Dobbs Ferry School District
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APPROVED MINUTES

Tuesday, September 29, 2026
7:00 pm
Regular Meeting - MS/HS Library Presentation Room

1.0 Proposed Executive Session - 6:00pm

1.01 Proposed Executive Session

B. Bass called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

B. Bass requested a motion to appoint K. Slentz as clerk pro tem.

D. Wood moved and S. Reddy seconded, that the board appoint K. Slentz as clerk pro tem.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

B. Bass requested a motion for the board to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular civil service employee.

P. Sullivan-Nunes moved and M. Walker seconded, that the board enter executive session.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

D. Davis moved and M. Walker seconded, that the board exit executive session at 6:13 pm.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

2.0 Call to Order - Regular Meeting

B. Bass called the regular meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

3.0 Meeting Opening

3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

3.02 Roll Call

Brooke Bass, President; Penny Sullivan-Nunes, Vice-President; Darren Wood; Mindy Walker; Sudha Reddy; Disan Davis; Ken Slentz, Superintendent; Lisa Raymond, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations; Cleo Reisinger, student ex officio member; Henry Brewer, student ex officio member; Elizabeth Saperstein, District Clerk.

P. Nagarajan was absent.

3.03 Acceptance of the Agenda

B. Bass requested a motion to accept the September 29, 2026 agenda.

M. Walker moved and S. Reddy seconded, to accept the September 29, 2026 agenda.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

3.04 Approval of Minutes

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2026 meeting.

P. Sullivan-Nunes moved and D. Wood seconded, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2026 meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

4.0 Citizens Comments

4.01 Notice

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A parent-member of the community expressed concern about the amount of screen time at the middle school and suggested restricting access to digital technology, including Chromebooks, during lunch and recess.

5. Correspondence

5.01 BOE Correspondence

None

6. Announcements

Superintendent K. Slentz made the following announcements:

There will be a half-day on Wednesday, October 21, for students.

The PTSA, Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation, and Spring Community Partners welcome event will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 7:30 pm at HudCo.

Parent/guardian permission slips for BIMAS, Character Strong, and Primary Project assessments are required by the federal government to comply with the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment.

Thanks to everyone for a great MAC day in honor of Coach MacKenzie.

The district is working with the Dobbs Ferry Police Department to address the increasing presence of coyotes on our property and in the area.

7. Board Committee Reports

7.01 Board Committee Reports

D. Davis reported the following information and updates from the September 15, 2026 curriculum, instruction and equity committee meeting:

- Discussion of the selection process for parent members to serve on various board ad hoc and advisory committees and continuance of the district's DEI work;
- Received updates on the first day and first week of school, including the start of the preschool program;
- Discussion of additional classrooms that the district is planning in line with state requirements;
- Update on establishment of the curriculum advisory committee under policy 4200, the focus of which will be using data and NYSED initiatives;
- Review of a proposal for the establishment of a PYP (Primary Years Program).

P. Sullivan-Nunes reported the following information from the September 17, 2026 school and community relations committee meeting:

- Discussion on the artificial intelligence access and use document that the administration plans to share with staff as interim guidance and possibly sharing with families as a snapshot into how AI is being used and not used in our schools;
- Received information on a proposed process for recruiting community members to submit their interest in joining one of the board's ad hoc or advisory committees;
- Discussed feedback on the community survey and plan to convene the advisory committee to review and organize the feedback, or whether an additional survey would be sent out to collect more information;

- Received update on how the district's instructional and accountability data will be shared in the annual report to the board, including creation of common visual charts for each state-tested area.

M. Walker reported the following information from the September 22, 2026 facilities committee annual building and grounds walkthrough. Highlights include:

- The committee went onto the roof of the high school to see how the existing drains are not sufficient in number or size to handle the heavy rains experienced, and discussed possible mitigation
- The committee visited the middle school entry, which is an area that is also affected by heavy rains, and discussed solutions, including an alarm system;
- Solar lights and cameras on the aqueduct walkways;
- At Springhurst, discussed the window wall project and delays due to materials;
- Visited the new UPK classroom, playground, retaining wall, and boiler room;

D. Wood reported the following information from the September 23, 2026 policy committee meeting:

- Discussion of the AI regulation (policy 4526-R), including generative and agentic artificial intelligence and the restriction of generative AI until additional training and pilot projects are completed and outcomes discussed with the policy committee;
- Discussion of the technology ecosystem that the district has developed over the years which includes policy and regulatory infrastructure, adherence to state requirements, hardware and software procurement and alignment of such to district policy and state requirements, and the development of and training on instructional practices across the district;
- Discussion of future policy review, including policies on school admissions (5150), admission of international students (5151.2), student dismissal precautions (5162), and student and staff religious expression (5040 and 9101, respectively).

8. Board Reports

8.01 IB for All: An Update on the International Baccalaureate Program

High School Principal Dr. John Falino presented information to the board on the status of the IB program, student achievement within the program, distinctions between an IB diploma and a regular Regents diploma, the number and achievement of non-IB diploma students accessing the IB curriculum, and how the IB curriculum sets the district up for success in the *NY Inspires* initiative.

9. Superintendent Report

9.01 Instructional Technology in the Dobbs Ferry School District

The superintendent provided the board with information on the use of technology in the district in response to community concerns and questions, and discussed shared concerns/challenges, specifically overreliance. Highlights include:

Concerns of parents on our reliance on technology are not specific to Dobbs Ferry but are featured regularly on regional, state, and national news;

Finding the right balance between preparing students with skills they need while at the same time continuing to evaluate when technology belongs in the learning experience and when it does not;

The tension between the concerns of the community and current state regulations, including computer-based testing, digital literacy standards, required instructional technology plans that include remote instruction, and the penalties/liabilities that the district could face (e.g., loss of state aid) for failing to adhere to state regulations;

Review of the district policies and regulation infrastructure that govern this work, including student privacy under the PPRA; internet safety under the CIPA; computer use and internet access, including but not limited to curriculum management, alternative learning formats, academic intervention services, and homebound instruction, remote instruction, artificial intelligence;

Review of artificial intelligence interim guidance (access to and use of AI);

Review of next steps, including commencement of meetings of the technology advisory group and communication to staff, including the development of an FAQ.

The presentation is posted to the district website.

10. Board Actions

B. Bass requested a motion to allow a walk-on civil service personnel action item.

D. Wood moved and M. Walker seconded, to allow the walk-on action item.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved, that the board of education herewith approves an unpaid leave of absence for Neil Mullens from August 27, 2026, through October 31, 2026.

D. Davis moved and S. Reddy seconded, to approve the leave of absence.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

APPROVED MINUTES

10.01 Personnel - Professional/Certificated Staff

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. Probationary Appointment

(a) Jisun Shin, K-12 Teaching Assistant
Location: Dobbs Ferry School District
Effective: September 22, 2026
Duration of Probationary Period: September 22, 2026 - September 21, 2030
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Certification: Teaching Assistant, Level I
Compensation: Teaching Assistant, Step 3
note: J. Shin worked as a part-time monitor at Springhurst from 2024. She fills a vacant position.

(b) Marisa Segarra, K-12 Teaching Assistant
Location: Dobbs Ferry School District
Effective: September 30, 2026
Duration of Probationary Period: September 30, 2026 - September 29, 2030
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Certification: Teaching Assistant, Initial (pending)
Compensation: Teaching Assistant, Step 1 ($28,550) prorated.
note: M. Segarra worked as a permanent substitute at the MS since 2024. She fills a vacant position.

2. Leaves of Absence

(a) M. Ciccone, School Social Worker
Location: Dobbs Ferry High School
Effective: December 1, 2026 - January 31, 2027
Note: unpaid child care leave of absence

(b) J. Campbell, Elementary Classroom Teacher
Location: Springhurst Elementary School
Effective: November 18, 2026 through March 15, 2027
Note: FMLA

(c) R. Boxer, K-12 Teaching Assistant
Location: Springhurst Elementary School
Effective: February 16, 2026 and for up to 12 weeks
Note: FMLA

3. Reappointment of Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Emily Hopkins, Per Diem Substitute

Location: Springhurst Elementary School
Effective: September 2, 2026 - June 25, 2027, as needed
Compensation: $125.00 per day; $62.50 half-day

4. Temporary, Seasonal and Part-Time Appointment

(a) Zachary Kaczmarek, Permanent Substitute Teacher
Location: Dobbs Ferry High School
Effective: September 30, 2026 - June 25, 2027
Compensation: $25,900 per annum, prorated.
Note: replaces P. Boynes

(b) Heeral Mehta, Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Location: Springhurst Elementary School
Effective: September 30, 2026 - June 25, 2027 as needed and pending fingerprint clearance
Compensation: $125.00 per day, $62.50 per half day

(c) Elaina Whitley, Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Location: Springhurst Elementary School

Effective: September 30, 2026 - June 25, 2027 as needed and pending fingerprint clearance
Compensation: $125.00 per day, $62.50 per half day

(d) J. Carney, Backstage Theater Arts Teacher (.1)
Location: Dobbs Ferry Middle School
Effective: August 31, 2026 - June 30, 2027
Compensation: MA, Step 1 ($68,973) prorated
note: Mr. Carney teaches one backstage theater arts class every other day (1); he also teaches one lighting and sound class at the high school every other day (.1) and one theater arts class at the high school every day (.2) for a 1.0 FTE that equals .6 permanent substitute, .4 teacher.

5. Overages

(a) M. Yang-Kaczmarek, K-8 Literacy Coordinator
Location: Springhurst and DFMS
One additional literacy class every day
Compensation: ($13,112.72) per annum

(b) J. Cox
Location: Dobbs Ferry Middle School
(i) one additional 7th grade physical education class every other day, effective August 31, 2026-June 30, 2027
Compensation: $6,556.36 per annum
(ii) one additional 7th grade health class every other day, effective February 1, 2027 - June 30, 2027 (2nd semester)

Compensation: $3,278.03 per annum

(c) S. Gonzalez
Location: Dobbs Ferry Middle School
One additional french class every day, effective August 31, 2026 - June 32, 2027
Compensation: $13,112.72 per annum

(d) J. Gonzalez
Location: Dobbs Ferry Middle School
One additional art class every other day, effective August 31, 2026 - January 31, 2027 (1st semester)
Compensation: $3,278.03 per annum

6. Academic Study/Lunch Coverage

Location: Dobbs Ferry MS/HS
Compensation: $32.78 per period

(a) M. Pagano	(b) J. Swart	(c) M. Addona
(d) A. Bell	(e) S. Mills	(f) M. Brock
(g) C. Fitzmorris	(h) C. Ducic	(i) E. Feller
(j) J. McCrane	(k) J. Gonzalez	(l) D. Huyter
(m) S. Gonzalez	(o) JP Kaminski	(p) M. Hanley
(q) N. Delvecchio	(r) M. Gretczko	

7. After School Homework Help Center

Location: Dobbs Ferry Middle School
Effective: September 2, 2026 - June 25, 2027
Compensation: $48.11 per hour

(a) T. Brooks	(b) A. Vaccaro	(c) J. Hickey
(d) L. Marx	(e) J. McCrane	(f) J. Laverty
(g) E. Elsen	(h) S. Hacker	

8. Extra Hours

(a) D. Belvedere Shillue, UPK Teaching Assistant
Location: Springhurst Elementary School
Effective: September 1, 2026 (one day)
Compensation: Daily rate, per day
note: prekindergaren orientation

9. Teacher Leader

(a) G. DeCecco, Math Teacher Leader
Location: Springhurst Elementary School
Effective: 2026-2027 school year
Compensation: $4684.52 per annum

10. Co-Curricular Advisors

Location: Dobbs Ferry High School
Effective: 2026-2027 school year

(a) K. Evans, Senior Internship Coordinator (.5): $2,342.26 per annum
(b) A. Burtt, Senior Internship Coordinator (.5): $2,342.26 per annum
(c) J. Henry, 9th Grade Class Advisor: Category D, Step 1 ($926.47) per annum
(d) M. Petruolo, 10th Grade Class Advisor: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(e) K. Morales, 11th Grade Class Advisor: Category C, Step 3 ($2,032.56) per annum
(f) A. Burtt, 12th Grade Class Advisor: Category C, Step 3 ($2,032.56) per annum
(g) A. Fuller, Chamber Music: Category D, Step 2 ($1,029.79) per annum
(h) A. Fuller, Orchestra: Category A, Step 3 ($4,191.72) includes 20% longevity per annum
(i) G. DeFalco, Acafellas: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(j) G. DeFalco, Chorus (Octet): Category A, Step 3 ($3,842.41) includes 10% longevity per annum
(k) G. DeFalco, Thespian Honor Society: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(l) P. Huneke, Tri-M Honor Society, Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(m) G. DeFalco, Play Director: Category A, Step 3 ($$3,842.41) includes 10% longevity per annum
(n) P. Huneke, Pit Band Director: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(o) B. Fox, Assistant Director/Choreographer: Category A, Step 3 ($3,493.10) per annum
(p) J. Gonzalez, Scenic Designer: Category B, Step 3 ($2,780.66) per annum
(q) J. Carney, Technical Director (.5): Category B, Step 2 ($1,256.30) per annum
(r) J. Carney, Theater Stage Crew: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(s) G. DeFalco, Theater Arts Club: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(t) J. McCrane, Theater Arts Showcase Director: Category D, Step 2 ($1,029.79) per annum
(u) A. Vaccaro, Theater Arts Showcase Assistant Director: Category D, Step 1 ($926.47)
(v) D. Hertzberg, Vocal Arrangements: $1,500.00 per annum
(w) T. Falconetti, Book Club: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(x) R. Wing, Cookbook Club: Category D, Step 2 ($1,029.79) per annum
(y) S. Buschi, Chess Club: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(z) A. Fischbeck, Creative Writing Club: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(aa) K. Evans, Ecology Club: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(bb) N. Ferro, Finance Club: Category D, Step 2 ($1,029.79) per annum
(cc) R. Gelles, French Club: Category D, Step 1 ($926.47) per annum
(dd) R. Wing, FUNDraising Club: Category D, Step 3 ($1,246.41) includes 10% longevity
(ee) S. Buschi, Knitting Club: Category D, Step 1 ($926.47) per annum
(ff) S. Busch, GSA: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(gg) M. Addona, Gender Equality Club: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum

(hh) A. Bell, Glam4Good Club: Category D, Step 2 ($1,029.79) per annum
(ii) M. Fahy, Hands-In DFHS (Community Service): Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(jj) R. Davis, History Bowl: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(kk) M. Addona, Italian Club: Category D, Step 2 ($1,029.79) per annum
(ll) S. Patrillo, JCK Legends Ambassadors Club: Category D, Step 2 ($1,029.79) per annum
(mm) V. McCoy, Job Squad: Category B, Step 1 ($2,244.52) per annum
(oo) J. Henry, Magic (The Gathering): Category D, Step 2 ($1,029.79) per annum
(pp) M. Meagh, Model UN: Category B, Step 3 ($2,780.66) per annum
(qq) K. Ravo, Mindfulness Club: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(rr) T. Falconetti, Music Appreciation Club: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10 per annum)
(ss) J. Cottingham, National Honor Society: Category C, Step 3 ($2,439.10) includes 20% longevity per annum
(tt) K. Morales, Peer Tutoring: Category A, Step 3 ($3,493.10) per annum
(uu) C. Fitzmorris, Poetry Club (Slam): Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(vv) E. Elsen, Racial and Social Justice Club: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(ww) M. Petruolo, Spanish Club: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10)
(xx) D. Cunningham, Student Accounts: Category C, Step 3 ($2,032.56)
(yy) M. Addona, Student Government Activities Branch: Category A, Step 3 ($4,017.06) includes 15% longevity per annum
(zz) M. Meagh, Student Government Legislative Branch: Category B, Step 3 ($3,058.73) includes 10% longevity per annum
(aaa) D. Molloy, STEM: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(bbb) A. Fischbeck, Television Past & Present: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(ccc) M. Addona, World Language Honor Society: Category D, Step 3 ($1,133.10) per annum
(ddd) M. Cairo, Yearbook: Category A, Step 3 ($3,493.10) per annum
(eee) M. Pejkovic, Yearbook: Category A, Step 1 ($2,814.49) per annum
(fff) N. Ferro, Running Club: Category D, Step 1 ($926.47) per annum

11. Acknowledgment of Completion of Probationary Period and Granting of Tenure
Name: Jehona Pruthi, K-12 Teaching Assistant
Location: Dobbs Ferry School District
Tenure Area: K-12 Teaching Assistant
Probationary Start: November 7, 2022
Tenure Effective Date: November 8, 2026
Certification: Teaching Assistant Level III

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

D. Wood moved and M. Walker seconded, to approve the professional personnel recommendations.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

10.02 Personnel - Civil Service 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 civil service recommendations.

1. Promotional Appointment

(a) Benjamin Mazza, Head Custodian
Location: Springhurst Elementary School
Status: Probationary / Full Time (40 hours per week)
Effective: September 10, 2026
Duration of Probationary Period: September 10, 2026 - September 9, 2027
Compensation: Head Custodian, Step 8 ($83,850) prorated

(b) William Keith Gelardi, Head Custodian
Location: Dobbs Ferry MS/HS
Status: Probationary / Full Time (40 hours per week)
Effective: September 10, 2026
Duration of Probationary Period: September 10, 2026 - September 9, 2027
Compensation: Head Custodian, Step 8 ($83,850) prorated

Note: In accordance with Westchester County civil service rules, Mr. Mazza and Mr. Gelardi must each serve a probationary period of a minimum of 12 weeks and maximum of 52 weeks. Both employees currently hold permanent status in the Senior Custodian title, have taken the promotional examination, and scored in the 90-95 range, confirming their eligibility and readiness for advancement.

2. Resignation

(a) Jisun Shin, part-time School Monitor
Location: Springhurst Elementary School
Effective: September 21, 2026

Note: Ms. Shin is being appointed as K-12 Teaching Assistant. She has worked as a part-time monitor at Springhurst since 2024.

3. Probationary Appointment

(a) Natasha Morosoff, Teacher Aide (Special Education)
Location: Dobbs Ferry School District
Status: Probationary / Full Time / 10-month
Effective: September 30, 2026, *pending fingerprint clearance
Duration of Probationary Period: September 30, 2026 - November 30, 2027
Compensation: Teacher Aide, Step 4 ($30,339) prorated.

Note: N. Morosoff replaces a vacant position in the high school. In accordance with Westchester County civil service rules, N. Morosoff must serve a probationary period of a minimum of 12

weeks and maximum of 52 weeks. Effective date and probationary start date commence upon fingerprint clearance.

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

P. Sullivan-Nunes moved and D. Wood seconded, to approve the civil service personnel recommendations.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

10.03 Establishing a Study Committee for the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme in the 2026-27 school year.

Be it resolved, that the board of education hereby approves the recommendation of the superintendent to establish a study committee for the 2026-27 school year to help determine if the district should pursue candidacy and authorization for the International Baccalaureate Organization's Primary Years Programme.

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

10.04 Policy Revision - First Reading

In accordance with Policy 2410, the board conducted a first reading of the following policies:
1. 5040: Student Religious Expression (new policy).
2. 5150: School Admissions
3. 5152: Non-Resident Students
4. 5152.1: Admissions of International Students (new)
5. 5162: School Dismissal Procedures
6. 9100: Employee Religious Expression (new)

P. Sullivan-Nunes gave an overview of the proposed revisions to policies 5150 and 5152 and D. Wood gave an overview of the proposed revisions to policies 5162 and 9100. (Application of editing conventions, clarification of language, updated links to cross-referenced policies, removal of duplicated language, application NYSSBA recommendations).

P. Sullivan-Nunes reviewed new policy 5040 - Student Religious Expression.
D. Wood reviewed new policies 5152.1 and 9100 - Admission of International Students and Employee Religious Expression.

The proposed revisions to the policies are posted to the district website.

APPROVED MINUTES

10.05 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 September 25, 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 September 25, 2026.

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

S. Reddy moved and D. Davis seconded, to approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

10.06 Acceptance of PTSA Grants

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 $4,441.00:

Name of Grant	Teacher(s)/Staff	School	Amount
Slam Poetry Materials for MAC Field Day	Christina Fitzmorris	DFHS	$325.00
Peter & the Starcatcher Play Production Consultant	Georga DeFalco	DFMS	$1,500.00
Tri-M Honor Society Trip to NY Philharmonic	Paul Huneke	DFHS	$1,616.00
Middle School Musical Make-up Artist	Nathalie Delvecchio-Molina	DFMS	$1,000.00

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the PTSA grants.

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

B.Bass thanked the PTSA for their continued support of our schools.

10.07 Acceptance of Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation 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 Schools Foundation for the Paws to Learn Program, in an amount not to exceed $3,150.00, to pay for therapy dog services at Springhurst Elementary School.

B. Bass requested a motion to approve the foundation grant.

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

B.Bass thanked the PTSA for their continued support of our schools.

10.08 Approval of Vendor Agreement - Blue Path Therapy Dogs

Be it resolved, that the board of education of the Dobbs Ferry School District hereby approves an agreement with BluePath Service Dogs of Carmel, New York, for the 2026-2027 school year to provide educational and therapeutic services at Springhurst Elementary School.

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

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

11. Citizen Comments

11.01 Notice

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12. Old Business

B. Bass announced a last call for a NYSSBA delegate if anyone other than P. Sullivan-Nunes wanted to serve as delegate.

13. New Business

None

14. Upcoming Meetings

14.01 Calendar

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 - 7:00 p.m. - MS/HS Library
- Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 - 7:00 p.m. - MS/HS Library
- Regular Meeting

15. Required Reports from Administrators

15.01 Required Reports from Administrators

The board acknowledged the biennial report on the prohibition of idling provided by the Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities, and Operations.

16. Adjournment

B. Bass requested a motion to adjourn the September 29, 2026 meeting at 9:01 pm.

D. Wood moved and M. Walker seconded, to adjourn the September 29, 2026 meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays