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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017  
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY – 6:30 P.M.**

**1. Meeting Call to Order**

- 1.1 Pledge to the Flag
- 1.2 Acceptance of Agenda
- 1.3 Teacher/Leader Report – New Employees: Mary Beth Abbadessa; Carlleen Taylor, Brittney Kessler, Michelle Nolan, Kelly Sullivan and Grayson Shelton

**2. Communications**

- 2.1 From the Floor
- 2.2 President's Messages
  - a. Committee Report – N/A
  - b. Board Calendar
  - c. BOCES Representative Report

**3. Consent Agenda**

- 3.1 Board of Education Minutes for Meeting held August 15, 2017
- 3.2 Business Office Reports – N/A
- 3.3 CSE Reports
  - a. Minutes of meetings held 8/10/17
  - b. Minutes of meetings held 8/22/17

**4. Old Business**

N/A

**5. New Business**

- 5.1 Personnel Report – Action

**6. Building Reports**

- 6.1 Grade 7-12 Back to School Assemblies
- 6.2 Grade 7 Orientations
- 6.3 Grade 7 Parent Orientation
- 6.4 Jr. Sr. High School parent Night
- 6.5 Elementary Curriculum Night

**7. Superintendent's Report**

- 7.1 Capital Project Update – Building Walk Through
- 7.2 Enrollment
- 7.3 SRO Discussion

**8. Board Discussion**

**9. Executive Session – to discuss Pending Litigation**

**10. Adjournment**

# September 2017

Attendance Office: 315-768-3378  
 Jr.-Sr. High School: 315-768-8124  
 Elementary School: 315-768-8129  
 Bus Garage: 315-768-7948



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3	4 Labor Day	5 Superintendent's Conference Day Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	6 Superintendent's Conference Day	7 First Day of School for Students	8	9
10	11 Grandparents' Day Grade 7 Parent Orientation, 6:30 p.m. Jr.-Sr. HS Parent Night, 7 p.m.	12 Patriot Day Elementary Curriculum Night, 6 p.m.	No School		15	16
17	18 Jr.-Sr. HS Parent Night, 7 p.m.	19 Elementary Pictures	20 Rosh Hashana Begins Elementary Pictures PTSO Mtg., 6:30 p.m., HS Library	21 Jr.-Sr. HS Pictures	22 Rosh Hashana Ends First Day of Autumn	23
24	25	26	27	28 Instrumental Music Recruiting Night, 7 p.m., HS Cafeteria Public Meeting to elect BOCES Board Member	29 Yom Kippur Begins	30 Yom Kippur Ends

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**PRESENT:** Ms. Jacqueline Edwards, President, Mrs. Janet Wroblicki, Vice President, Mr. Bradley G. Frankland, Mr. Steve King, Mr. Rick Surprenant, Dr. Gary W. Porcelli and Mrs. Traci Welch

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Joanne Shelmidine, Mr. Brent Dodge, Mrs. Lisa Stamboly, Mr. Bill Lachut, Mrs. Patty Wary, Mrs. Paula Ann May and 16 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

Mrs. Wroblicki led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Acceptance of Agenda

Mr. King made the motion to accept the Agenda seconded by Mr. Surprenant.

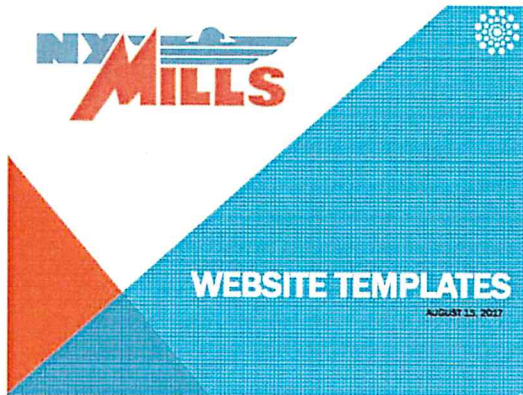
1.3 Nominate Candidate for Board of Education for empty Board Seat

Ms. Edwards nominated Dr. Gary W. Porcelli to fill the vacant Board Seat seconded by Mr. Frankland.

Yes 6 No 0  
Dr. Porcelli will fill  
the vacant Board Seat  
Oath for Board Member  
was administered.

1.4 Website Discussion – J. Palmer, BOCES Senior Public Relations Specialist

Jean Palmer presented the following three options for the new website:



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### TEMPLATE #1 – ATHLETIC INSPIRATION



### TEMPLATE #2 – EXPEDITION



### TEMPLATE #3 – ATLAS



## 2. Communications

### 2.1 From the Floor

Mrs. Hillary Williams, parent of 3 children and an educator of 17 years said she had a special request. Her daughter has played soccer since she was 5 years old. She has attended several soccer camps, plays Coliseum Soccer. Soccer gives her a positive image. AYSO soccer ends at age 12 They can competitively play in college and beyond but there is a training deficit that puts them behind their peers completely. She understands this topic was discussed before but is unsure of the hesitation to try. At least one local school district, Notre Dame, is willing. Please merge soccer at the modified level for a trial.

Mrs. Alicia Albright also spoke about merger modified soccer with Notre Dame. She said it is not there intent to ruin or take away from the school. They understand the importance of it. Her daughter has played since he was 4 years old. And club teams are very expensive. Without having year round experience you don't have the same flexibility cardio vascular system and stamina as in basketball and baseball.

Mr. Schmelcher said hearing these parents plight, they mentioned Notre Dame, it is a neighboring school, but it doesn't have to be a neighboring school. He urged the Board to think about having soccer. The football numbers have been declining for a number of years due to injuries, academics and most small schools are leaving football and going to soccer.

### 2.2 President's Messages

Ms. Edwards reminded the Board Member about scheduling a retreat with Karen Markhoff. Please give your available dates to Mrs. Wroblecki.

Ms. Edwards said she is also waiting for input on the Committees the Board Members would like to serve on. We only have the chairperson for each committee approved so please let Ms. Edwards know the committee you wish to serve on.

Ms. Edwards said the Mrs. Wroblecki has started a notebook to record communications so we don't let anything slip through the cracks.

#### a. Committee Report – N/A

## 3. Consent Agenda

Mr. King made the motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes, 3.1 a – c, seconded by Mrs. Welch.

- ### 3.1 Board of Education Minutes
- a. Meeting held July 11, 2017
  - b. Meeting held July 25, 2017
  - c. Meeting held July 31, 2017

Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 1  
Dr. Porcelli abstained

Motion carried.

- 3.2 Business Office Reports - N/A
- 3.3 CSE Reports

Mrs. Welch made the motion to approve the following CSE Minutes seconded by Dr. Porcelli:

- a. Minutes of meetings held 6/15/17
- b. Minutes of meeting held 7/13/17
- c. Minutes of meetings held 7/18/17
- d. Minutes of meeting held 7/20/17
- e. Minutes of meeting held 8/4/17
- f. Minutes of meetings held 8/7/17
- g. Minutes of meeting held 8/9/17

Yes 7 No 0  
 Motion carried.

4. Old Business - N/A

5. New Business

5.1 Personnel Report – Action

Mrs. Welch made the motion to approve the following Personnel Report seconded by Mrs. Wroblicki:

NAME	TENURE AREA/CIVIL SERVICE TITLE	ASSIGNMENT	CERTIFICATION	SALARY/RATE OF PAY*	EMPLOYEE REPLACING	EFFECTIVE DATE
<b>I. Resignation</b>						
Spaziani, J'Nai		Football Cheerleading				8/1/2017
Babula, Melissa		Hockey				8/1/2017
<b>II. Non-Instructional Appointment</b>						
Abhadessa, Marveth	Office Specialist I	6.5 hours per day for a total of 32.50		\$15.94/hour	D'Amore, Laura	9/5/2017
<b>III. Coaching Appointment</b>						
Babula, Melissa		Co-Varsity Field	C	\$2,080.50	Robarge, Katie	2017-18 School Year
Jarosz, Katie		Co-Varsity Field	TCL	\$2,080.50		2017-18 School Year
Schmelcher, Bill		Modified Field	TCL	\$1,530.00	Babula, Melissa	2017-18 School Year
Zorby, Kim		Football	C	\$1,504.50	Spaziani, J'Nai	2017-18 School Year
<b>IV. Advisor/Coordinator Appointment</b>						
Palmer, Joseph		Athletic Director		\$6,179.00	Griffith, Mark	8/16/2017
Kurgan, John		6th Grade Advisor		\$941.00	Babula, Melissa	2017-18 School Year

Yes 7 No 0  
 Motion carried.

5.2 Resolution to Set Tax Levy – Action

Mr. King made the motion to approve the following resolution seconded by Mrs. Welch:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the New York Mills Board of Education authorizes the School Business Official to collect taxes in the amount of \$3,713,787.91 from the town of New Hartford and \$3,767,387.09 from the town of Whitestown totaling \$7,481,175.00

**THEREFORE**, the tax rate for the 2017-18 school year will be \$27.09 per one thousand dollar of assessed value for the Town of New Hartford and \$32.50 per one thousand dollar of assessed value for the Town of Whitestown.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion carried.

5.3 Policy #5400 Student Transportation Policy – Action  
Mrs. Wroblicki made the motion to approve Policy #5400, Student Transportation seconded by Mr. Surprenant.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion carried.

5.4 Excess list for bid, sale, or disposal of – Action

Mrs. Welch made the motion to excess the following list for bid, sale, or disposal of seconded by Mr. King:

- 2 Sony Trinitron 32” Color Televisions
- 1 Upright Piano
- 1 Uni Vox AMP
- 1 Uni Vox Speaker
- 1 Magnavox Tape Player
- 1 Technics Tuner
- 1 Technical Pro Cassette Player
- 14 Fast & Fold Music Stands
- NYM #538 Computer Screen and Keyboard
- 2 Black Cases

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion carried.

5.5 Building Use Request from PTSO for 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Fair December 2-3, 2017 -  
Action

Mr. King made the motion to approve the building use request from the PTSO seconded by Mrs. Welch.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion carried.

6. Principal Reports – N/A

7. Superintendent's Report – N/A



Dr. Shelmidine said that she met with the President of Hunt, Dan Bower and Chad Snowburg. They both assured her that the cafeteria will be ready for the opening of school. Site work will not be done. He is committed to the cafeteria opening for the beginning of the school year.

## **8. Board Discussion**

Dr. Porcelli said informed the Board that Shirley Burtch from Oriskany also on the BOCES Board of Education passed away yesterday.

## **9. Visitors Comments**

Mr. Markowicz spoke about the cafeteria. He comes here at least twice a week to speak to Sam. No one is working on Friday. The earliest the cafeteria will be done is December. The floor is the only thing being done. Two windows on top of the school are leaking. Mr. Markowicz said as it stands Hunt should be giving you back money. He went over a list of things that he said were done wrong.

Mr. Williams spoke about soccer. There would be zero cost to the district and our kids would play. If there was a cost he would be willing to pay out of pocket. All students should be treated fairly on individual needs.

Mrs. Hubley asked when we would start holding the contractor accountable. You have kids eating in the gym for another school year. She said she has been here several times and no one is working here. Two skylights had to be replaced. The deadline is over a year old. We hear rumors. Update the website as to what is happening. Mrs. Hubley said if she did not meet a deadline where she works she would be held accountable.

Mr. Lachut said on a lighter note, the new music teacher decided to clean out the music room. There is an amp that does not work but does hold sentimental value to Joe Bonamassa Yesterday Joe's father was contacted to see if he would like it. It would be a win win for the district is we donated it to Joe.

Mr. Schmelcher said he works with many contractors and sometimes delays are inevitable. This delay is way too long regardless of who is at fault. It is not just affecting kids, winter sports need all our gyms and one is not available. The elementary kids still are not using their gym.

Mrs. Hubley asked who the Athletic Director is. His name is on the website.

## **10. Executive Session**

Mrs. Wroblecki made the motion to go into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. seconded by Dr. Porcelli to discuss pending litigation.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion carried.

Ms. Edwards appointed Dr. Shelmidine Clerk Pro-tem.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Ann May  
District Clerk

Ms. Edwards called the meeting back into Regular Session at 7:51 p.m.

**11. Adjournment**

Mr. King made the motion to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Welch.

Yes 7 No 0  
Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Shelmidine  
Clerk Pro-tem



# District Enrollment

## NY Mills UFSD

7.2

Grade	Male	Female	Total
<b>Elementary</b>			
K	36	23	59
1	24	25	49
2	10	19	29
3	17	21	38
4	17	19	36
5	18	22	40
6	25	20	45
<b>Elementary Total:</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>296</b>
<b>High School</b>			
7	22	17	39
8	26	21	47
9	23	22	45
10	25	27	52
11	17	23	40
12	17	13	30
<b>High School Total:</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>253</b>
<b>NY Mills UFSD Total:</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>549</b>
<b>Outside Sp. Ed (K-6) Placements</b>			<b>9</b>
<b>Outside Sp. Ed (7-12) Placements</b>			<b>10</b>
<b>House of Good Shepard</b>			<b>1</b>
<b>Alternative Ed. Placements</b>			<b>3</b>
<b>Incarcerated Youth</b>			<b>0</b>
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<b>New York Mills Total Enrollment</b>			<b>572</b>

**TEACHER LOAD 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>Grade Total</u>
Kehrli	K	13	7	20	
Kohn	K	11	9	20	
Nolan	K	13	6	19	59
Bara	1	8	8	16	
Howe	1	7	9	16	
Sacco	1	8	9	17	49
Goodfriend	2	4	10	14	
Zbytniewski	2	6	9	15	29
Massoud	3	10	10	20	
Steffen	3	7	11	18	38
Schmidt	4	8	10	18	
Sroka	4	9	9	18	36
Davis	5	8	10	18	
Grogan	5	9	12	21	39
Babula	6	13	8	21	
Kuhn	6	13	11	24	45

Total Students:

295