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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING & CAPITAL PROJECT HEARING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014 2014
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY – 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Ms. Jacqueline Edwards, Dr. Gary W. Porcelli, Mr. Jonathan Fiore, Mr. Steve King, Mr. Richard Ross, and Mrs. Traci Welch

ABSENT: Mr. Rick Surprenant

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Kathy Houghton, Mr. Michael Spost, Dr. René Wilson, Ms. Lisa Stamboly, Mr. William Lachut, Mrs. Debbie Price, Mrs. Paula Ann May and 3 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

Dr. Porcelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Acceptance of Agenda

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

Yes 6 No 0
Motion carried.

1.3 Teacher/Leader Report – Ms. Aileen Viel with Megan Crist, Adriana Perretta, Caitlyn Mackay, Jordyn Keeck-Beach, and Natalie Ciaccia on “Red Carpet of Leadership” State Conference

Ms. Viel along with Jordyn Keeck-Beach and Natalie Ciaccia presented the following PowerPoint on the State Leadership Conference they attended.

The Red Carpet of Leadership

The 27th Annual
NYS CLSA Conference
Sunday, November 23rd - Tuesday, November 25th
Albany, New York



On Our Way!



Welcome to "Hollywood"



Paparazzi Style...

- Thirty-four school in attendance
- 634 students attended
- Grades 7-12
- P-A-R-T-Y chant!



What it was all about...




NYM – District Eight



Meet and Greet


- Tools for combating prejudice, bullying, drugs, alcohol, and depression
- Idea sharing and networking
- Project planning
- Community service ideas and projects
- Fundraising ideas
- Team building



Benefits for Student Leaders



Networking with Others...



Postcards to Gov. Cuomo



District Meetings



Opening "Ceremonies"



Poster Competition...




'Movie' Success!

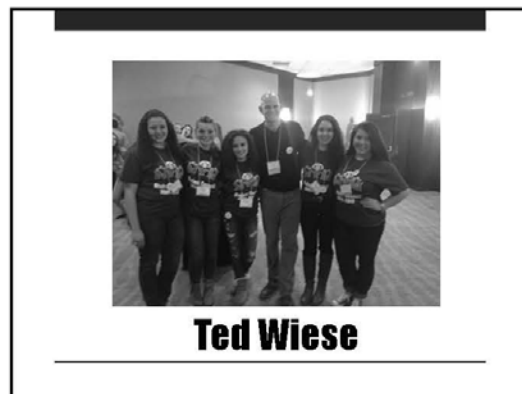


The winner!

- Ted Wiese – “I am #2!”
- Eldridge “El” Broussard – “Leadership is influence.”
- Crystal L. Jackson – “The No Quit Zone”



Guest Speakers...





The Power of Leadership



Day Two – Monday



Breakfast Planning



**Meeting Eldridge
Broussard**



At the Capital...



In the crowd...



Semi-Formal Dinner

**Check out
our sweet
trophy!**



- Jordyn Keek-Beach was elected to the NYS Board of Student Council as a District Eight representative.
- Ms. Viel was also appointed to the Board as an advisor.



Congratulations

2. Communications

2.1 From the Floor

N/A

2.2 President's Messages

Ms. Edwards gave a reminder about the Craft Fair this weekend and the giving tree in the Elementary School.

a. Committee Report(s)

1. Facilities Health & Safety Committee – D. Ross

Mr. Ross reported that the first meeting will be December 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

2. Policy Committee – T. Welch

Mrs. Welch said the committee met on November 18th to review questions given by Dr. Porcelli. There will be no meeting until January.

3. Transportation Committee– Dr. Porcelli

Dr. Porcelli said the committee received cost projections and other materials from Mrs. Price and Mrs. Stamboly. They are reviewing those figures with but they have not had the opportunity to meet and discuss them. It is difficult to get things done in December.

b. Board Calendar

c. BOCES Representative Report

The BOCES Board met on November 12th. They discussed Career and Technology, and in particular dual credit that we have in place, and the P-Tech initiative.

3. Consent Agenda

Mr. King made the motion to approve the following Consent Agenda seconded by Mr. Fiore.

3.1 Board of Education Minutes

a. Minutes of Meeting held November 3, 2014

b. Minutes of Meeting held November 18, 2014

c. Minutes of Capital Project Vote held November 18, 2014

3.2 Business Office Reports for Month ending October 2014

3.3 CSE Reports

a. Meeting held 11/3/14

b. Meetings held 11/5/14

c. Meeting held 11/10/14

d. Meeting held 11/17/14

- e. Meeting held 11/20/14
- f. Meeting held 11/21/14
- g. Meetings held 11/24/14

Yes 6 No 0
 Motion carried.

4. Old Business

- 4.1 2nd reading of Policy #5305, Social Media & Electronic Device Policy; Regulation #5400.1, Spectator Bus Procedures; Policy #5401, Passage of School Buses Across Railroad Crossings; #5500, Display of the Flag; #5501, Dedication and Naming of District Facilities; Regulation #5501.1, Dedication and Naming of Facilities Application; Policy #6004, Substitute Teachers; #8102, Placement, Promotion, Retention of Students

Mrs. Welch made the motion to approve the above polices seconded by Mr. Fiore.

Yes 6 No 0
 Motion carried.

5. New Business

- 5.1 Personnel Report – Action

Dr. Porcelli made the motion to approve the following Personnel Report seconded by Mr. Ross:

EMPLOYEE	CERTIFICATION AREA	CERT	SALARY*	EFFECTIVE DATE
I. Long-Term Substitute Teacher				
Cooney, Raymond	Mathematics 7-12	Y	\$225/day	on or about 4/16/2015
II. Substitute Teachers				
Cotrupe, Daniel		N	\$60.00	12/3/2014
Holtham, Courtney		N	\$60.00	12/3/2014
III. Leave of Absence				
Abel, Steven	Mechanic			11/24/14 -2/24/15

Yes 6 No 0
 Motion carried.

- 5.2 1st reading of Policy #3010, Administrative Intern; #3020, Job Description Superintendent of Schools; #5100, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA); Regulation #5101.2, Automatic External Defibrillation (AED); Policy #5200, School Wellness Policy; #5300, Acceptable Use Policy; Regulation #5300.1, Employee Authorization Form; #5300.2, Student Authorization Form; Policy #5301, Internet Safety Policy; Policy #5302, Use of Security Video Cameras; Regulation #5303.1, New York State Security Breach Reporting Form; #5305.1, Employee Agreement on Use of District Technology Devices, Network, E-Mail and the Internet; Policy #5400, Student Transportation Policy; 5403, Spectator Bus Procedures
- 5.3 Annual Professional Performance Review Plan– Action

Dr. Porcelli made the motion to approve the Annual Professional Performance Review Plan seconded by Mr. King.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion carried.

5.4 Bond Resolution #1

Mr. Fiore presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Mrs. Welch:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 2, 2014 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NEW YORK MILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CONSISTING OF RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MAIN SCHOOL BUILDING AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the New York Mills Union Free School District, New York, at a special meeting of such voters duly held on November 18, 2014, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the class of objects or purposes hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has duly determined that the purpose hereinafter described constitutes a type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act of the State of New York and the applicable regulations thereunder (“SEQRA”) which will not have a significant impact on the environment and such purpose is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The New York Mills Union Free School District shall undertake certain capital improvements to the School District's existing school buildings and facilities, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof, and as generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the School District at a special voter meeting on November 18, 2014.

Section 2. The New York Mills Union Free School District is hereby authorized to issue its General Obligation Serial Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$2,180,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is certain capital improvements consisting of reconstruction of the main school building and facilities within the School District (each such building being a class "A" (fireproof and certain fire resistant) building as defined in Subdivision 11 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of said Local Finance Law), site improvements, and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the aggregate maximum cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$3,180,000, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor; and (b) the New York Mills Union Free School District's plan to finance the cost of said purpose is (i) to provide \$1,000,000 from the existing capital reserve fund for such costs; and (ii) to provide up to \$2,180,000 from funds raised by the issuance of said Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes hereinafter referred to; and (c) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 97 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is thirty (30) years.

Section 6. The New York Mills Union Free School District is hereby authorized to issue its Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$2,180,000, and is hereby authorized to issue renewals thereof, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York in order to finance the purpose in anticipation of the issuance of the above described Bonds.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) there are presently no outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby shall mature within one year of the date of issuance thereof or such longer term as may be desired in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law, (c) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement, and (d) current funds will be provided prior to the issuance of the Bonds or Bond

Anticipation Notes herein authorized, to the extent, if any, required by Section 107.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the New York Mills Union Free School District reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund as may be utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Section 9. The faith and credit of the New York Mills Union Free School District, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 10. The power to further authorize the sale and issuance of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law of New York, including without limitation, the authority to determine whether to accept bids electronically to the extent allowed by Section 58.00 of the Local Finance Law, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, all contracts for, and determinations with respect to credit or liquidity enhancements, if any, and to sell, issue and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and Local Finance Law, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. The President of the Board of Education, Vice President and the District Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature any Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and are hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes the corporate seal of the School District and to attest the same. The President of the Board of Education is additionally authorized (but not required) to execute and deliver a financing agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and any other agreements and documents necessary to accomplish a financing, all as may be determined in the discretion of the President of the Board of Education.

Section 11. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full by the District Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District. The validity of said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with, at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

Yes 6 No 0
Motion carried.

5.5 Bond Resolution #2

Mr. King presented the following resolution and duly moved that it be adopted and was seconded by Dr. Porcelli

BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 2, 2014 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NEW YORK MILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CONSISTING OF KITCHEN AND CAFETERIA IMPROVEMENTS, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE LEVY OF TAXES IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the New York Mills Union Free School District, New York, at a special meeting of such voters duly held on November 18, 2014, duly approved a proposition authorizing the levy of taxes to be collected in installments, in the manner provided by the Education Law, for the class of objects or purposes hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has duly determined that the purpose hereinafter described constitutes a type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act of the State of New York and the applicable regulations thereunder ("SEQRA") which will not have a significant impact on the environment and such purpose is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA; now therefore

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Section 2. The New York Mills Union Free School District is hereby authorized to issue its General Obligation Serial Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,440,290, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as “purpose”) is certain capital improvements consisting of kitchen and cafeteria improvements and expansion and related reconstruction within the School District (each such building being a class “A” (fireproof and certain fire resistant) building as defined in Subdivision 11 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of said Local Finance Law), site improvements, and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the aggregate maximum cost of said purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$1,440,290, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor; and (b) the New York Mills Union Free School District’s plan to finance the cost of said purpose is to provide up to \$1,440,290 from funds raised by the issuance of said Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes hereinafter referred to; and (c) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

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Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) there are presently no outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said Bonds, (b) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby shall mature within one year of the date of issuance thereof or such longer term as may be desired in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law, (c) the Bond Anticipation Notes authorized hereby are not issued in anticipation for Bonds for an assessable improvement, and (d) current funds will be provided prior to the issuance of the Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes herein authorized, to the extent, if any, required by Section 107.00 of the Local Finance Law.

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School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

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the extent allowed by Section 58.00 of the Local Finance Law, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, all contracts for, and determinations with respect to credit or liquidity enhancements, if any, and to sell, issue and deliver said Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and Local Finance Law, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. The President of the Board of Education, Vice President and the District Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature any Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and are hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes the corporate seal of the School District and to attest the same. The President of the Board of Education is additionally authorized (but not required) to execute and deliver a financing agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and any other agreements and documents necessary to accomplish a financing, all as may be determined in the discretion of the President of the Board of Education.

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Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion carried.

5.6 Return of Uncollected Tax Resolution

Mrs. Welch made the motion to approve the resolution for Return of Uncollected Taxes seconded by Mr. Fiore:

Whereas: The Tax Collector's have returned their uncollected tax report which needs to be returned to Oneida County

Resolved: that the Board President of the New York Mills Union Free School District Board of Education is authorized to sign the return of taxes to the Oneida County Office of Finance and application for corrected tax roll and directs the Business Official to process the necessary paper work.

Uncollected Taxes for Oneida County for Tax Year 2012-2013.

Whitestown: \$162,288.36
New Hartford: \$120,658.49

Yes 6 No 0
Motion carried.

5.7 Resolution to Accept Settlement with CMB Oriskany Corp.

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

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Settlement Proposal of the pending tax certiorari proceedings filed by CMB ORISKANY CORP. against the TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, et al, for tax years 2013 and 2014 (Index Nos. 2013-001509 and 2014-001582), which provides that the assessment for the subject properties will be set as follows:

<u>Tax Map Nos.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Assessed</u>	<u>Proposed Value</u>
305.020-3-1.1	51-55 Oriskany Blvd.	\$4,273,000	\$2,800,000
305.020-3-1.3	Whitestown, NY 13495		
305.020-3-1.4			
305.020-3-1.5	313 Oriskany Blvd.	\$95,000	\$88,750
	Whitestown, NY 13495		
305.020-3-2	55 Oriskany Blvd.	\$476,370	\$355,000
	Whitestown, NY 13495		

with a waiver of any and all refunds by the Petitioner, and that the agreed upon valuations of the property shall be maintained for a period of three years pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 727, be and is hereby approved and that the School District's attorneys are hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

The question of adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

Yes 6 No 0
Motion carried.

6. Building Reports

- 6.1 Elementary Building Report
 - a. Elementary Concerts

Dr. Wilson said the Elementary Chorus and Band Concert under Mr. Pierce and Mr. Shrey's direction will take place on the 9th at 7:00 p.m.. The K-3 Concert will be on the 16th at 7:00 p.m. as well under Mr. Piece's direction and the supervision of their teachers and support staff. Please join us. The auditorium is always packed full so it's a nice opportunity to interact with the community you serve, you can see the fruits of our labor in the arts department, and just have fun. It is a wonderful embodiment of the season.

b. Disability Awareness Day

Dr. Wilson said that she is always so proud of Mrs. Zogby and our School District at the event we sponsor. Students are able to get perspective on numerous ways that people are abled differently.

People with learning disabilities and physical disabilities shared with our students their experiences. This also supports our own students with disabilities as they are often a minority among the student body. They are given the opportunity to connect with people who share similar experiences. Guide dogs, therapy dogs, occupational therapists and wheel chair athletes were just some of the workshops being offered.

c. After School Tutoring Program

Dr. Wilson said in an effort to increase the intensity of some of our interventions we are now offering after school help either in the form of remediation or homework help for students at every grade level. Service is being provided by high school and elementary teachers, right now parents provide transportation, some classes run every day and others two or three days a week depending on the teacher's program. STAR data is being used to track the progress of the program and partial funding is coming out of BOCES CORE/Safe Schools Grant.

6.2 Secondary Building Report

a. Jr. – Sr. High School Concert

Mr. Spost said on December 11th our Jr.-Sr. High School Band and Chorus will perform beginning at 7:30 pm in the High School Auditorium. Students began practicing several months ago and the show is always one that creates a festive atmosphere. As the days are getting shorter we invite you to come out and find some joy at this great event.

b. Student Council Activities

Polar Express

On December 12th the Student Council will be hosting Polar Express Night from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. This has been a great event in the past and established yet another NYM tradition. All students K-3 are invited to attend and watch the Polar Express film in their most comfortable pajamas. Parents are welcome to stay or may leave to get a little holiday shopping done. Milk and cookies as well as other treats will be available. Tickets are \$5 and presale tickets are \$4.

Breakfast with Santa

On December 13th the Student Council will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa Event from 9:00 – 1:00 a.m. Children will be able to write letters to Santa, do some coloring, and also complete puzzles. At 10:00 am Santa will arrive and be available for pictures. Parents are welcome to bring their own

cameras. Children under twelve are \$5 and adult tickets are \$9. All funds raised will be used to support student activities

c. Extra-curricular Eligibility Report

Mr. Spost reported that throughout the fall we had 133 students out of 276 in grades 7-12 participating in some type of extra-curricular activity. That is just short of 50% of the student body. We had a high of eight students suspended for a two week period and a low of only two for another two week period. On average we would have four to five suspended for a two week period which is about 3% of all students involved. It appears as if the majority of students will never be impacted by this policy, but we don't know how many it motivated to stay above passing. There will always be some students that need the extra incentive to stay focused and put forth their best effort. As the

winter season approaches, we tend to hover around about 100 or 1/3 of the student boy involved in an extracurricular activity. I anticipate that the policy will impact about the same percentage of students. Students are aware of when the pulls are going to occur and often know the circumstances prior to me discussing it with them since they have the ability to view their current progress twenty-four hours a day seven days a week.

7. Superintendent's Report

7.1 Veterans Exemption

Ms. Houghton shared with the Board a memo with preliminary numbers regarding the potential impact of the Alternative Veteran's Exemption prepared by Oneida County. We currently have 255 parcels receiving the county/town exemption for veterans at an estimated exemption amount of just under \$3.3 million. She told the Board that Lisa Stamboly, District Treasurer is working with State Aid Planning to distribute the estimated total to our two towns and re-run the calculations in order to give us a better idea of the impact to our tax rates. Ms. Houghton then asked the Board if they were prepared to hold a hearing on the Veteran's Exemption at this time. In order to hold a hearing, review the potential financial impact and the input of taxpayers, and make a decision by March 1st; the Board will need to hold a hearing at your January meeting and act on the issue at your February meeting. Dr. Porcelli suggested that the Board hold their hearing on a different night than a Board meeting, or start the hearing earlier than 6:30 p.m. on a Board meeting night. Ms. Edwards recommended that the hearing start at 6:00 p.m. on 1/6, with the meeting starting afterwards. The Board agreed that the hearing will begin at 6:00 and the meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6th. Ms. Houghton reminded everyone that Mr. Mettelman, BOCES Superintendent would be speaking to the Board on January 6th so we will need to keep to our schedule in order to accommodate both events that evening. She told the Board that she would get some guidance from our school attorney on the public hearing process, including holding a hearing prior to a meeting.

7.2 Smart Schools Bond Act

Ms. Houghton said The Smart Schools Bond Act was approved by voters in the November 4th election. New York Mills' Smart School allocation is \$379,261. Ms. Houghton shared with the Board a Q & A document provided to Superintendents by our State Aid Planning service. There are four types of

projects that are eligible for funding for capital projects: learning technology equipment or facilities, high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity, construct, enhance or modernize facilities to accommodate pre-K or replace classroom trailers, or install high-tech security features in school buildings and on school campuses. She recommended that the district focus on high-tech security, followed by learning technology. Dr. Porcelli asked about using the money for pre-K. Ms. Houghton replied that although she would love to have pre-K at New York Mills, there is still no state funding for pre-K. If we build facilities for pre-K, we would need to shoulder the full program cost in order to implement a program. The Board agreed with Ms. Houghton that security, then instructional technology should be our district focus with these funds. We will work with our architects to utilize these funds as part of our capital planning process.

7.3 Capital Project

Ms. Houghton thanked the Board and public again for the overwhelming support for both capital project propositions. Now that we are moving forward with all components of the project, including the cafeteria expansion, she will be working with the Class of 1940 and the families of Julie Baron and Tracey Ouimette to plan for the relocation and/or replanting of three legacy items. Ms. Houghton has a meeting scheduled with the class of 1940 on December 11th and will re-contact both families again to move forward with these plans. We will also need to approve a Clerk of the Works, which our interview committee should be ready to do at our January meeting. She will work with the school attorney and architect to finalize our Clerk contract prior to the holidays.

7.4 Foundation List

Ms. Houghton asked the Board how they would like to proceed with the current potential fundraising project list that was previously provided to the Foundation.

Mr. King made the motion to resubmit the following School Foundation List seconded by Dr. Porcelli:

- Enrichment Program Slots – Regional Program for Excellence, Colgate Seminar, Career & Technical Education
- Playground repair, improvement, replacement
- Technology – SmartBoards, iPads, notebook computers, portable labs, etc.
Field Trips/Bus Transportation for student enrichment
- Student Locker Replacement Downstairs complete(upstairs/locker-room outstanding)

Yes 6 No 0
Motion carried.

7.5 2014-15 Shared Decision Making Focus

Ms. Houghton shared with the Board that on November 17th a kick off meeting was held with the District Steering Committee and both Building Level Teams. A number of areas were considered for 2014-15 focus: attendance, homework, building a culture of excellence, technology, grading and report cards, and curriculum in the common core era. Both attendance and curriculum were strongly

considered as focus areas but the majority of those present preferred to focus on curriculum. They agreed that the question posed to the two building teams, "What is the most effective way to deliver K-12 instruction in order to meet the Common Core Standards.

8. Board Discussion

Dr. Porcelli wished everyone a nice holiday and an enjoyable time. He expressed some consideration on the passing of Mrs. Miga. He did encounter her several times at National Honor Society. She was proud of the reading/tutoring program. He also said that when, he along with Ms. Edwards met with Mr. Mettelman, \; Mr. Mettelman talked about "One band, one sound." It has been demonstrated with this Board with the work we did with APPR, the building project, and contract negotiations. Congratulations to this Board and kudos to our Superintendent.

Mr. King read an article about going paperless. The Board may want to consider the possibility of doing that.

Ms. Edwards asked Mrs. May, Board Clerk, to work with our Technology Staff and Ms. Houghton to investigate this option.

9. Visitors Comments

Mrs. Price said that last week was our annual 15-minute early dismissal go home drill. This year we did a full go home drill. She was very proud of the parents that stayed away. She said she put on one bus extra per building but we did not need it for the Elementary. Everyone got home. Elementary students were home earlier than normally would be. Things just flowed perfectly, it was excellent

Ms. Edwards said she is very pleased with the job Mrs. Price is doing and how conscientious she is.

Mr. Spost said that we will have a presentation on Cyber-Bullying provided by Greg Auffrey from BOCES on Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m.

10. Executive Session

11. Adjournment

Mr. King made the motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. seconded by Mr. Fiore.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted



Paula Ann May
District Clerk