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Tuesday, May 12, 2026
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on Budget
MS/HS Library Presentation Room

1. Call to Order - Regular Meeting

B. Bass called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. Meeting Opening

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Roll Call

Brooke Bass, President; Penny Sullivan-Nunes, Vice President; Darren Wood; Pavithra Nagarajan; Mindy Walker; Sudha Reddy; Yael Klein, student ex-officio; Ashely Wu, student ex-officio;; Kenneth Slentz, Superintendent; Lisa Raymond, Assistant Director of Finance, Facilities and Operations; and Elizabeth Saperstein, District Clerk.

R. Hershberg was absent.
D. Stinchcomb was absent.

2.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

B. Bass requested a motion to accept the May 12, 2026 agenda.

P. Nagarajan moved and D. Wood seconded, that the board accept the May 12, 2026 agenda.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

2.04 Approval of Minutes

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2026 meeting.

M. Walker moved and S. Reddy seconded, that the board approve the April 14, 2026 minutes.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026 meeting.

P. Sullivan-Nunes moved and P. Nagarajan seconded, that the board approve the April 21, 2026 minutes.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays



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3. Public Hearing 2026-27 Budget

3.01 Public Hearing Presentation

The superintendent and assistant superintendent presented the board-adopted budget to the community. There is a single proposition asking voters to approve the \$62,045,799 budget and there are two candidates running for two seats: Pavithra Nagarjan and Disan Davis.

The budget and trustee vote will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 7:00am to 9:00pm in the High School Gymnasium.

The 2026-26 budget hearing presentation is posted to the district website.

3.20 Budget Q & A

A member of the community posed a question about expenditures and revenues, particularly state aid and federal funding, and how it relates to state-wide declining enrollment; remarked on the clarity of the information and how it was presented to the community; asked for confirmation that the proposed decrease in the capital budget corresponded to the one-time (non-recurring) settlement payment from which it was assigned in the current year's budget; asked for a summary of the information presented in the budget handbook.

A member of the community suggested some benchmarking of how the cost categories compare to other towns in Westchester or the rivertowns.

4. Citizen Comments

4.01 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 education 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.

A parent member of the community shared concern that the board was going to adopt policy 8636 without community input; shared opinions about the role of artificial intelligence in instruction; and requested a collaborative approach to curriculum and instruction as described in policy 4200.



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A parent member of the community requested that the board hold off approving policy 8636 until there is more clarification surrounding the proposed policy language.

A parent member of the community commented that the proposed policy did not appear to distinguish between elementary-aged and high school aged students and that teachers should not use artificial intelligence to evaluate student work.

A parent member of the community requested data on student screen time and other in-school "computer habits" at the middle and high schools, and indicated that a group of parents created a survey to help gather data about students self-reporting of screen time use in class and AI use.

A parent member of the community remarked on intentional use of AI aligned to education value and distinguished between student use of AI as a "shortcut" versus as a strategic tool in learning; establishing building level understanding of AI use by teachers including AI detection software; encouraged parents to support the district as partners in developing policy responsive to how technologies are being applied in a changing workforce landscape.

A parent member of the community shared his experience as an IT specialist and some research points on the use of technology and AI.

5.. Correspondence

5.01 Board Correspondence

The board acknowledged correspondence on the following topics:

1. Language acquisition induction ceremony
2. AI/AI policy
3. DFSF gala
4. SWBOCES vote
5. Dumpsters

6. Announcements

B. Bass made the following announcements:

6.01 Absentee and Early Mail Ballot Applications

Any qualified and registered voter of the district may request an application for an Absentee or Early Mail ballot. Contact the district clerk Applications for Absentee or Early Mail Ballots may be downloaded from the District Budget section of the website or may be requested in writing by emailing the district clerk at districtclerk@dfsd.org or 505 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522. Applications for Absentee or Early Mail Ballots may be submitted after April 20, 2026. The application must be printed, signed in ink by the voter, and returned either in person or by mail to



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the Office of the District Clerk. The Application for an Absentee or Early Mail Ballot must be received by 2:00 p.m. on May 12, 2026, if the ballot will be mailed to the voter, or by 4:00 p.m. on May 18, 2026, if the ballot will be picked up in person by the voter or his/her designee. Absentee and Early Voting Ballots will be available April 24, 2026. Completed Absentee and Early Mail Ballots must be received in the district office in person or U.S. Mail no later than 5:00 PM on May 19, 2026.

K. Slentz made six announcements.

The Harmonnaires will perform at Yankee Stadium on September 8, 2026.

Acknowledged students and staff responsible for the plantings in front of the middle school fence resulting in a warm and welcoming environment.

The North American Music Merchants group has identified the Dobbs Ferry as a "best community" for school music and acknowledged our music and performing arts department.

7. Board Committee Reports

7.01 Board Committee Reports

P. Nagarajan reported the following information and updates from the March 24, 2026 curriculum, instruction and equity committee meeting:

- Feedback on the recent "Using Technology to Improve Student Outcomes" presentation earlier in the spring;
- UPK planning and finalized enrollment;
- Review of middle and high school science programs including the expansion of the science research program, a Regents-based earth science course and the possibility of exploring an IB Primary Years program.

P. Sullivan-Nunes reporting the following information and updates from the April 16, 2026 special education committee meeting:

- Received update on out of district placements and status of proposed settlement agreement;
- Received report on the number of special education referrals in the 2025-2026 school year (51), an increase over the three previous years;
- Received an update on hiring for the speech and language pathologist and special education teachers;
- Discussion of projected student needs including increased demand for specialized instruction as more students are identified with learning disabilities and corresponding professional development for staff focusing on supporting neurodivergent students.



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M. Walker reported the following information and updates from the April 20, 2026 and May 4, 2026 facilities committee meetings:

- Discussion of timelines for the Springhurst athletic fields capital project and use of capital reserve by 2028;
- Discussion of lighting the fields in order for students to practice past 4:30 pm in fall and winter when there is less daylight, and options for equipment storage and protection;
- Review of proposal from a lighting contractor and impact of this on district's utility bills;
- Discussion of the need to contract with an individual or firm to help refine the vision for the project.

D. Wood reported the following information and updates from the April 22, 2026 and May 6, 2026 policy committee meetings:

- Received update on policy 5140 (kindergarten entrance age) and clarification that this policy would not be in effect until the 2027-2028 school year;
- Received an update on combining work under one safety and health committee;
- Review of wellness initiatives for students and connections to Portrait of a Graduate and IB Learner Profile;
- On-going review of Code of Conduct;
- Discussion of revisions to the AI policy.

Committee minutes are posted on the district website.

8. Board Reports

8.01 Multi-Tiered System of Supports Annual Update

The board received a report on the status of the district-wide MTSS process from building administrators and MTSS coordinators from middle and high school faculty. The presentation included a review of the actual process, following a hypothetical student through the process from elementary to high school, including indicators in student attendance and performance.

The presentation is posted to the district website.

9. Board Actions

B. Bass requested a motion to combine items 9.14 through 9.31 in a consent agenda.

P. Sullivan-Nunes moved and D. Wood seconded, that the board combine items 9.14 through 9.31 in a consent agenda.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the items in the consent agenda.

P. Nagarajan moved and M. Walker seconded, that the board approve the items in the consent agenda (referenced herein).



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Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

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 professional/certificated personnel actions.

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the professional personnel actions.

S. Reddy moved and M. Walker seconded, to approve the professional personnel actions.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the professional personnel recommendations.

1. Resignation

(a) J. Ritch, probationary K-12 Teaching Assistant

Location: Dobbs Ferry School District (Springhurst, Special Education)

Effective: May 15, 2026

(b) K. Quinde, probationary K-12 Teaching Assistant

Location: Dobbs Ferry School District (Springhurst, General Education)

Effective: May 29, 2026

(c) M. Loran, probationary K-12 Teaching Assistant

Location: Dobbs Ferry School District

Effective: June 30, 2026

note: M. Loran is currently on a leave of absence from her teaching assistant position while serving as temporary (leave replacement) special education teacher at Springhurst. Her resignation is for the purpose of accepting a probationary teaching appointment.

2. Leaves of Absence

(a) A. Bondrea Sas, K-12 Teaching Assistant

Location: Springhurst Elementary School

Effective: September 2, 2026 - December 22, 2026

note: unpaid leave of absence to complete student teaching requirement

(b) T. Roberts, K-12 Teaching Assistant

Location: Springhurst Elementary School

Effective: September 2, 2026 - December 22, 2026

note: unpaid leave of absence to complete student teaching requirement



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(c) E. Perrotta, Special Education Teacher
Location: Springhurst Elementary School
Effective: August 31, 2026 - June 30, 2026
note: unpaid child care leave of absence

3. Out of District Chaperoning

(a) S. Marino, Model UN Conference, Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, NY
Location: Dobbs Ferry High School
Effective: Saturday, April 18, 2026
Compensation: \$35.00 per hour, with a minimum two hours pay received
Note: substitute for M. Meagh

4. Regents Review Sessions (June 2026 Regents)

Location: Dobbs Ferry Middle School
Effective: April 13, 2026- June 26, 2026
Compensation: 20% of daily rate, per hour

M. Hanley - Algebra I, up to 8.5 hours and Earth Science, up to 8.5 hours
R. Wolosky - Algebra I, up to 8.5 hours
A. Malfesi - Algebra I, up to 8.5 hours
J. Lavery - Algebra I, up to 8.5 hours
J. Henry - Earth Science, up to 8.5 hours
A. Newhouse - Earth Science up to 8.5 hours
J. Isaacson - Earth Science, up to 8.5 hours

5. Temporary, Season and Part-Time Employment

(a) Jack Kelly, temporary (leave replacement) Social Studies Teacher
Location: Dobbs Ferry Middle School
Effective: April 29, 2026 - June 26, 2026 or upon the return of J. Infante, whichever is sooner
Compensation: BA, Step 1 (\$58,686) prorated
Certification: Social Studies Grades 7-12

(b) Soo Mentor, Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Location: Springhurst Elementary School
Effective: May 13, 2026 - June 26, 2026 as needed and pending fingerprint clearance
Compensation: \$125.00 per day, \$62.50 per half day

(c) Jenna Lacey, Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Location: Dobbs Ferry Middle School
Effective: May 13, 2026 - June 26, 2026 as needed and pending fingerprint clearance
Compensation: \$125.00 per day, \$62.50 per half day



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(d) Katryna Piccolino, temporary (leave replacement) School Social Worker

Location: Dobbs Ferry High School

Effective: August 31, 2026 and for up to 12 weeks

Compensation: MA, Step 1 (\$68,973) prorated

Certification: School Social Worker

note: replaces M. Ciccone

6. Athletic Chaperone

(a) J. Hickey

Location: Dobbs Ferry School District

Effective: April 28, 2026 and for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year

Compensation: \$35.00 per hour, provided that a minimum of two hours pay is received

7. Probationary Appointment

(a) Mia Loran, Special Education Teacher

Location: Springhurst Elementary School

Effective: August 31, 2026

Duration of Probationary Period: August 31, 2026 through October 13, 2029*

Tenure Area: Special Education

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

Compensation: BA, Step 2 (\$62,541)

*M. Loran is eligible for a shortened probation under Jarema Credit, a NYS provision allowing teachers to reduce their three or four year probationary period by up to two years based on prior, continuous, satisfactory services as a regular substitute in the same license area. M. Loran served as a leave replacement during the 2025-2026 year in fourth grade and kindergarten.

(b) Francesca Pucci-Santos, Speech and Language Disabilities Teacher

Location: Dobbs Ferry MS/HS

Effective: August 31, 2026

Duration of Probationary Period: August 31, 2026 through August 30, 2029*

Tenure Area: Speech and Language Disabilities

Certification: Speech and Language Disabilities K-12

Compensation: MA +30, Step 9 (\$101,469)

note: replaces M. Dent

(c) Richard Gelles, French Teacher

Location: Dobbs Ferry High School

Effective: August 31, 2026

Duration of Probationary Period: August 31, 2026 through August 30, 2030

Tenure Area: World Languages

Certification: 7-12 French, 1-6 French extension; 7-12 Spanish, Spanish 1-6 extension



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Compensation: MA +30, Step 14 (\$118,179)

note: replaces M. Irvine

(d) Maria Gabriela Balboa, Spanish Teacher

Location: Dobbs Ferry High School

Effective: August 31, 2026

Duration of Probationary Period: August 31, 2026 through August 30, 2030

Tenure Area: World Languages

Certification: 7-12 Spanish

Compensation: MA +30, Step 5 (\$88,229)

note: replaces M. Lois

9.02 Resignation from Temporary Position

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, does hereby accept the resignation of Daniela DeCicco, from her position as temporary (leave replacement) elementary technology teacher, effective close of business April 28, 2026 for the purpose of accepting a contract in lieu of a probationary appointment.

B. Bass requested a motion to accept the resignation.

D. Wood moved and P. Sullivan-Nunes seconded to accept the resignation.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

9.03 Contract in lieu of probationary position

BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby authorizes its president and the superintendent of schools to sign a contract in lieu of probation, dated April 23, 2026, for the employment of Daniela DeCicco in the position of elementary technology teacher effective April 29, 2026 through June 30, 2026, as presented to the board at this meeting. A copy of said contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the resolution.

P. Nagarajan moved and D. Wood seconded, to approve the resolution.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

9.04 Proposed Settlement Agreement

Be it resolved, that the board hereby approves a settlement agreement dated April 2026 in the matter of a student with a disability No. 051226; and

Be it further resolved, that the superintendent of schools is hereby authorized to sign this settlement agreement on the district's behalf.



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B. Bass requested a motion to approve the settlement agreement.

D. Wood moved and P. Nagarajan seconded, to approve the settlement agreement.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

9.05 Section 1 Athletics Resolution Supporting Public Schools

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District hereby supports the following proposed amendments to the Section 1 Athletics Constitution and Bylaws:

Constitution of Section I, Article III(D) be amended to state, "Non-Public schools, meeting NYSPHSAA membership requirements, are eligible to petition for membership in Section One. Initial application will be to Section One. Section One will refer the application to the appropriate conference for a recommendation prior to action by the athletic council. Approval of each conference is required prior to consideration of membership by the athletic council. Non-public schools will not be eligible for sectional post-season competitions."

By-Laws of Section I, at #15, be amended to state "a. Only Section One public school members are eligible for participation in sectional competition and/or represent Section One in postseason play. Non-public schools and Friend & Neighbor schools are ineligible for sectional competitions.

By-Laws of Section I be amended to add "Non-public schools shall be eligible for a post-season tournament involving other member, non-public schools."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board directs the superintendent to submit a vote in favor of the change.

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the resolution.

M. Walker moved and S. Reddy seconded, to approve the resolution.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

9.06 CSEA Memorandum of Agreement - Restructuring Bargaining Units

BE IT RESOLVED, that the supplemental memorandum of agreement between the district and the Dobbs Ferry CSEA custodial and clerical units regarding the restructuring of bargaining units is hereby approved.

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the resolution.

D. Wood moved and M. Walker seconded, to approve the resolution.



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Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

9.07 CSEA Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding - Custodial and Security

BE IT RESOLVED, that the supplemental memorandum of agreement between the district and the Dobbs Ferry CSEA Custodians and Security Personnel Unit regarding the establishment of a sick bank is hereby approved.

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the resolution.

P. Sullivan-Nunes moved and D. Wood seconded, to approve the resolution.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

9.08 Policy Revision: First Readings

The board conducted a first reading of six policies.

D. Wood presented the following policies:

Policy 1740: Relationship with Non-Public Schools. Changes to policy include clarification of language and application of conventions.

Policy 1925: Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired Parents. The changes included applying conventions and updating language to reflect modern terminology.

Policy 4200: Curriculum Management. Changes included revising and clarifying language.

P. Sullivan- Nunes presented the following policies:

Policy 4325: Academic Intervention Services/Response to Intervention. Revisions included updates to reflect current practices and regulatory requirements.

Policy 7500: Naming of Facilities. New policy that establishes a formal process for naming district facilities and spaces in recognition of individuals, organizations or donors who have made significant and lasting contributions to the district.

Policy 8636: Artificial Intelligence. This is a policy developed to provide guardrails and a foundation for working within parameters.

The draft policies are posted to the district website.

9.09 Policy Revision: Second Reading

BE IT RESOLVED, that having satisfied the requirements of policy 2410, the board of education hereby approves the following policies:

1. Policy 1900: Family Engagement
2. Policy 2382: Broadcasting and Recording of Meetings



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- 3. Policy 4321.1: Provision of Special Education Services in the Least Restrictive Environment
- 4. Policy 4321.2 Schoolwide Pre-referral Approaches and Interventions
- 5. Policy 4526.1: Internet Safety
- 6. Policy 4821: School Ceremonies and Observances
- 7. Policy 8121.2: Automated External Defibrillators

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the policies.

P. Sullivan-Nunes moved and D. Wood seconded, to approve the policies.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

9.10 Acceptance of Donation - Keith Yi

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to accept the following donation:

\$500.00 for the Keith Yi Award.

B. Bass requested a motion to accept the donation.

M. Walker moved and P. Nagarajan seconded, to accept the donation.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

9.11 Acceptance of Donation - NYSIR

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to accept the following donation:

\$1,000 from NYSIR for the purpose of promoting student-related activities.

B. Bass requested a motion to accept the donation.

S. Reddy moved and D. Wood seconded, to accept the donation.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

9.12 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 April 22, 2026, 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 authorizes and directs the administration to immediately arrange for the special programs and services as set forth in said report dated April 22, 2026.

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations.

M. Walker moved and P. Nagarajan seconded, to approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

9.13 Approval of Overnight Trip - Softball 2027

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the Girls Varsity Softball trip to Orlando, Florida from April 14, 2027 through April 18, 2027.

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the trip.

P. Nagarajan moved and D. Wood seconded, to approve the trip.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

The remaining board actions are approved in a consent agenda.

9.14 Resolution in Support of the Petition of the Lower Hudson Education Coalition Case 26-00643

WHEREAS, the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District ("the district") is a public school district located in Dobbs Ferry in Westchester County, New York, serving approximately 1,480 students and operating a fleet of approximately six school buses that are operated by a private contractor; and

WHEREAS, the district's school bus depot facilities are served by ConEdison, an investor-owned electric utility regulated by the New York State Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Hudson Education Coalition ("LHEC") has filed a petition with the New York State Public Service Commission ("Commission"), docketed as Case 26-00643, requesting that the Commission initiate a dedicated informational proceeding to examine whether the State's investor-owned electric utilities are prepared to deliver the distribution infrastructure necessary to support school bus fleet electrification pursuant to Education Law § 3638; and

WHEREAS, Education Law §3638, enacted as part of the SFY 2022–23 budget, requires that all new school bus purchases or leases be zero-emission vehicles beginning July 1, 2027, and that all school buses in operation be zero-emission by July 1, 2035, a timeline that applies to both district-owned fleets and private transportation contractors; and



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WHEREAS, the board of education supports the State's long-term goal of transitioning to zero-emission school transportation and is committed to improving air quality for students and reducing the environmental impact of district operations; and

WHEREAS, the board of education also recognizes its fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of the district and its obligation to ensure that student transportation services remain reliable, safe, and fiscally sustainable throughout this transition; and

WHEREAS, the district faces significant uncertainty regarding the electric distribution infrastructure necessary to support fleet electrification, including the cost of utility-side and customer-side upgrades, the timelines for securing new or upgraded electrical service, and the adequacy of coordination with its serving utility; and

WHEREAS, the district has not yet completed a Fleet Electrification Plan and lacks sufficient data regarding the infrastructure requirements, costs, and utility timelines necessary for responsible capital planning, which underscores the need for a transparent, Commission-led proceeding to produce the utility-specific information that districts require; and

WHEREAS, the board of education is responsible for capital planning decisions that often require voter-approved bond referenda, and cannot responsibly commit taxpayer funds to fleet electrification without clear and reliable information regarding utility readiness, infrastructure costs, and implementation timelines; and

WHEREAS, concentrating large new electrical loads at school bus depots may affect the reliability and adequacy of electrical service to surrounding homes, businesses, and community facilities that share the same distribution infrastructure, and this board has an interest in ensuring that the transition to electric school buses does not impose undue burdens on the broader community; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated informational proceeding led by the Commission would provide the transparency, accountability, and utility-specific data necessary for school districts to plan effectively and responsibly for fleet electrification, and would establish enforceable timelines and a coordinated framework that the current ad hoc process lacks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District hereby expresses its support for the petition filed by the Lower Hudson Education Coalition in Case 26-00643 before the New York State Public Service Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board of education respectfully urges the New York State Public Service Commission to grant the petition and initiate a dedicated informational proceeding at the earliest opportunity to examine electric utility readiness to support school bus fleet electrification across the Lower Hudson Valley and statewide



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Adopted this 28th day of April, 2026.

9.15 Board of Registry and Election Inspectors

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to appoint the board of registry and election inspectors listed on the attached document for the May 11, 2026 Personal Voter Registration and May 19, 2026 Annual Election and Budget Vote.

9.16 Mid-Westchester Special Education Consortium Agreement 2026-27

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the 2026-27 Mid-Westchester Special Education Consortium Agreement and authorize the superintendent to sign for the district.

9.17 STAC Support Agreement 2026-27

BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby accepts a proposal from Educational & Management Services, Inc., to provide services related to special education ("STAC") billing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the superintendent of schools is hereby authorized to sign this consultant agreement on the district's behalf.

9.18 Kidz Educational Services Agreement 2026-27

BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby accepts a proposal from Kidz Educational Services, SLP, OT, PT, LMSW, Psychology, Audiology, PLLC., to provide services related to special education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the superintendent of schools is hereby authorized to sign this agreement on the district's behalf.

9.19 Capital Computer Associates - Agreement

RESOLVED, that the board of education approves the proposed contract between the district and Capital Computer Associates in accordance with the terms therein.

9.20 Disposal of District Property - Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the disposal of the custodial equipment on the attached list.

9.21 Budget Transfer - Theater Supplies



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BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following 2025-26 budget transfer to allocate a portion of theater supplies to Springhurst Elementary School from the middle and high school.

Account Code	Amount to Decrease	Amount to Increase
A2850.450.02.7850	\$10,000.00	
A2850.450.03.7850	\$10,000.00	
A2850.450.01.7850		\$20,000

9.22

Budget Transfer - Health Insurance Buyout

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following 2025-26 budget transfer to transfer funds between health insurance buyout and health

Account Code	Amount to Decrease	Amount to Increase
A9060.861.00.0000	\$45,500.00	
A9060.860.00.0000		\$45,500.00

insurance to cover costs through the end of the school year.

9.23 Budget Transfer - Dept of Social Services



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BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following 2025-26 budget transfer to transfer funds budgeted in the salary code for retroactive Westchester Department of Social Services charges.

Account Code	Amount to Decrease	Amount to Increase
A2250.150.01.7200	\$79,000.00	
A2250.472.00.7200		\$79,000.00

9.24 Budget Transfer - Special Education Settlement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following 2025-2026 budget transfer to transfer funds to allocate funds budgeted in the BOCES code for two students transferred to the tuition code for a settlement and residential placement of these students.

Account Code	Account to Decrease	Account(s) to Increase
A2250-490-00-7200	\$250,000	
A2250-472-00-7200		\$250,000



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9.25 Budget Transfer - Springhurst Boiler

BET IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby moves to approve the following 2025-26 budget transfer to transfer funds for security, insurance, and salaries to facilities Other for the repair of the Springhurst boiler that is needed for hot water.

Account Code	Account to Increase	Accounts to Decrease
A1620-400-00-0000	\$90,000	
A1622-400-00-0000		\$44,000
A2110-120-01-1000		\$46,000

9.26 Budget Transfer - Salaries

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following 2025-26 budget transfer to transfer funds between salary codes.

Account Code	Account(s) to Decrease	Account(s) to Increase
A1310-160-00-8110	\$15,598.76	
A1620-161-08-0000	\$15,000.00	
A2110-130-02-2000	\$14,857.02	
A2110-130-03-3000	\$12,848.98	
A2110-140-02-0000	\$50,000.00	
A2110-160-01-1000		\$7,297.31
A2110-160-02-2000		\$18,272.69
A2110-160-03-3000		\$16,473.39
A2250-150-01-7200		\$66,261.37

9.27 Budget Transfer - Medicare

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following 2025-26 budget transfer to transfer funds between health



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insurance and retirement system to cover costs paid to Medicare recipients through the end of the school year.

Account Code	Account to Increase	Account to Decrease
A9060-860-00-0000	\$75,000	
A9020-820-00-0000		\$75,000

9.28 PNW BOCES Cooperative Bidding 2026-27

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District hereby moves to agree that the District participate with other school districts of the Putnam-Northern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services in cooperative bidding for 2026-2027 as per the attached list.

9.29 Livingston Ridge Condominium v. Town of Greenburgh & Dobbs Ferry UFSD - Proposed Settlement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw Perelson, LLP to execute a Consent Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Livingston Ridge Condominium v. Town of Greenburgh and Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the consent judgment.

9.30 40 Cedar Street LLC v. Town of Greenburgh & Dobbs Ferry UFSD - Proposed Settlement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw Perelson, LLP to execute a Consent Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned 40 Cedar Street LLC v. Town of Greenburgh and Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the consent judgment.

9.31 110-150 Draper Owners Corp. v. Town of Greenburgh & Dobbs Ferry UFSD - Proposed Settlement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw Perelson, LLP to execute a consent judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned 110-150 Draper Owners Corp. v. Town of Greenburgh and Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District;



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AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the consent judgment.

10. Citizens' 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 education 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

None

12. New Business

None

12.01 2026-27 board meeting dates

The first board meeting of the 2026-27 school year must occur within the first 15 days of July. A date proposal will be presented at the next meeting.

13. Upcoming Meetings

13.01 Calendar

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 - 6:00 p.m. - MS/HS Library Presentation Room

- Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 - 7:00 p.m. - MS/HS Library Presentation Room

- Regular Meeting

14. Acknowledgements

14.01 Warrants



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The board acknowledged the following warrants:

1. No. 0049 - Multi
2. No. 0051 - Multi
3. No. 0052 - Multi (Tax Certiorari)

14.02 Treasurer's Report

The board acknowledged the March 2026 Treasurer's Report and the Extra Classroom balance report for the High School and Middle School ending 2/28/26.

15. Adjournment

B. Bass requested a motion to adjourn the May 12, 2026 meeting.

D. Wood moved and S. Reddy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

Elizabeth Saperstein
District Clerk