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Gail Rice
Richard Ross
Rick Surprenant
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY – 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Ms. Jacqueline Edwards, President (arrived at 6:50 p.m.), Dr. Gary Porcelli, Vice President, Mr. Gary Markowicz, Mrs. Gail Rice, Mr. Richard Ross, Mr. Rick Surprenant, and Mrs. Traci Welch

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Kathy Houghton, Mr. Michael Spost, Dr. René Wilson, Mrs. Lisa Stamboly, Mr. William Lachut, Mrs. Paula Ann May, and 7 visitors and guests

1. Meeting Call to Order

Dr. Porcelli called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.1 Pledge to the Flag

Mr. Markowicz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Two students invited the Board Members to the Elementary Musical on Friday, November 8th.

1.2 Acceptance of Agenda

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

Yes 6 No 0
Motion carried.

**1.3 Teacher/Leader Report
a. Board Appreciation**

Ms. Houghton recognized the Board of Education for their service to the school district in honor of School Board Member Appreciation Week.

b. Officer Nancy Nicholl, School Resource Officer

Office Nicholl spoke to the Board about what has been done to prepare the staff and students in the event of any emergency. She reviewed the district's completion of fire, lock down, and evacuation drills, as well as her work with alternate evacuation sites and crisis team planning.

c. Debbie Price, Bus Dispatcher

Ms. Debbie Price introduced herself to the Board of Education. She said she was a 1987 graduate of New York Mills. She has worked for Birnie Bus and has worked her way up from the bottom. She has done bus dispatching, billing, and payroll. She enjoys the interaction with the public and the children. She said that she's been told that she has a lot of compassion. She thinks her transition has been pretty smooth. Though she's only been here since December everyone is more than willing to help.

2. Communications

2.1 From the Floor

N/A

2.2 President's Messages

a. Committee Report(s)

1. Building & Grounds – D. Ross

Mr. Ross reported that 7 members met on October 21st to reduce the list of 8 architects to 4. Requests for Proposals have been sent; the committee will interview and send the final two to the Board. December 9th and 16th are the tentative dates for second interviews.

2. Health & Safety – D. Ross

Mr. Ross reported that the Health & Safety Committee met on October 29th. Fall fire drills and lock down drill seemed to go well. The building walk through was postponed because the Buildings & Grounds Committee so recently toured all district facilities. The next meeting is scheduled for January 28th.

Mr. Ross said that since both committees are similar and there are many of the same people on both committees maybe we should merge both committees if it is the consensus of the Board.

3. Policy – J. Edwards

Mrs. Rice reported that the Policy Committee has not had a meeting, nothing to report except that they just reviewed policies.

4. Transportation – Dr. Porcelli

Dr. Porcelli reported that the committee has met and done their due diligence. You have met Mrs. Price and later in the meeting you will see the bidding of the bus runs. The committee has done what it was required to do.

5. District Survey – Dr. Porcelli

Dr. Porcelli said he has not had an opportunity to talk to Mr. Surprenant and we will try to talk and get together. He would like to add Mr. Ross to the committee.

- b. Board Calendar
- c. NYSSBA Convention Report – J. Edwards

Postponed

- d. BOCES Representative Report – Dr. Porcelli

Dr. Porcelli said that he attended the NYSSBA Convention as a member of the BOCES Board and when the Board President asks those of us for a report he will prepare a report.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Board of Education Minutes for meeting held October 8, 2013

Mr. Ross made the motion to approve the Minutes for the meeting held October 8, 2013 seconded by Mrs. Welch. Dr. Porcelli asked that the motion be amended to remove the first comment under Board Discussion on page 8 that he made. Mr. Ross made the amended motion to approve the October 8, 2013 Minutes after removing the line seconded by Mrs. Welch.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion carried.

3.2 Business Office Reports for Month ending September 2013

3.3 CSE Reports

- a. Minutes of meeting held 9/13/13
- b. Minutes of meetings held 10/2/13
- c. Minutes of meetings held 10/3/13
- d. Minutes of meeting held 10/7/13
- e. Minutes of meetings held 10/10/13
- f. Minutes of meetings held 10/11/13
- g. Minutes of meeting held 10/16/13
- h. Minutes of meeting held 10/17/13
- i. Minutes of meeting held 10/22/13
- j. Minutes of meeting held 10/24/13
- k. Minutes of meeting held 10/28/13
- l. Minutes of meetings held 10/31/13

Mr. Ross made the motion to approve the Business Office Reports and CSE Reports seconded by Mr. Surprenant.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion carried.

Ms. Edwards arrived 6:50 p.m. Dr. Porcelli caught Ms. Edwards up on what occurred at the meeting before her arrival.

There were no objections to consolidating the Health & Safety and Building & Grounds committees. Dr. Porcelli said he would like to add Mr. Ross to the Survey Committee and the Transportation Committee adjourned subject to the chair.

Ms. Edwards said that she attended the NYSSBA Convention along with Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Welch and Dr. Porcelli. There was a lot to digest in a short period of time. There were things too numerous to mention. Mrs. Welch attended the Rural Schools Breakfast along with Ms. Edwards and they heard the same concerns from representatives from both large and small rural schools. The Common Core is here to stay. They will adjust accordingly and we have to make the most of it. If anyone that attended would like to give a more extensive report they can do it in December.

Mrs. Rice wanted to thank the Board for the opportunity to learn as much as she could while attending many of the workshops and large group meetings. She said that one of the great things is always the networking. She enjoys meeting other School Board Members and sharing information with them. She also went to the Law Conference. She has a binder of information and will make it available to anyone interested. She also said she was most interested in the use of iPads and personal devices in learning and teaching. That was probably the most awesome workshop.

Ms. Edwards said that people were hunting us down to try to talk to us about the possibility of looking at a building project. They had new and innovative ideas. Mrs. Welch and Ms. Edwards stood through a presentation with Synthesis.

4. Old Business

- 4.1 2nd Reading of policies: #6001, Certificated Personnel: Recruitment, Selection and Assignment; 6002 Certification and Tenure; 6003, Staff Inservice Programs and Credit; 6004, Substitute Teachers; 6005, Stipend Payment of Coaches; 6006 Evaluation of Personnel: Purposes; Regulation #6006.1, Classroom Evaluation Form; 6006.2, Supplemental Evaluation Form; 6006.3, Professional Performance Improvement Plans; 6006.4, Professional Performance Improvement Plan; and Policy #7001, Concussion Policy

Mrs. Rice made the motion to approve the above mention policies seconded by Mrs. Welch.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion carried.

5. New Business

- 5.1 Personnel Report – Action

Dr. Porcelli made the motion to approve the personnel reported seconded by Mr. Markowicz. Mrs. Welch asked to amend the motion to remove IV. 1. for discussion in Executive Session seconded by Mr. Markowicz.

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I. Coaching Resignation

Viel, Aileen	Modified Volleyball			10/18/2013
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II. Coaching Appointment

Bartholomew Kate	Modified Volleyball	C	\$1,456.00	2013-14 School Year
Maunz, Anthony	7th Grade Modified Boys Basketball	C	\$1,456.00	2013-14 School Year
Kinsinger, Alyse	Basketball Cheerleading Advisor	C	\$1,432.00	2013-14 School Year
Kinsinger, Audrey	Volunteer Basketball Cheerleading Advisor		~0~	2013-14 School Year

III. Substitute Appointments

Ruskey, Kristine	Library Media Specialist	N	\$60.00	11/6/2013
			1/200th of B4 Salary per day on or about 11/25/13 to 1/6/14	
Barrett, Amber	Math 7-12	Y	1/6/14	11/25/2013

V. Bus Run

Babiarz, Brenda	Regular P/T Bus Driver 4 runs per day/7 hrs. daily		Per CSEA Contract	11/1/2013
Green, Jim	Regular P/T Bus Driver 2 runs per day/5 hrs. daily		Per CSEA Contract	11/1/2013
Furmanski, Tom	Regular P/T Bus Driver 2 runs per day/4.75 hrs. daily		Per CSEA Contract	11/1/2013
Miller, Doug	Regular P/T Bus Driver 2 runs per day/5.25 hrs. daily		Per CSEA Contract	11/1/2013
Kurgan, John	Regular P/T Bus Driver 2 runs per day M-Th 4.5 hrs. / 5.75 hrs. Fri / 1.5 hrs Sun.		Per CSEA Contract	11/1/2013
Makuszak, Fred	Regular P/T Bus Driver 1 run per day/1.75 hrs. daily		Per CSEA Contract	11/1/2013
Frankland, Robert	Regular P/T Bus Driver 1 runs per day/2.5 hrs. daily		Per CSEA Contract	11/1/2013

5.2 1st Reading of Policy 1103, Disclosure of Annual Professional performance Review (APPR) Data to parents/Legal Guardians; Regulation #1103.1, parent & Guardian Information Guide; #1103.2, Disclosure of APPR Scores to Parents, Background Information Concerning Requests for Teachers and principals Rating Information; #1103.3, Disclosure of APPR Scores to Parents, parent or Legal Guardian Request Form for composite Effectiveness Score and Rating for Teacher or Principal; #1103.4, Report of Classroom Teacher or Principal Overall Final Quality Rating and Composite Effectiveness Score; #7500.1, Education Records

5.3 Approval of Field Trip Resolution

Mrs. Rice made the motion to approve the following resolution seconded by Mr. Surprenant:

Be it Resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the New York Mills School District approves an Overnight Field Trip for the Boys Varsity Basketball Team to participate in the Mirabito Stop-DWI Holiday Classic from December 27 – 30, 2013 in Binghamton, New York.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion carried.

5.3 Acceptance of Donation

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

Be It Resolved that the New York Mills School District accept a \$6,920 award from the Edwin J. Wadas Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of:

Covering the travel cost for the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team's participation in the Mirabito Stop-DWI Holiday Classic in Binghamton, New York to be held in December 23013.

Dr. Porcelli commended the Superintendent for her proactive questioning to the attorney how we would handle this.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion carried.

Mrs. Dziekan said that we are the only Class D School invited to this tournament. She also has 10 extra free invitations to go to the program and have a lunch.

5.4 Budget Timeline

Mr. Ross made the motion to approve the following Budget Timeline seconded by Dr. Porcelli.

Wednesday November 13th through Friday, January 24th	Administration Budget Construction
January 27th - February 7th	Central Office Budget Process
Tuesday, March 4th	Public Budget Workshop
Tuesday, March 18th	Public Budget Workshop
Tuesday, April 1st	Budget should be approved by Board
Saturday, April 5th	1st Legal Notice must appear in newspaper
Tuesday, April 22nd	Submission of petitions for proposition
Friday, April 25th	Last Possible Day to approve budget
Saturday, April 26th no later than	Property Tax Report Card submitted to SED or 24 hours after budget adopted
Tuesday, May 6th	Public Budget Hearing
May 7th - 13th	Budget Newsletter must be published
Tuesday, May 20th	Budget Vote (Noon - 9 p.m.)

Yes 7 No 0
Motion carried.

6. Building Reports

6.1 Elementary Building Report **a. School-Based Inquiry Team Meetings**

Dr. Wilson said that our School-Based Inquiry Teams consist of our classroom teachers, academic intervention Staff, guidance counselors and principal. We dissect the STAR data for math and reading, look at where they fall on the bell curve nationally and within their classroom. In addition we use curriculum based measures, and literacy assessments as well as teacher observations of academic and behavioral performances of the students. We create action plans and interventions for each student in order to help them reach their potentials and close any academic gaps that are

evident. These meetings take place by grade level and really exemplify the practice behind data driven instruction.

b. Elementary Musical

Dr. Wilson said that as you heard from our students the elementary musical is Friday. She wanted to thank Mrs. Cudhea, Mr. Fellone and all of the parents who have worked so hard to positively channel our students' talents and energy into an awesome production of HONK! Jr. Also Mrs. Radomski who runs interference with practices and information between home school.

c. Parent-Teacher Conference set aside days

Dr. Wilson said that through the month of November we have set aside days specifically for the purpose of meeting with all of our students' parents. Teachers share pertinent information with parents with regard to their child's education, and likewise parents are encouraged to share their expertise on parenting and educating their children. In this business we rely heavily on the school-home partnership, and these conferencing opportunities strengthen those ties.

6.2 Secondary Building Report

a. Academic Eligibility

Mr. Spost said The last eligibility pull was on 10/21. Eleven students were failing one subject and five were failing two or more and were suspended. Two students attempted to appeal, but the decision to suspend was upheld. The next pull will be on the 12th of this month once modified volleyball rosters are finalized.

b. Homecoming Activities

Activities included a multiplicity day or twin day, color day in which classes or grade levels were all assigned a color, pajama day, costume day, and of course orange and blue spirit day. Ms. Viel added a new twist in which each class's participation in the activities was tallied. This seemed to encourage competitiveness and participation among the students. I am looking forward to the vigor, energy, and new ideas she is going to bring to an already strong student council.

c. Grades 9-12 Merry-Go-Round Playhouse Performance

came last week on Wednesday and did a performance called The Hounds of Baskerville for grades 9-12. The students thoroughly enjoyed the performance. It is opportunities like these that students enjoy and value that tend to be diminishing as we become obsessed with testing and quantifying students. I will continue to fight to preserve these experiences for our children

d. Turkey Trot

It will be on the 23rd of this month. Registration begins at 9:30. This event is being led by Mrs. Carpenter, who just happens to be the daughter of the legend Jim Dever who has coordinated this event since its inception upon until Megan took it over a few short years ago. It is a great event with significant participation from our community. Please consider attending.

-A few other things that are worth mentioning are that the Student Council hosted a Blood drive on Halloween. This was a highly successful event in which many staff and students participated. They are also working on Adopting Families for Thanksgiving this month and will be delivering meals to

those that are in need at this time. They are also considering reaching out and helping Spring Farm cares to support our four legged friends as well.

7. Superintendent's Report

7.1 K-12 Enrollment

Ms. Houghton reported that overall, enrollment is down by 17 students; 12 from the elementary, 2 from the secondary, and 3 from outside placements. Our district-wide total is 600, down from 617 on August 29th.

7.2 100th Year/100th Day Celebration Planning

Ms. Houghton said the New York Mills Union Free School district was organized and approved in the spring of 1913, with the first year official of instruction under this name beginning in September of 1913. As we commence our 100th year of providing education to the K-12 students of our school community, it seems fitting to celebrate this important anniversary. Toward that end, a 100th Year Planning Committee has been mobilized. Their first meeting was held on Monday, October 28th with nearly twenty people in attendance. The group brainstormed ideas for events to commemorate our 100th year, with a 100th Day of the 100th year celebration for students, a time capsule, an alumni dinner dance, alumni basketball games(s), parade, proclamation, and a t-shirt contest brought forth as possible activities. The committee will meet again on Monday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria and we would love to have additional members join the group. There are many excellent ideas, but each one needs the energies and attention of a committed subcommittee in order to organize multiple activities for this centennial celebration. She asked those present to please consider joining us on the 18th.

7.3 Common Core Parent Workshop

Ms. Houghton said parents and staff at New York Mills Union Free School District will gather on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. to learn more by viewing an EngageNY PowerPoint presentation provided by Kathy Houghton, Superintendent of Schools. She will also share other NYS Education Department resources so that parents can increase their understanding of the New York State Common Core Learning Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics, the instructional shifts required by the Common Core, NYSED expectations for educators, NYSED Common Core-aligned assessments, and implementation resources available through EngageNY.org.

7.4 Regents Reform Agenda Update

Ms. Houghton said we continue to advocate for a sensible implementation of the Regents Reform Agenda, which includes not only the Common Core Learning Standards and Curriculum Modules, but also the Common Core-aligned assessments and all of the requirements associated with the Annual Professional Performance Review of all teachers and principals. The STAR assessments and various locally developed pre- and post-tests those measure students' growth and achievement and are used in conjunction with teacher and principals' Student Learning Objectives add to the concerns about over-testing our students. We continue to work with our Professional Education Committee to refine

our New York Mills UFSD APPR so that it meets the state mandate, but does not overly stress our students and unduly tax our teachers to focus on testing at the expense of learning.

7.5 Dedication of New Veterans Monument

Ms. Houghton said on Veteran's Day, November 11th at 3:00 p.m., there will be a dedication of a new monument for heroes from World War II at Veteran's Park. All in the community are invited.

8. Board Discussion

N/A

9. Visitors Comments

Mr. King said it was a really hard weekend. While doing the PTSO Fall Freak-out, we received news of an accident. Ms. Houghton jumped in and went out to the hospital and did what needed to be done. We are led by an incredible person.

Ms. Houghton said it is a team of people. Everyone on the Crisis Team was here. Everyone worked together.

Mrs. Porcelli said that New York Mills made the Towne Crier.

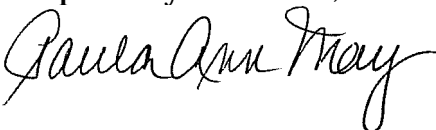
10. Executive Session – to discuss Confidential/Supervisory Contracts

Dr. Porcelli made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Confidential/Supervisory Contracts and item IV. #1 on the Personnel Report seconded by Mr. Markowicz at 7:36 p.m.

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 8:21 p.m.

Mrs. Rice made the motion to approve IV. #1 from the Personnel Report seconded by Mr. Surprenant.

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IV. Instructional Appointment

Finnerty, Michael	Library Media Specialist	Y	Step 8 B+30 + Masters and 21 Credit Hours Pro- rated	12/2/2013	12/2/2015
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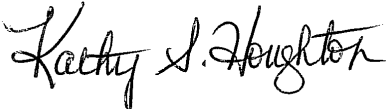
Yes 6 No 1
Mr. Ross voting nay due to
salary of candidate
Motion carried.

11. Adjournment

Dr. Porcelli made the motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Rice.

Yes 7 No 0
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Houghton
Clerk Pro-tem