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**Tuesday, June 23, 2026
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
MS/HS Library Presentation Room**

1. Proposed Executive Session

1.01 Proposed Executive Session

B. Bass called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

B. Bass requested a motion for the board to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the annual superintendent evaluation.

S. Reddy moved and P. Nagarajan seconded, that the board enter executive session.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

B. Bass requested a motion that the board exit the executive session.

M. Walker moved and R. Hershberg seconded, that the board exit executive session at 7:02 pm.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

2. Call to Order - Regular Meeting

B. Bass called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

3. Meeting Opening

3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

3.02 Roll Call

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

D. Stinchcomb was absent.

Y. Klein (student ex officio) arrived at 7:30 pm.

3.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

B. Bass requested a motion to accept the June 23, 2026, agenda.



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P. Nagarajan moved and M. Walker seconded, that the board accept the June 23, 2026, agenda.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

3.04 Approval of Minutes

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026, meeting.

S. Reddy moved and D. Wood seconded, that the board approve the June 9, 2026 minutes.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

4. Public Hearing - 2026-27 Districtwide Safety Plan

B. Bass announced the opening of the public hearing on the districtwide safety plan.

K. Slentz highlighted the changes in the plan based on state education law and commissioner's regulations. This year the changes relate to Desha's Law, which requires all school districts to develop and implement a cardiac emergency response plan. This includes identifying the locations of AEDs (defibrillators) and staff training. It is important for the community to be aware that any outside organization that uses our facilities must have at least one person who is certified in cardiac response on site.

The plan has been posted to the district website for 30 days and no public comments were received. Slentz recommended that the board adopt the 2026-27 districtwide safety plan.

5. Board Presentations

5.01 Policy Committee Presentation on Draft AI Policy

B. Bass summarized the intention of the district AI policy and acknowledged the public comments received.

- The policy provides a framework that allows our teachers, particularly at the secondary level, to thoughtfully explore whether certain tools can enhance learning while using their professional judgment to determine what is and is not beneficial for our students.
- As a district, we strive to make decisions based on evidence and data, not assumptions, and any use of AI will continue to be evaluated through this lens; we would be doing a disservice to our students if we ignored a technology that is increasingly shaping higher education, the workplace, and society.
- The district remains committed to complying with all applicable laws concerning student data privacy protections.



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B. Bass concluded that the board's role is to set direction, establish expectations, and provide oversight while entrusting the day-to-day management of our schools to the administration.

P. Sullivan-Nunes elaborated on this distinction between policy and regulation by drawing a comparison to our student attendance policy.

P. Sullivan-Nunes articulated the purpose of the AI presentation and explained each purpose in detail.

- Review community feedback;
- Clarify common questions and concerns;
- Explain where concerns are addressed (policy, regulation or practice);
- Ensure a shared understanding of the proposal before the citizen comment portion of the meeting and board discussion.

P. Sullivan-Nunes concluded the presentation with the next steps if the policy is adopted.

The [presentation](#) is posted to the district website.

6. Citizen Comments

6.01 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.

Two parent members of the community shared their opinions on the AI policy including:

People want "more specifics" in the AI policy and information on what kind of research will be required of teachers and administrators who want to use AI in the classroom;

School policies are drafted by lawyers at the New York State School Board Association and designed to protect the interests of school districts and minimize their legal exposure and not necessarily to protect children;

The AI policy is not sufficient oversight for technology of this magnitude;



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Concern about students "inadequately" taught about AI's misuse;

Concern about lack of public discussion of AI policy.

7. Correspondence

7.01 Board Correspondence

The board acknowledged correspondence regarding the following topics:

1. AI Policy
2. Dumpsters at the middle school

8. Announcements

K. Slentz announced that on behalf of the board's school and community relations committee and community advisory subcommittee, a survey was sent out regarding district communications and the feedback from that survey will drive our work on communications.

K. Slentz thanked staff, administrators and parents who contributed to Saturday's 2026 commencement ceremony.

K. Slentz acknowledged the 4th grade's 250th celebration of the United States.

R. Hershberg thanked the PTSA for funding different aspects of so many of our activities including graduation, eighth grade stepping up, and 250th celebration.

9. Board Reports

6.01 Board Committee Reports

D. Wood reported the following information and updates from the June 8 and June 17, 2026, policy committee meetings:

- Reviewed all comments from the public on draft AI policy and considered how the presentation, heard tonight, might address these comments;
- Developed Medicaid compliance policy;
- The committee reviewed updates to the Code of Conduct; and
- Discussion of five policies to be reviewed at the present meeting.

B. Bass reported the following information and updates from the June 9, 2026, audit committee meeting:

- Reviewed risk areas outlined from the internal auditors including centralized cash receipts and banking, payroll/human resources, extra-classroom activities and information technology (IT); and



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- Focus of internal audit will be on IT because the other areas were examined recently and the current firm has expertise in IT.

M. Walker reported the following information and updates from the June 12, 2026, facilities committee meeting:

- Received update on timelines for the energy performance contract and next steps;
- Discussion of projects under the capital outlay, including window wall replacement at Springhurst (will begin in June and expected completion by August);
- Discussion of Springhurst athletic complex and associated quotes for the cost of scoreboard, electricity, and other features;
- Received update on middle school drainage and high school cooling issues;
- Update on status of the sale of the Wicker's Creek property - the district is awaiting response from counsel on the resolution and proposition that would need to be put before voters of the district;
- Update on class of 2026 mural project; and
- Discussion of a potential fall vote for the sale of Wicker's Creek and use of capital reserves.

S. Reddy reported the following information and updates from the June 15, 2026, finance committee meeting:

- Review of 2025-2026 budget development process and the usefulness of some tools;
- Discussion of the format of the budget presentations and additional details provided in each presentation;
- Discussion of communications and strategies to inform the community, including data points from the budget vote exit survey;
- Discussion of clarification of budget newsletter salary line items for superintendent;
- Discussion of fund balance and end-of-year balance status, and recommendations for distribution of the funds; and
- Received update on debt service.

Committee minutes are posted on the district website.

10. Superintendent Report

10.01 Gratitude Report

The superintendent acknowledged various departments, board committees, sub-committees, and advisory groups for their work, in particular our school nurses; the PTSA, the Dobbs Ferry School Foundation, and SPRING Community partners for their partnership, and to the outgoing student ex-officios, Ashley Wu and Yael Klein who have set the model for the new student board members in the coming school year.

11. Board Actions

11.01 Personnel - Professional/Certificated Staff



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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 professional personnel recommendations.

B. Bass acknowledged the departure of high school science teacher Amanda Newhouse, who is relocating.

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

D. Wood moved and P. Nagarajan seconded, to approve the professional personnel actions.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

1. Resignation

(a) Amanda Newhouse, Science Teacher

Location: Dobbs Ferry High School

Effective: August 1, 2026

2. Leave of Absence

(a) G. Kruze, Speech/Language Pathologist

Location: Springhurst Elementary School

Effective: anticipated approximately October 29, 2026 and for up to 12 weeks

Note: FMLA

3. Payroll Lane Changes

(a) S. Mayrose, Special Education Teacher

Location: Springhurst Elementary School

MA to MA +15, effective September 1, 2026

(b) M. Addona, World Languages Teacher

Location: Dobbs Ferry High School

MA +15 to MA +30, effective September 1, 2026

(c) A. Ortega, Elementary Classroom Teacher

Location: Springhurst Elementary School

MA +15 to MA +30, effective September 1, 2026

(d) L. Serrone, Speech/Language Pathologist

Location: Springhurst Elementary School

MA +30 to MA +45, effective September 1, 2026



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4. Temporary, Part-Time and Seasonal Appointment

(a) Gabriella Maggi, temporary (leave replacement) Special Education Teacher

Location: Springhurst Elementary School

Effective: August 31, 2026 - June 25, 2027

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

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

note: replaces E. Perrotta (Mandel)

(b) Brianna Gallo temporary (leave replacement) Mathematics Teacher

Location: Dobbs Ferry Middle School

Effective: August 31, 2026 - January 31, 2027

Compensation: MA, Step 2 (\$72,157) prorated

Certification: Mathematics Grades 7-12; SWD Generalist, Grades 7-12

note: replaces J. Duran

(c) G. Roan, Extended School Year Program Staff - Teaching Assistant

Location: Springhurst Elementary School (K-2 12:1:1 class)

Effective: August 3, 2026 - August 14, 2026

Compensation: Hourly rate, per hour

Note: G. Roan is the new special education teacher in the 12:1:1 class starting fall 2026

(d) Sharon Sutherland, Extended School Year Program Staff - Teaching Assistant

Location: Springhurst Elementary School (8:1:2 class)

Effective: July 6, 2026 - August 14, 2026

Up to 150 hours at Teaching Assistant, Step 1, per hour plus \$4.00 per hour for toileting duties

(e) Betsy Rivera, Extended School Year Program Staff - Teaching Assistant

Location: Springhurst Elementary School

Effective: July 6, 2026 - August 14, 2026

Up to 75 hours at Teaching Assistant, Step 1, per hour plus \$4.00 per hour for toileting duties

5. Overnight Chaperone - Club Getaway

(a) B. Sealey, Permanent Substitute Teacher

Location: Dobbs Ferry Middle School

Effective: retroactive to June 11 and 12, 2026

Compensation: \$140.00 per overnight and an additional \$70.00 if the trip returned to the district after 5:00 pm or an additional \$140.00 pm if the trip returned after 6 pm.

note: replaces J. Hurt, who could not attend

6. After School Chaperones - Senior Award Ceremony

Location: Dobbs Ferry High School



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Effective: retroactive to June 11, 2026 (5:45 - 8pm)

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

(a) M. Addona (b) A. Burt (c) M. Guerin-Propersi
(d) E. Sandak-Molz (e) M. Tapia

7. After School Chaperones - Senior Prom (Surf Club, New Rochelle)

Location: Dobbs Ferry High School

Effective: retroactive to June 9, 2026 (5:00 - 9:30pm)

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

(a) M. Addona (b) A. Burt (c) M. Ciccone
(d) R. Davis (e) M. Guerin-Propersi (f) K. Morales
(g) S. Patrillo

8. Appointment Change

(a) S. Sellitti, Extended School Year Program Staff (outdoor garden)

Location: Springhurst Elementary School

Up to 30 hours, at \$100.00 per hour

9. Summer 2026 - Additional Work

Location: indicated below

Effective: July 1, 2026 - August 30, 2026

Compensation: Daily rate, per day

(a) J. Lotito, up to 10 days (Special Education)
(b) C. Centeno, up to 10 days (Special Education)
(c) G. DiMaria, up to 10 days (Elementary Nurse)
(d) C. De Leon, up to 10 days (MS/HS Nurse)
(e) K. Cronin, up to 10 days (District Nurse)
(f) M. Propersi, up to 10 days (HS Guidance)
(g) W. Palmer, up to 10 days (HS Guidance)
(h) M. Tapia, up to 10 days (HS Guidance)
(i) M. Levy, up to 10 days (HS Guidance)
(j) S. Marino, up to 10 days (HS Science Research)
(k) M. Jaros, up to 12 days (MS Counselor)
(l) S. Hacker, up to 12 days, (MS Counselor)
(m) A. Dhanoa, up to 10 days (Masters' School Nurse)
(n) M. Yang-Kaczmarek, up to 2 days (administering NYSITELL)
(o) R. La Guardia, up to 2 days (administering NYSITELL)
(p) E. Pinkava, up to 2 days (administering DIAL screenings)



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- (q) V. Coren, up to 2 days (administering DIAL screenings)
- (r) C. Bochicchio, up to 2 days (administering DIAL screenings)

10. Summer 2026 - CSE/CPSE Meetings

Effective: July 1, 2026 - August 30, 2026, as needed

Location: Dobbs Ferry School District

Compensation: Hourly rate, per hour

- (a) J. Hickey (b) M. Hanley (c) K. Marques
- (d) L. Cosgrove (e) S. Kusi-Asare (f) K. Walker
- (g) G. DeCecco

11. Probationary Appointment

(a) Lucas Frajndlich, Mathematics Teacher

Location: Dobbs Ferry Middle School

Probationary Start Date: August 31, 2026

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

Tenure Area: Elementary Education

Compensation: MA, Step 5 (\$81,708) per annum

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

11.02 Civil Service Personnel

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

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the civil service personnel actions.

M. Walker moved and D. Wood seconded, to approve the civil service personnel actions.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

1. Leave of Absence

(a) J. Estrada, Custodial Worker

Location: Springhurst Elementary School

Effective: June 26, 2026 and for up to 12 weeks

note: FMLA

11.03 Personnel - Summer 2026 Staff Development Initiatives

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the summer professional development initiatives.



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R. Hershberg moved and S. Reddy seconded, to approve the summer professional development initiatives.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, does hereby appoint the staff members on the attached list for summer 2026 staff development work;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these staff members will each receive a daily rate of 80% of 1/200th of their annual salary, with a maximum of \$273.19 and a minimum of \$207.62; teachers who work a portion of the day will receive a pro-rated amount.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff members facilitating staff development work will receive an additional \$109.27 in addition to the compensation enumerated above.

11.04 DFUT SMOA on Health Insurance

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the supplemental memorandum of agreement.

R. Hershberg moved and M. Walker seconded, to approve the supplemental memorandum of agreement.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education hereby approves the supplemental memorandum of agreement between the district and the Dobbs Ferry United Teachers Association regarding health care insurance.

11.05 Year-End Fund Balance and Reserve Allocation

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the allocations to the district reserve accounts.

D. Wood moved and P. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, to approve the allocations to the district reserve accounts.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District hereby moves to approve the allocations to the district reserve accounts as detailed on the recommendation contained herein.

11.06 CSE/CPSE Recommendations



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WHEREAS the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education had issued to the board by written confidential report dated June 20, 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;

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 June 20, 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: 7 ayes, 0 nays

11.07 Approval of 2026-27 Districtwide 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 moves to adopt the districtwide Safety Plan for the 2026-27 school year.

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the districtwide safety plan.

D. Wood moved and P. Sullivan-Nunes seconded, to approve the report and corrective action plan.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

11.08 Policy Revision - First Reading

Six policies were presented for first reading.

P. Sullivan-Nunes reviewed policy 4765: Remote Instruction. This is a new policy that establishes the district's framework for providing instruction during emergency school closings. The policy aligns with state regulations.

P. Sullivan-Nunes reviewed revisions to policy 5100: Student Attendance. The policy was updated to align with NYSED guidance, clarify expectations and responsibilities, and establish a clear distinction between board policy and administrative regulations.



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P. Sullivan-Nunes reviewed revisions to policy 5151: Students in Temporary Housing. The policy was updated to align with current state and federal requirements including ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) and the McKinney-Vento Act. Revisions clarify terminology, student rights, and district responsibilities.

D. Wood reviewed revisions to policy 5205: Eligibility for Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities. Revisions include application of guidance from NYSED related to students in temporary housing, clarified language, and applied editing conventions.

D. Wood reviewed policy 5422: Diapering and Toileting Protocols. This is a new policy that establishes guidance to administrators for training staff on diapering and toileting required by new state regulations that went into effect on March 27, 2026.

D. Wood reviewed revisions to policy 6685: Medicaid Compliance. The revisions included suggestions from NYSSBA and rules from NYSDOH, clarified language, and applied editing conventions.

M. Walker asked for clarification regarding the placement of the language about students in temporary housing in the policy on eligibility for co-curriculars activities.

11.09 Policy Revision - Second Reading

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

Policy 8636: Artificial Intelligence

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the policy presented for second reading.

D. Wood moved and R. Hershberg seconded, to approve the policy.

B. Bass asked for any further comments or questions.

M. Walker thanked P. Sullivan-Nunes for the presentation and said she found the analogies very helpful.

K. Slentz clarified that there are four (4) policies in the district that have language that require the board to approve the regulation. No regulation that's not required is done behind the scenes and simply posted. All regulations go to the board and policy committee for review and comment. These are not for board approval, for board awareness.

B. Bass added that there are a few times when visibility on a set of regulations is particularly important. In those instances, regulations are put up with first readings so that the public is aware



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of them, but they are not approved by the board.

There was no further discussion.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

11.10 Approval of 2026-2027 District Technology Plan

WHEREAS, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) requires all public school districts to develop, submit, and periodically update a comprehensive Instructional Technology Plan pursuant to New York State Education Law and Commissioner's Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Instructional Technology Plan is to outline the district's strategic vision for leveraging technology to enhance teaching and learning, ensure equitable access to digital resources, support professional development, and maintain robust data privacy and security measures; and

WHEREAS, the Dobbs Ferry UFSD Instructional Technology Plan for the period of 2026-2029 was developed through a collaborative process; and

WHEREAS, the proposed plan aligns with the New York State Educational Technology Goals and the district's overarching strategic goals; and

WHEREAS, the superintendent of schools has reviewed the plan and recommends its adoption by the board of education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education hereby formally approves and adopts the Instructional Technology Plan for the 2026-2029 school years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the superintendent of schools, or their designee, is authorized to submit the approved Instructional Technology Plan to the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center (LHRIC) and the New York State Education Department in compliance with state filing requirements and deadlines.

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the resolution.

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

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

11.11 Appointment of School Attorneys



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BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby moves to appoint Ingerman Smith to a one (1) year agreement, commencing on July 1, 2026, and terminating on June 30, 2027, for the purposes of providing the district with general, special education, and labor-related matters counsel. The firm is recommended after an extensive RFP, committee interview, and reference checks at the time of hire.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board approve the Legal Counsel Retainer Agreement attached herein for the 2026-27 school year.

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the resolution.

R. Hershberg moved and S. Reddy seconded, to approve the resolution.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

11.12 Establishing 2026-27 Annual Reorganizational Meeting Date

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to adopt Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 5:30 pm for the annual reorganization meeting.

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the resolution.

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

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

11.13 Acceptance of Donation (Musically Inclined)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to accept a donation of \$198.50 from Musically Inclined, a vendor that sold gift items during the NYSSMA strings festival. A portion of their proceeds are donated to the music department of the host district.

B. Bass requested a motion to accept the donation.

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

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

11.14 Acceptance of Donation - Scholarship Fund



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BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Policy 1800: Donations, Gifts and Grants to the District, the board of education hereby accepts a scholarship donation from Mr. Charles Tisi for \$25,000 to establish the Maria Tisi Scholarship, in honor of Mr. Tisi's mother, to be awarded to qualified seniors.

B. Bass requested a motion to accept the donation.

P. Nagarajan moved and S. Reddy seconded, to accept the donation.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

11.15 Acceptance of Dobbs Ferry PTSA Grant

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to accept the following grant from the Dobbs Ferry PTSA in an amount not to exceed \$771.67:

Name of Grant	Teacher(s)/Staff	School	Amount
Rising 6th Grade Welcome Project (Affirmation Lockers)	Sandy Hacker	DFMS	\$271.67
No Place for Hate 8th grade Mental Health Month activities	Sandy Hacker	DFMS	\$500.00

B. Bass requested a motion to accept the grant.

M. Walker moved and D. Wood seconded, to accept the grant.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

CONSENT AGENDA

B. Bass requested a motion to combine items 11.16 through 11.26 into a consent agenda.

D. Wood moved and P. Nagarajan seconded, to combine items 11.16 through 11.26 into a consent agenda.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

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



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M. Walker moved and R. Hershberg seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

11.16 Approval of Consultant Contract - HMB Consultants LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the proposal from HMB Consultants, LLC, Voorheesville, NY for a food service consultant (Child Nutrition Program) for the 2026-2027 school year as contained herein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the superintendent to execute the contract.

11.17 Approval of Consultant Contract - Busy Bodies in Motion

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the contract for Busy Bodies in Motion, to provide physical therapy services for students with disabilities for the 2026-2027 school year as contained herein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the superintendent to execute the contract.

11.18 Approval of Special Education Vendor Contracts

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby move to approve the following special education services vendors for the 2026-27 school year:

The Learning Shop, Harrison, NY (Homebound tutoring services)

Music Conservatory of Westchester, White Plains, NY (music therapy for special education classes)

Westchester Institute for Human Development, Valhalla, NY (assistive technology evaluations and consultation)

11.19 Instructional Services Agreement - Croton-Harmon UFSD 26-27

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District hereby approves an instructional service agreement with the Croton Harmon Union Free School District for the 2026-2027 school year.

11.20 Instructional Services Agreement - Pleasantville UFSD 26-27



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BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District hereby approves an instructional service agreement with the Pleasantville Union Free School District for the 2026-2027 school year.

11.21 Approval of Tax Certiorari - DePaola v. Town of Greenburgh and DFSD

RESOLVED, that the board of education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw Perelson LLP to execute a Consent Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Vincenzo DePaolo and Pasqualina DePaola v. Town of Greenburgh and Dobbs Ferry School District;

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

11.22 Budget Transfer

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 reallocate funds for the building condition survey as required by SED to be conducted in 2026 and for computer equipment purchases (Chromebooks):

	Debit	Credit
A1620-400-00-0000	\$40,000.00	
A2630-450-00-5500	\$63,000.00	
A9711-600-00-0000		\$103,000.00

11.23 Budget Transfer

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 reallocate funds for athletic and extracurricular trips from excess funds in benefits and debt service:

	Debit	Credit
A5540-400-09-9000	\$55,000.00	
A9711-600-00-0000		\$40,000.00
A9711-700-00-0000		\$15,000.00



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11.24 Student Athletic and Field Trip Transportation (Piggy-backing)

WHEREAS, the Hastings On Hudson Union Free School District (“Hastings”) has made available to public school districts located in Westchester County its student athletic and field trip transportation through a provision in the bid specifications permitting “piggybacking” as well as a resolution of the Hastings board of education authorizing participation in the student athletic and field trip transportation on the same terms and conditions as the contract with Hastings; and

WHEREAS, said transportation contract was bid in accordance with Education Law Section 305(14);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District determines that the contract cost for the student athletic and field trip transportation is appropriate and will result in cost savings to the district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board of education requests authorization from Hastings to piggyback onto Hastings’ student athletic and field trip transportation contract with Academy Bus Company Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year on the same terms and conditions as the contract with Hastings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board of education authorizes the board president to execute a contract with Academy Bus Company Inc. as well as any documents and forms required by the New York State Education Department to facilitate approval of the contract.

11.25 Student Out of District and Summer Transportation (Piggy-backing)

WHEREAS, the Ardsley Union Free School District (“Ardsley”) has made available to public school districts located in Westchester County its student out-of-district and summer transportation through a provision in the bid specifications permitting “piggybacking” as well as a resolution of the Ardsley Board of Education authorizing participation in the Student Out-of-District and Summer Transportation on the same terms and conditions as the contract with Ardsley; and



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WHEREAS, said transportation contract was bid in accordance with Education Law Section 305(14);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District determines that the contract cost for the student out-of-district and summer transportation is appropriate and will result in cost savings to the district; and education requests authorization from Ardsley to piggyback onto Ardsley's student out-of-district and summer transportation contract with Royal Coach for the 2026-2027 school year on the same terms and conditions as the contract with Ardsley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board of education authorizes the board president to execute a contract with Royal Coach as well as any documents and forms required by the New York State Education Department to facilitate approval of the contract.

11.26 Quad Management Transportation Services Agreement 26-27

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, hereby moves to approve a Quad Management Transportation Services Agreement between the Quad Villages (Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings and Irvington) to a one (1) year municipal cooperation agreement, commencing on July 1, 2026 and terminating on June 30, 2027, for the purposes of providing the administration and management of transportation services to resident pupils attending schools within each of the Quad school districts or non-public schools.

12. Citizens' Comments

12.01 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.

A parent member of the community shared opinions about the high school IB program.

13. Old Business

None



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14. New Business

P. Nagarajan congratulated R. Hershberg on a successful term as a board member and wished her well.

B. Bass thanked R. Hershberg for her three years on the board and wished her well in future journeys.

15. Upcoming Meetings

15.01 Calendar

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 - 5:30 pm - Board Room

- Annual Reorganization Meeting

16. Acknowledgements

16.01 Warrant

The board acknowledged the following warrant:

No. 0057 - Multi

16.02 Treasurer's Report

The board acknowledged the May 2026 treasurer's report.

17. Adjournment

B. Bass requested a motion to adjourn the June 23, 2026, meeting.

R. Hershberg moved and D. Wood seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

Elizabeth Saperstein
District Clerk