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**BOARD OF EDUCATION & BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY – 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Dr. Gary W. Porcelli, Vice President, Mr. Gary Markowicz, Mrs. Gail Rice, Mr. Richard Ross, and Mr. Rick Surprenant

ABSENT: Ms. Jacqueline Edwards and Mrs. Traci Welch

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Kathy Houghton, Mr. Michael Spost, Dr. René Wilson, Mrs. Lisa Stamboly, Mr. Bill Lachut, Ms. Debbie Price, Mrs. Paula Ann May, and 20 visitors and guests

1. Meeting Call to Order

Dr. Porcelli called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1.1 Pledge to the Flag

Mr. Surprenant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Acceptance of Agenda

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

Yes 5 No 0
Motion carried.

1.3 Financing of Potential Capital Project – Dr. Rick Timbs, Bernie P Donegan, Inc.

Dr. Timbs discussed financing a potential Capital Project. A planning timeline using December as vote date was handed out and he went over why timing is so important. History of Building Aid Ratios and estimates of the net local share of a project were given to the Board.

2. Communications

2.1 From the Floor

Mrs. Marley spoke on behalf of the NYMTA. She spoke of the victory of the Boys Basketball team as an amazing accomplishment. The majority of the elementary teachers stayed at school on that date. She said the teachers work hard, well beyond the school day. Negotiations during the last month accomplished very little. Figures supplied to the teachers were not accurate. The teachers are two years without a contract and it is too long.

2.2 President's Messages

Dr. Porcelli said that last week's BOCES meeting was postponed to this Wednesday due to weather as well as the Career and Technical Education Center Open House.

3. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Rice made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda but to include the resolution for 4.1, Washington D.C. trip in the minutes of March 4th seconded by Mr. Surprenant.

- 3.1 Board of Education Minutes
 - a. Meeting held March 4, 2014
 - b. Meeting held March 5, 2014
- 3.2 Business Office Reports – N/A
- 3.3 CSE Reports
 - a. Minutes of meetings held 2/27/14
 - b. Minutes of meeting held 2/28/14
 - c. Minutes of meeting held 3/3/14
 - d. Minutes of meetings held 3/4/14
 - e. Minutes of meeting held 3/6/14
 - f. Minutes of meetings held 3/10/14

Yes 5 No 0
Motion carried.

4. Old Business

N/A

5. New Business

- 5.1 Personnel Report – Action

Mrs. Rice made the motion to approve the Personnel Report seconded by Mr. Ross which included:

EMPLOYEE	CERTIFICATION AREA	CERT	SALARY*	EFFECTIVE DATE
Perry, Danine	Literacy (Birth-Grade 6), Students with Disabilities Grades Birth-Grade 2) and Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2)	Y	\$80.00	3/19/2014

Edwards, Bernice			
C.	School Monitor	\$8.00/hour	3/18/2014

Yes 5 No 0
Motion carried.

5.2 Establishing Capital Reserve fund

Mr. Surprenant made a motion to approve the following resolution to establish a Capital Reserve Fund seconded by Mrs. Rice:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the New York Mills Union Free School District, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law there is hereby established a capital reserve fund for the New York Mills Union Free School District, New York, which shall be designated as the "2014 Building Capital Reserve Fund" of said School District.

Section 2. Such 2014 Building Capital Reserve Fund is hereby established for financing, in whole or in part, the following objects or purposes of said School District:

Construction, reconstruction and improvement of school buildings and facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus incidental thereto, and the purchase of furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus separately; provided that such capital costs are an object or purpose that would be eligible for financing under the Local Finance Law, and costs incidental thereto.

Section 3. The ultimate amount of such Fund shall be \$1,000,000 plus earnings thereon.

Section 4. The probable term of such Fund shall be ten (10) years, after which time no further funds may be transferred to such Fund, unless previously extended by the voters, but such Fund shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted.

Section 5. The source from which the funds for such Fund will be obtained is as follows: (i) an initial deposit of \$450,000 to be transferred from the existing Repair Reserve Fund, and (ii) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (iii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and (iv) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all to the extent permitted by law.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect upon the approval thereof by a majority of the qualified voters of said School District voting on a proposition therefor submitted at the annual or a special district meeting of said School District, the details of which shall be specified by a further resolution of this Board of Education. Upon such approval, no further action of this Board of Education will be required to perfect the establishment of such Reserve Fund.

Section 7. The form of proposition to be so submitted shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION #___

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the New York Mills Union Free School District is hereby authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law (to be known as the "2014 Building Capital Reserve Fund"), with the purpose of such fund being to finance construction, reconstruction, improvement and equipping of school buildings and facilities; such capital costs being of a type that would be eligible for financing under the local finance law, and costs incidental thereto, the ultimate amount of such fund to be \$1,000,000, plus earnings thereon, the probable term of such fund to be 10 years, but such fund shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted, and the sources from which the funds shall be obtained for such Reserve are (i) an initial deposit of \$450,000 to be transferred from the existing Repair Reserve Fund, and (ii) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (iii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and (iv) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law.

Yes 5 No 0
Motion carried.

6. Building Reports – N/A

7. Superintendent's Report

7.1 Construction Manager/Clerk of the Works RFP

Ms. Houghton explained the difference between a Construction Manager and a Clerk of the Works and asked for direction.

Mr. Ross said he was comfortable with a Clerk for our Project. He said a Construction Manager would be needed for a much larger project. Board Members present were in agreement with Mr. Ross.

7.2 State Aid/Legislative Advocacy

Ms. Houghton said that she has done a great deal of advocacy this month on behalf of the school district and our local BOCES. She thanked Mrs. Rice and junior Mitchell Rochon, a BOCES Culinary I student for assisting with these efforts at Capital Conference Lobby Day on March 10th.

7.3 2nd Budget Presentation

Ms. Houghton and Mrs. Stamboly presented the second 2014-15 Public Budget Workshop using the following PowerPoint slides for Board discussion.

**NEW YORK MILLS
UNION FREE
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**2014-15
Public Budget Workshop #2
Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

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.

**BUDGET DECISIONS DRIVEN BY
DISTRICT GOALS**

- 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.

HISTORY

School Year	Budget to Budget Inc	Tax Levy
2008-2009	4.08%	3.64%
2009-2010	-.02%	2.98%
2010-2011	3.15%	3.00%
2011-2012	2.06%	3.00%
2012-2013	2.55%	2.72%
2013-2014	2.74%	2.02%

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o BOCES Regents Reform Agenda Technology Integration Services and Platform Common Core \$73,126 o Health Insurance o Payroll/Contractual Obligations \$179,094 	COST INCREASES \$252,220
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Teacher Retirement \$39,501 o Reduction in Health FTE \$23,953 o Social Studies Reconfiguration \$25,000 o Transportation Reconfiguration \$30,000 o Initial Response Team \$30,000 o BOCES School Physician \$14,641 o Clerical Staffing \$4,400 	COST SAVINGS \$167,495
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Grade	2 Sections of Students	Grade Total
K	18	
K	17	35
1	21	
1	20	41
2	23	
2	22	45
3	19	
3	19	38
4	22	
4	21	43
5	24	
5	23	47
6	27	
6	26	53
Total Students		302

**PROJECTED
 2014-15
 TEACHER
 LOAD YEAR**

1 Elementary Classroom Teacher \$70,532	Additional Teacher Not Recommended Unless Enrollment Increases Decision Needed <small>— Include in Budget — Remove from Consideration</small>
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TEACHING ASSISTANTS VS. SCHOOL MONITORS		
3 Special Education Teaching Assistants	Abolish 3 School Monitor Positions	1 Teaching Assistant for 6th Grade
Plus	Minus	Plus
\$60,000.00	\$50,820.00	\$20,000.00

\$29,180
Increase
Recommended
Decision Needed
— Include in Budget
— Remove from Consideration

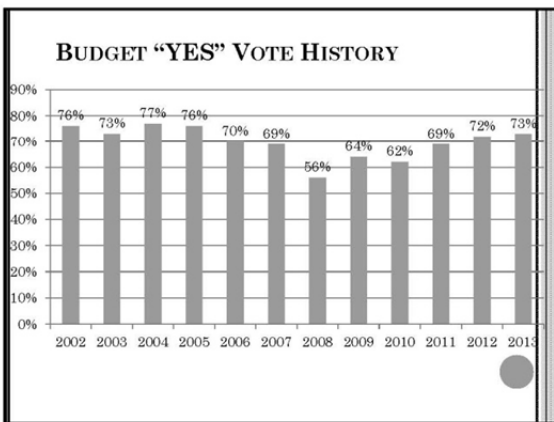
TAX LEVY LIMIT

Not really a “cap” or a “limit”
 A threshold for level of voter support needed

“Tax Levy Limit”
 Calculated by each district
 Every district has a different tax levy limit

“Super Majority”
 Over “tax levy limit” 60% of voters must approve

“Simple Majority”
 Under “tax levy limit” more than 50% of voters must approve



DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

Decision-Making

**REQUESTED HISTORICAL INFORMATION
FISCAL YEAR 2013-14**

2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Tax Rates
o 1% to 2013-14 Budget = \$128,984.55	o New Hartford = \$25.75/\$1,000
o 1% to 2013-14 Levy = \$71,750	o Whitestown = \$31.55/\$1,000
	o 2013-14 Tax on True = \$22.40/\$1,000

2014-15 BUDGET TAX LEVY LIMIT

2013-14 Budget	\$12,898,455
Proposed 2014-15 Budget	\$13,150,675
Budget to Budget Increase	1.96%
Projected Levy Increase	2.98%
Allowable Tax Levy Limit	3.0516%

BUDGET TIMELINE

o Tuesday, April 1	Board of Education Approval of Budget
o Saturday, April 5	Legal Notice Budget Hearing & Board Member Election
o Tuesday, April 22	Deadline for Board of Education Candidate petitions
o Tuesday, April 22	Regular Board Meeting to elect BOCES Board Members and Approve or Disapproval of the Tentative Administration Budget
o Tuesday, May 6	Public budget Hearing
o Wednesday, May 7	Budget Notices mailed
o Tuesday, May 20	Annual Budget Vote & Board Member Election

Discussion ensued about having a separate proposition for the School Resource Officer. The Board members present were polled and it was agreed to leave the School Resource Officer in the budget.

Ms. Houghton asked if the Board Members were onboard to support the staffing proposed on the PowerPoint. These Board members present agreed to the budget staffing as proposed.

8. Board Discussion

Dr. Porcelli reminded everyone to turn in the Superintendent's Evaluation if they haven't already done so.

Mrs. Rice said that she went to Glens Falls and was happy to come home State Champion. What a great show of support from the community members, parents, staff. Looking out onto the court our boys were in uniform from head to toe. They looked sharp. We worked as a team to accomplish our victory.

Dr. Porcelli said that he was pleased to hear the announcers reflect your thoughts.

Mrs. Rice said that in Glens Falls she met the coach whose team beat us last year. They spent the whole season looking forward to playing us but lost in the semi-finals. Mrs. Rice said that our team is a class act from coaches down to managers.

9. Visitors Comments

Mrs. Hamarowicz wanted to congratulate Mr. Adey and the New York Mills Basketball Team for a successful season. She also commended the Board for providing Mr. Adey with the resources to be successful. She went on to say that it was her hope that the Board would give her students the same support. The Board needs to ensure that class sizes are small enough. Some of our classrooms are not big enough size wise for the number of students in them. Grades 4, 5 and 6 lose the bubble (extra section), but yet they go into three sections at the 7th grade level. This is unfair to the intermediate teachers who are trying to bridge the gap.

Mrs. Sparacino spoke in favor of small class sizes. She has children in another school district and their class size is 17. They are so prepared for middle school. As a teacher here she has had class sizes of 13 and 27. She is now an AIS Reading teacher. The gap is huge. Meeting students in small groups can help close the gap.

Dr. Wilson said that she thinks we have a wonderful basketball team. Athletics is a huge piece and it is the glue that holds this community together. She commented that some of the teachers' stayed back instead of going to see the game to get ahead and plan. They put academics first. It was a sacrifice because they clearly could have gone and celebrated. We have a dedicated staff.

10. Executive Session

N/A

11. Adjournment

Mrs. Rice made the motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. seconded by Mr. Ross.

Yes 5 No 0
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Ann May".

Paula Ann May
District Clerk