1, 2024 - September 8, 2024

Compensation: \$2.84 per hour (regular earnings); \$4.26 per hour (OT - 1.5x)

4. Annual Appointment

a. Jason Balbo, District Website Coordinator

Effective: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Compensation: \$5,000.00 per annum.

5. Establish Salary

a. Elizabeth Saperstein, Assistant to Superintendent/Personnel Management & Development

Effective: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Compensation: \$133,900.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays

**9.03 Independent Contract Renewals**



BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District moves to approve the following addendums to the independent contracts for the Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities and Operations and the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Equity.

Mr. Wood moved and Ms. Stringer seconded, to approve the renewal contracts for Dr. Ron Clamser, Jr. and Dr. Darrell Stinchcomb.

Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays

#### 9.04 Superintendent Conference Requests

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the request of the superintendent to attend The Reading League and researchED conferences in October 2024 are hereby approved.

Ms. Lucasey moved and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, to approve the Superintendent's conference requests.

Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays

Ms. Bass requested a motion to combine the following items into a consent agenda for approval: Items **9.05, 9.06, 9.07, 9.08, 9.09, 9.10.**

Mr. Wood moved and Ms. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, to combine the items in a consent agenda.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays

Ms. Bass requested a motion to approve all of the items in the consent agenda.

Ms. Lucasey moved and Ms. Shannon seconded, to approve the items on consent.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays

#### **Consent Items:**

#### 9.05 Budget Transfer - Textbooks

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following budget transfer to cover the purchase of new textbooks and related professional development budgeted under BOCES but not available through BOCES:

Account	Decrease	Increase
A 2110-490-00-0000 BOCES General Ed	\$90,000	



A 2110-480-01-1000 Textbooks - SH		\$70,000
A 2110-480-02-2000 Textbooks - MS		\$20,000
A 2070-490-04-0000 Staff Dev BOCES	\$30,000	
A 2070-400-04-0000 Staff Dev Contractual		\$30,000

#### 9.06 Budget Transfer - Accrued Benefits

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following budget increase to enable the District to pay for accrued benefits per contract:

Revenue Account to Increase	Amount	Expenditure Account to Increase	Amount
A867 / A5997.867 Reserve for Accrued Benefits Liability	\$23,279.95	A9089.150.99.0000 Accrued Benefits – Staff	\$21,625.59
		A9030.830.99.0000 – FICA	\$1,654.36

#### 9.07 Budget Increase - Tax Certiorari Refund

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following budget increase to enable the District to pay a tax certiorari refund to AM & AM Properties, Inc. as consented to at the September 13, 2022 Board meeting:

Revenue Account to Increase	Amount	Expenditure Account to Increase	Amount
A5997.864 Appropriate Reserve for Tax Certiorari	\$17,407.92	A1930-434-99-8002 Tax Certiorari	\$17,407.92

#### 9.08 Hudson River Community Education Budget Proposal



BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby, move to adopt the Hudson River Community Education (HRCE) program budget for the 2024-25 School Year.

2024-25 Budgeted Revenues: \$60,000  
2024-25 Budgeted Expenditures: \$60,000

#### **9.09 2024-2025 School Lunch Fund Budget Proposal**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby, move to adopt the School Lunch Budget for the 2024-25 School Year.

2024-25 Budget Revenues: \$898,000  
2024-25 Budget Expenditures: \$898,000

#### **9.10 Petty Cash Accounts**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following petty cash accounts for food service cash register start up funds and appoint the Food Service Director as custodian for each:

- Cash Register #1 = \$100
- Cash Register #2 = \$100
- Cash Register #3 = \$100
- Cash Register #4 = \$100
- Cash Register #5 = \$100

*(End Consent Agenda Items)*

#### **9.11 Policy Revision - First Reading**

The Board conducted a first reading on the following policies:

1. 4772: Graduation Ceremonies
2. 6250: Extraclassroom Activities Fund Management
3. 6690: Audit Committee
4. 6700: Purchasing

Ms. Bass announced that the policies will be back for Second Reading on September 24, 2024.

#### **9.12 Certification of Lead Evaluators - Education Law Section 3012-d**

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, pursuant to the provisions of Education Law Section 3012-d and Part 30-3.10 of the Regents Rules hereby certify that the following individuals have completed all the necessary training to be certified as lead evaluators of classroom teachers:

Dr. John Falino





Mr. Patrick Mussolini  
Dr. Tashia Brown

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, pursuant to the provisions of Education Law Section 3012-d and Part 30-3.10 of the Regents Rules hereby certify that the following individuals have completed all the necessary training to be certified as lead evaluators of building principals:

Mr. Ken Slentz  
Dr. Darrell Stinchcomb

Ms. Stringer moved and Mr. Wood seconded, to approve the recommendation.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays

#### **9.13 Approval of 2024-25 District-wide Safety Plan**

BE IT RESOLVED, that having satisfied the public hearing and 30-day public posting requirement, the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to adopt the district-wide Safety Plan for the 2024-25 school year.

Ms. Lucasey moved and Mr. Wood seconded, to approve the district-wide safety plan.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays

Mr. Slentz noted that the plan is being revised pursuant to new rules that came out recently and will return to the board for approval.

#### **9.14 Transportation Contract Extensions**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following transportation contract extensions:

- Royal Coach Out-of-District
- Royal Coach In-District
- Royal Coach Athletics & Field Trips
- Royal Coach Summer
- Ardsley UFSD School Year
- Ardsley UFSD Summer

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

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays

#### **9.15 CSE/CPSE Recommendations**



WHEREAS the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education had issued to the Board by written confidential reports dated August 23, 2024, 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 reports dated August 23, 2024.

Mr. Wood moved and Ms. Stringer seconded, to approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays

#### **9.16 Instructional Services - Irvington**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the attached Instructional Service Agreement between the Irvington Union Free School District and the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District for the 2024-25 school year, and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities, and Operations to sign for the district.

Mr. Wood moved and Ms. Stringer seconded, to approve the Instructional Services Contract.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays

#### **9.17 Educational Services Agreement - Mahopac**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the attached Contract for Educational Services between the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District and the Mahopac Central School District for the 2024-25 school year, and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities, and Operations to sign for the district.

Ms. Lucasey moved and Ms. Stringer seconded, to approve the contract for Educational Services.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays

### **10. Citizen Comments**

#### **10.01 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 district business*. 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.

**11. Old Business**

**12. New Business**

Ms. Bass announced the October 4, 2024 deadline for board members to decide if they wish to serve as a delegate to NYSSBA.

**13. Upcoming Meetings**

- Tuesday, September 10, 2024 - 7:00 p.m. - MS/HS Library  
Business Meeting
- Tuesday, September 17, 2024  
New Staff Introduction and Tenure Recognition
- Tuesday, September 24, 2024 - 7:00 p.m. - MS/HS Library  
Business Meeting

**14. Acknowledgements**

**14.01 Warrant**

The Board will acknowledge the following warrants:

1. Warrant No. 001 Multi
2. Warrant No. 003 Multi
3. Warrant No. 0059 Multi
4. Warrant No. 006 Multi

**14.02 Treasurer's Report**

The Board of Education will acknowledge the June 2024 Treasurer's Report.

**15. Adjournment**

Ms. Bass requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.



Ms. Lucasey moved and Ms. Stringer seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays

Elizabeth Saperstein  
District Clerk