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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY – 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Ms. Jacqueline Edwards, President, Mr. Richard Ross, Vice President, Mr. Jonathan Fiore, Mr. Steve King, Mr. Rick Surprenant, Mrs. Traci Welch and Mrs. Janet Wroblicki

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Kathy Houghton, Mr. Michael Spost, Dr. René Wilson, Mrs. Lisa Stamboly, Mr. Bill Lachut, Mrs. Paula Ann May and 4 visitors and guests

1. Meeting Call to Order

Ms. Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.1 Pledge to the Flag

Mr. Surprenant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Acceptance of Agenda

Mr. King made the motion to accept the Agenda seconded by Mrs. Welch.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion carried.

The Board changed the order of 1.3 and 1.4. Mr. Snowburg from Hunt went first.

1.4 Hunt EAS Capital Project Update – C. Snowburg

Mr. Snowburg was happy to report that he received word at 10 a.m. today that SED signed off and approved the Capital Project. There was also a review project meeting in March and everything was incorporated. Bid documents have been prepared and sent to Data Flow. Data Flow has the best pricing for bid printing, with offices in Utica, Rochester, Binghamton and Horseheads. The legal notice will run in the paper for five days. Contractors are given four weeks to review and prepare bids. There will be a pre-bid meeting on May 11th at 3 p.m. and bids will be opened at 3 p.m. on May 19th. Hunt will be able to make recommendations to accept bids for the June 7th meeting. Construction will take approximately 5 to 6 months and that will take the project into November. There will be more conversation with the Clerk when we award the contracts.

The 2015-16 Capital Outlay Project we talked about is for security cameras. The paperwork is being finalized with Day Automation as our State bid vendor. We have asked them to break out the equipment for the Capital Outlay as soon as possible so that a submission can be made to SED. We fully believe this project will be getting approved very quickly. We already have a verbal commitment from our Project Manager at SED, Debbie Johnson for lockers and science room upgrades. We have also started talking about next year's capital outlay.

Mr. King asked if an earlier meeting to approve the bids would speed up the process.

Mr. Snowburg said a Letter of Intent stating the Board of Education fully intends to aware the bid will allow the bidder to get the necessary insurance and bonds before they set foot on school district property. They will also secure and hire subcontractors so having a Board Meeting does not necessarily speed up the process.

Mr. Ross asked if the time frame for ordering the steel looks doable.

Mr. Snowburg said we are still looking at 6 – 8 weeks for steel delivery. If the bids are awarded on June 7th and the steel is secured, then we are still looking at a month's worth of demolition, footing and concrete before the steel is necessary. Everything should coincide.

Mr. Snowburg believes we can move forward and get proposals for the second 2016-17 Capital Outlay Project. It is more important to look at how these bids come in because we are concerned with the ventilation.

Mr. Ross inquired about the extra auditorium door on the side and Mr. Snowburg said that it has been added.

1.3 2016-17 4th Budget Presentation

Ms. Houghton presented the following PowerPoint for the 4th Budget Presentation:

**New York Mills^{1,3}
 Union Free
 School District**

2016-17 Budget Presentation #4
Tuesday, April 19, 2016

School District Mission

The mission of the New York Mills Union Free School District is to help students become motivated, responsible, caring individuals by providing resources and a safe, supportive environment that encourages students to pursue excellence.

Provide programs, resources, and facilities that will ensure all students are given equal opportunities to achieve higher district, state, and national standards.

Provide staff development to all employees that will enable them to elevate their skills, knowledge, and attitude in order to help our students achieve excellence.

Promote school pride and spirit through a partnership with the community.

Budget Decisions Driven by District Goals

Included in Budget

- Capital Outlay Project \$100,000
- Bond Anticipation Note \$90,507
- Purchase Two New Buses \$149,606
- New Administrative Structure \$7,561
- School Resource Officer \$75,500 (Inclusive of Extra-curricular Events)
- New Elementary Reading Program \$45,000
- .5 FTE Building Maintenance Worker \$18,460
- Middle School Keyboard Class \$16,195
- Senior Seminar \$16,078
- .2 FTE BOCES Curriculum Specialist \$15,000
- Rotating Elementary Bus Monitor \$3,748

Total = \$537,655

State Aid

Total Aid Increase
 Increase for 2016-17 is \$247,437 (including OEA) less than earlier run due to declining enrollment

Possible Aid Loss
 If 2012(d)-compliant APFR Plan not SED approved by September 1 could result in a total aid loss of \$969,481

If Aid is Lost:

- Fund Balance is available for a limited time to sustain normal spending increases.
- Debt Service funds can be used to offset decreases in aid.
- The District will develop a systematic plan.

**School Aid 2016-17
 State Budget**

Budget & Tax Levy Limit:

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| 2015-16 Budget | \$13,518,389 |
| Proposed 2016-17 Budget | \$13,517,666 |
| Budget to Budget (Decrease) | (.005334%) |
| State Aid Increase | \$247,437 |
| Projected Tax Levy Increase | 0% |
| Allowable Tax Levy Limit | 1.1738% (approximately \$69,797) |

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New York Mills Union Free School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$13,517,666 as a general fund appropriation for the 2016-2017 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefor.

Proposition # 1 - 2016-2017 Budget

Resolved that the Board of Education of the New York City District Five School District is hereby authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 2111 of the Education Law for the term of the 2016 Building Capital Reserve Fund, with the purpose of such fund being to finance, in whole or in part, the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement and replacement of school buildings and facilities, such Capital Reserve Fund to be made up of the following amounts: (i) the amount of such fund to be \$100,000,000 plus any other amounts; the amount of such fund to be 10 years, but such length shall be approved and extended in accordance with the Education Law; and (ii) funds are established, and the proceeds from such fund shall be obligated for such purposes as if provided from a separate appropriation from time to time, and (iii) any unobligated fund balance available to the Board of Education from time to time, and (iv) New York State Aid monies and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as provided by law.

Proposition #2

Resolved that the Board of Education of the New York City District Five School District is hereby authorized to establish a Transportation & Vehicle Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 2111 of the Education Law for the term of the 2016 Transportation & Vehicle Reserve Fund, with the purpose of such fund being to finance, in whole or in part, the purchase of school buses, vehicles and equipment that will be eligible for financing under the State Finance Law, and other transportation-related activities, such as fuel and to be \$20,000,000 plus any other amounts; the amount of such fund to be \$20,000,000 plus any other amounts; the amount of such fund to be 10 years, but such length shall be approved and extended in accordance with the Education Law; and (ii) funds are established, and the proceeds from such fund shall be obligated for such purposes as if provided from a separate appropriation from time to time, and (iii) any unobligated fund balance available to the Board of Education from time to time, and (iv) New York State Aid monies and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as provided by law.

Proposition #3

- Monday, April 19
 - Thursday, April 21
 - Tuesday, April 26
 - Monday, April 25
 - Tuesday, May 3
 - Wednesday, May 11
 - Tuesday, May 17
- School Board candidate nominating meetings are due at the office of the Clerk of the District.
 - Last possible day to Approve Budget.
 - District must transmit Property Tax Report Card to SED on 20 days after budget adopted.
 - District must complete budget detail 7 days before Public Hearing.
 - Last possible day for districts to transmit their property tax report card to the State Education Department.
 - Public Budget Hearing
 - Deadline for mailing Budget Notices
 - Annual Budget Vote and School Board Elections
- Budget Timeline**

Proposed 2016-17 Budget

\$13,517,666

Budget to Budget Decrease (.0053334%)

Recommendation: Board Adoption

- Budget makes best use of available funds and should be adopted by the Board of Education
- No Budget Increase
- No Tax Increase

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| Monday, April 19th | Final submitted notices to processors. (If processors allow, final notices may be submitted in the event of annual election) |
| Monday, April 19th | Board of Education Meeting |
| Friday, April 21st | Last possible date to approve Budget |
| Friday, April 22nd | District must transmit Property Tax Report Card to SED on 20 days after budget adopted |
| Monday, April 26th | District must complete budget detail (7 days before Public Hearing) |
| Monday, April 25th | Public Budget Hearing |
| Monday, April 26th | Deadline for mailing Budget Notices |
| Wednesday, May 11th | Deadline for mailing Budget Notices |
| Monday, April 19th | Budget Vote (Item 7 - Page 3) |

Timeline

Board Decision-Making

Mr. Fiore thinks based on the circumstances said he would like to see a cut in taxes and offset the tax balance.

Mr. Ross is happy with 0% but would also support a small decrease.

Mrs. Welch is comfortable with 0%.

Mrs. Wroblecki asked if we were to have a decrease, how would year 2 or 3 look with everything staying the way it is because it is the taxpayers' money given to us in good faith. How much money would be used from the Debt Service?

Mrs. Stamboly explained that you would not have the additional \$87,000 that you could have raised. The reason we saved money is because we planned for the unknown. As things play out in the budget each year you have to plan for a high cost child, unsettled contracts, and increases in retirement and health insurance. We are not going to put any additional burden on the taxpayers.

Mr. King supports the budget as presented with a 0% tax increase.

Ms. Edwards thinks a decrease would be nice. The problem we have here is that we talked a lot about this extra money and started putting it towards Universal Pre-K. We are not doing Pre-K and the taxpayers are keenly aware we have that money. She said she would support a tax reduction.

Mrs. Welch said if we have a tax decrease, then we will not be able to raise that money forevermore. In years past, the community has been in support of the budget. Going forward, if we are not going to put more of a burden on taxpayers, with so many unknowns her recommendation is to go with Mrs. Stamboly's recommendation and re-evaluate next year.

Mr. Fiore said if we are not projecting this aid, if we don't get an agreement signed, he thinks we could survive without the extra \$90,000 of the \$250,000 especially if we use some of the \$1.3 million to offset taxes.

Ms. Edwards said she has a tendency to agree. It frightens her to agree.

Mr. King made the motion to accept the budget of \$13,517,666 with a 0% increase seconded by Mr. Surprenant.

Mr. Fiore made the motion to amend the budget proposed with a 1.25% decrease seconded by Mr. Ross.

First motion for \$13,517,666 budget
Yes 4 No 3
Mr. Fiore, Ms. Edwards and
Mr. Ross voting Nay
Motion carried.

Second motion for 1.25% decrease to budget
Yes 3 No 4
Mr. Surprenant, Mrs. Welch and

Mrs. Wroblecki voting Nay
Motion failed.

\$13,517,666 Budget adopted

2. Communications

2.1 From the Floor

Mrs. Marley pointed out that we have some hard working compassionate teachers. Our teachers are under a great deal of pressure and they are dedicated and committed.

2.2 President's Messages

- a. Committee Report(s)- N/A
- b. Board Calendar – N/A
- c. BOCES Representative Report – N/A

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Board of Education Minutes – N/A
- 3.2 Business Office Reports – N/A
- 3.3 CSE Reports – N/A

4. Old Business – N/A

5. New Business

- 5.1 Personnel Report – N/A
- 5.2 Adopt 2016-17 Proposed Budget – Action
- 5.3 BOCES Administrative Budget - \$3,537,982 for 2016-17

Mr. King made the motion to approve the BOCES Administrative Budget seconded by Mrs. Welch.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion carried.

- 5.4 Elect Four Members to the BOCES Board – Mr. Michael Moore, Clinton Central School District; Mr. Gary P. Nelson, Holland Patent Central School; Dr. Gary W. Porcelli, New York Mills Union Free School District; and Mr. Russell Stewart, Waterville Central School

Mrs. Wroblecki made the motion to elect all four members to the BOCES Board seconded by Mr. King.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion carried.

- 5.5 Cooperative Bidding Resolution – Action

Mr. Fiore made the motion to approve the Cooperative Bidding Resolution seconded by Mr. King.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion carried.

5.6 Temporary Use Agreement with Oneida County – Action

Mr. Fiore made the motion to approve the Temporary Use Agreement with Oneida County seconded by Mr. Surprenant.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion carried.

5.7 Building Use from D Squad Youth Basketball 4/30 – 5/1/2016 – Action

Mr. King made the motion to approve the Building Use Form from D Squad Youth Basketball seconded by Mr. Fiore.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion carried.

6. Building Reports – N/A

7. Superintendent's Report – N/A

8. Board Discussion

Mrs. Wroblecki said that listing to Mrs. Stamboly there is a possibility that we only will have one and one half years to stay afloat maybe down the road we may have to consider reaching out to another area school.

Ms. Edwards said she wants to do anything we can to preserve our district.

9. Visitors Comments

Mr. Spost said that 3020(c) is the past and 3020(d) is the present, and the number one goal should be the survival of New York Mills. This bill has been passed in the assembly and not in the senate. Our plan is to have the APPR ready and pull the pin if they say do this or you don't survive. Regarding the Focus District, he said he was literally going to give a Spanish test to all Board Members. We are identified for students with disabilities. Seventy-five percent were identified with Learning Disabilities in reading or reading comprehension. He does think it is more important than ever to get this designation lifted. As much as we agree to preservation, New York Mills Schools needs to be committed to getting it lifted. By every other measure, we are a highly effective school district.

Ms. Edwards agreed with his sentiments and is concerned about the state having such high expectations for individuals that learn differently. To hold them to the same levels, an opportunity is being missed.

Mrs. Hubley spoke up about the parent groups for the Focus District. She did sign up but unfortunately the timing of the meetings is during the day. She is not going to be part of the group. Please consider that those that are working cannot make those days.

10. Executive Session – regarding a particular person

Mrs. Welch made the motion to go into Executive Session to 7:42 p.m. to discuss a particular person after taking a 5-minute recess seconded by Mrs. Wroblecki.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion carried.

Ms. Edwards appointed Ms. Houghton the Clerk Pro-tem.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Ann May
District Clerk

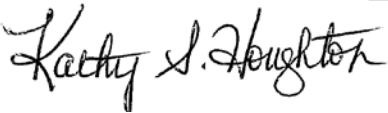
Ms. Edwards called the meeting back into regular session at 9:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Mr. King made the motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Welch.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Houghton
Clerk Pro-Tem