



**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA**  
**June 7, 2022**  
**6:00 PM - NEW YORK MILLS UFSD LIBRARY**

- Jacqueline Edwards
- Kristin Hubley
- Michelle Jordan
- Scott Carman
- Steve King
- Alicia Albright
- Kimberly Gyore

Agenda Item	Who	Information Distributed	Action	Notes
<b>1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER</b>				
1.1 Pledge to the Flag	K. Hubley		Procedural	
1.2 Reading of the New York Mills UFSD Mission Statement.	A. Albright		Procedural	
1.3 Acceptance of Agenda	J. Edwards	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Gyore / Yes <u>7</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u>   </u>
<b>2. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>				
2.1 President's Message	J. Edwards		Information	Ms. Edwards awarded the Order of the Orange and Blue to Mrs. Albright thanking her for her service to the school. She thanked her for her support to the Sports Boosters and spoke about a Golf Tournament that Alicia had spear-headed previously.
2.2 Internal Auditor's Report	C. Hurlbut		Information	Please see attached report from Internal Audit

<b>2.3 Order of the Orange and Blue</b>	J. Shelmidine		Information	Dr. Shelmidine presented the Order of the Orange and Blue to Mrs. Mary Ellen Peters for her dedicated service to the New York Mills Union Free School.
<b>2.4 BOCES Representative Report</b>	G. Porcelli		Information	None at this time.
<b>2.5 Committee Reports</b>	BOE		Information	
<b>Policy Committee – K. Gyore, S. Carman, A. Albright</b> - <i>We met the end of May, everything is good currently</i>				
<b>Survey/Communications Committee – K. Hubley, K. Gyore</b> - <i>We met prior to this meeting and we discussed plans for the summer and how we want communications to roll out this summer. The biggest struggle right now is that we do not have a BOCES PR person, and we are working at a help-desk type of level. Mrs. Hubley stated that she appreciates how much she appreciates the principals, Dr. Shelmidine and Ms. Scharf for continuing to get communications out to the community.</i>				
<b>Transportation Committee – S. Carman, A. Albright</b> – <i>Nothing at this time</i>				
<b>Health &amp; Safety Committee – S. King, M. Jordan</b> – <i>We are planning a meeting in the near future to talk. With all of the incidents of gun violence currently in the news, he would like to discuss what our responses will be.</i>				
<b>Facilities Committee – M. Jordan, K. Hubley, J. Edwards</b> – <i>Mrs. Jordan referred to Dr. Shelmidine (who will respond later)</i>				
<b>SBI Committee – S. King</b> – <i>Last night several board members attended the Distinguished Service Award member’s dinner to honor Dr. Shelmidine as well as several others. Mr. King stated that he got to speak about Dr. Shelmidine and the things he admires about her.</i>				
<i>After that was over they had an executive committee meeting and they are starting planning for events for next year. There are some really exciting things happening. Again, he suggests everyone take advantage of everything they can make it to, some will be zoom and some will be in person. He hopes to see many of the board members there. Ms. Edwards asked about Mr. Migliori’s suggestions? He spoke about Erin Gruel and Liz Murray. Both are dynamic nationally known speakers that are coming to the area on Tuesday after Columbus Day. The night of Columbus Day, we are going to host them for an SBI event to discuss some of the things they are sharing with other teachers in the area. He said the plan is to do this in hybrid form, if you cannot attend in person, please feel free to do so via zoom. The other speaker is Liz Murray from “Homeless to Harvard.” She was homeless and ended up graduating from Harvard. She tells people about her story and those things are very inspiring. Mrs. Hubley said Ms. Murray credited her success to her teachers and how they built her confidence even though she did not come from the best situation.</i>				
<i>Dr. Shelmidine added that September 1, 2022, staff is coming back and we are all meeting at the Stanley to hear Ms. Warren speak to hear about her story and the power of the teachers in her life and how important and influential they were. It will be a great way to start the school year.</i>				
<b>3. CONSENT AGENDA</b>				

<b>3.1 Approval of 3.2/3.3 Consent Agenda</b>	J. Edwards	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> M. Jordan / Yes __7__ No__0__ Abstain __
<b>3.2 Business Office Reports (Consent)</b>		Yes		
<b>3.3 CSE Reports (Consent)</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> M. Jordan / Yes __7__ No__0__ Abstain __
<b>3.4 Approval of the Previous Minutes</b>	May 3, 2022	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> S. King / Yes __7__ No__0__ Abstain __
<b>3.5 Approval of the Previous Minutes</b>	May 17, 2022	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Gyore / Yes __7__ No__0__ Abstain __
<b>4. OLD BUSINESS</b>				
<b>4.1 Capital Updates</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Information	
<p><i>The hallway doors were delivered today but they were the incorrect doors. They are being installed anyway, we are using them for now, but part of the issue is the on-going supply chain issue. We will be using those until the new doors arrive.</i></p> <p><i>The nurses' office is coming along; we are still waiting for the counter for the work station. Some of the items are being moved back in and we are excited about that.</i></p> <p><i>The old sign is down and the new sign is working. We are thrilled to see all of the senior students up there thank you to Mrs. Facci and Mrs. Maciol.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Edwards brought a concern about the auditorium, and Dr. Shelmidine addressed a leak in the ceiling and that Mr. Fatata will be addressing it this summer. What scope did they do in the capital project of the aud? Dr. Shelmidine noted that there were some blocks that were loose and those were secured as a part of the Capital Project.</i></p>				
<b>5. NEW BUSINESS</b>				
<b>5.1 Personnel Report</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Action 1,3,4,5	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> S. King / Yes __7__ No__0__ Abstain __
	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Action (2.1)	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Gyore / Yes __6__ No__0__ Abstain __1__
<b>5.2 Approval of BOCES Contract/Rental of Facilities/ Distance Learning Classrooms/Summer School.</b>	L. Stamboly	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Hubley / Yes __7__ No__0__ Abstain __

<b>5.3 Resolution for Rental of Facilities/United Academy of the Performing Arts, Inc.</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> M. Jordan / Yes _7_ No _0_ Abstain ___
<b>5.4 Approval of DCMO BOCES Contract/Cooperative Purchasing Resolution.</b>	L. Stamboly	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> M. Jordan / Yes __7_ No_0__ Abstain ___
<b>5.5 Approval of DCMO BOCES Contract/Generic Resolution</b>	L. Stamboly	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Gyore / Yes __7_ No_0__ Abstain ___
<b>5.6 Approval of BOCES Contract/ Cafeteria Supplies and Food Bid Resolution</b>	L. Stamboly	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Hubley / Yes _7_ No__0_ Abstain ___
<b>5.7 Policy 5307 – First Read</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes		
<b>5.8 Approval of Annual Reorganizational Meeting Date Change: Thursday, July 14, 2022.</b>	BOE	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> S. King / Yes _7_ No__0_ Abstain ___
<b>5.9 Request the Use of a School Bus for Summer Recreation Program/Village of NYM.</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> S. Carman/ Yes _7_ No__0_ Abstain ___
<b>5.10 Civil Service Reclassification of (1) RN position to a LPN position.</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> M. Jordan / Yes _7_ No_0__ Abstain ___
<b>5.11 Approval of BOCES Contract/ Drivers Education Classroom</b>	L. Stamboly	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Hubley / Yes __7_ No_0__ Abstain ___
<b>6. K-12 REPORTS</b>				
<b>6.1 K-6 Report</b>	B. Dodge		Information	

*We have done our fire drills and lockdown drill and he felt it went really well across the building, taken seriously and done with precision. There were a few bumps in the road. He met with Mr. Fatata to talk about ways we can improve.*

We just completed our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Science exam.

All of our end of the year festivities are beginning to commence. 6<sup>th</sup> grade is going on a trip and about to begin their fun day. Olympic day is right around the corner. There is a lot of great stuff happening.

Our spring sports awards are next week on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

As far as the elementary faculty, they are doing a book study on the book “The Writing Revolution.” That book aligns with our science and reading league initiative.

We received a call with regard to how our school district does our STEM program. The caller (another district) acknowledged that it is good to see that we have a universal application for STEM and that every kid in the building is receiving that. It applies to both enrichment and engagement. They like our model and are impressed how we do this.

Olympic Day is June 13, 2022

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation is June 22, 2022

**6.2 7-12 Report**

M. Facci

Information

On Friday (June 3), Mrs. Facci, Mrs. Ellis and Ms. Spaziani all went with the seniors to Boston and had a great time. We did a walking tour of the Freedom Trail. We gave the seniors the rest of the day to have some free time at Quincy Market and the Aquarium. It was nice to hear from the bus driver that she was impressed with the behavior and the personalities of our students.

This week we have award night for the juniors and seniors on Thursday, (June 9) and the 14<sup>th</sup> will be the senior breakfast and they will also be doing a final walk in the halls with their caps and gowns. In the afternoon they will have their picnic down by the softball field. The 16<sup>th</sup> they will do their graduation rehearsal at 1pm and the 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm on the football field will be graduation.

Mrs. Jordan inquired about graduation and rain permitting it will allow them to have so many seats saved. Can other’s come in and bring more chairs? (4) chairs will be reserved for each graduate’s family. If it is raining, we can hold 10 people per senior inside. There was discussion about ancillary chairs and where they are to be placed. Mrs. Hubley addressed concern about people placing chairs wherever. Additionally, Mrs. Jordan asked that we make sure there are plenty of programs for all. Mrs. Facci suggested that it would be welcome for any board members that wish to come and assist with the graduation.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

**7.1 Enrollment Update**

J. Shelmidine

Yes

Information

**7.2 Superintendent’s Update**

J. Shelmidine

Yes

Information

*There has been some discussion regarding the school board budget vote that I would like to clarify. Absentee ballots are in a sealed envelope, and generally turned into the district clerk. Voting on the day of election is on a paper ballot that is not in a sealed envelope. Putting the absentee ballots into the collection container is not illegal nor is it improper. It was clear upon counting votes which votes had been cast as absentee votes, and which ones were in person. All told, 433 votes were cast. 56 of those voting was by absentee ballot. We had 6 votes that were considered voided. The reasons for that include not having applied for an absentee ballot prior to submitting a ballot, extraneous writing on the ballot.*

*In addition, a few years ago, during a particularly tight budget year, all expenses were reviewed and weighed against taking monies from student programming. To rent the voting machines from the county costs when we last did it, was \$1000 with an added \$250 for the printing of ballots. It was decided that, given the average number of voters, renting the machines was not worth the additional monies and a locked container was fashioned to use as a ballot box. If it is the desire of this board, and the community, we can certainly go back to using the county machines. I expect that this will be a conversation next spring prior to the school board elections and budget vote.*

*Kudos to our District Clerk, Stefany Scharf, and our election officials for their professionalism and high standards throughout the process and we congratulate Mr. Mahardy on his election to this board.*

*\*\*There was additional discussion regarding the way in which the voting is done. (paper ballots/ballot box) It was discussed by several board members and there is thought that perhaps we could poll the community as to the future way in which we will handle upcoming elections. Mrs. Hubley made the point that the board members all invest their time for five years and they do not take their decisions lightly. Each decision has been thought through thoroughly and are not made lightly.*

*\*The NYS Education Department has instituted a waiver that would allow any student who scores between a 50 and 64 to waive that score and, if passing the course, would allow the student to pass the requirements of the course, regardless of the score on the regent's exam. There has always been a safety net for our students with disabilities, but this decision has huge ramifications for AIS and RTI. As it is, if a student scores a 65 on the Algebra regents, that does not equate to the student knowing at least 65% of the content-in actuality, the student probably knows roughly 35% of the content based upon the grading curve. Those students are not prepared for geometry, further, they will not be able to take upper level math and/or science classes because they do not have the prerequisite skills needed. I anticipate more students will need additional RTI and AIS support in math, in particular, in order to complete the required math sequence for graduation.*

*All of this is in addition to canceling the US History Regents this spring-it is conceivable that we could have students graduate that, due to COVID and these waivers, would not have passed a regent's exam. This is a clear shift from SED. There has been no variance or waiver for the 3-8 assessments, but the "high-stakes" assessments seem to be looked at differently. I also have no idea what this means for baseline student data and the resulting identifications from SED.*

*\*Matthew McGarrity and Jeffrey Rabey will be sending me some dates and times to begin the work with our district through the Western NY Educational Service Council.*

*\*At this particular time, it appears that the Village Summer Rec program is a go and will again be on campus. I am meeting with the new Rec director, Mike Morreale, tomorrow. We, the district, had some stipulations that needed to be addressed: 1. The students would be split up by grade level-K-3 coming for half the day, and 4-6 attending the other half day. This would be the case, unless there was a specific field trip that would be appropriate for all grade levels. 2. There would be adults in charge of supervision-not students. 3. There would be an adherence to the rules established and agreed upon-last year, it appeared*

that answers and allowances were granted based on who was asked the question-making the adherence to the parameters appear arbitrary. The program runs from July 6 to August 19.

Mrs. Jordan inquired as to whether K-6 meant kindergarten this year or going into the kindergarten in the fall. Dr. Shelmidine will be clarifying that answer tomorrow. Mrs. Gyore also asked for clarification on the child to adult supervision ratio.

*\*Lastly, we are still waiting to hear if the federal free lunch program that has been offered to every student will continue. So far, we have not heard one way or the other. If the program does not continue-the full price for lunch will be \$2.75 with breakfast costing \$1.50. It is my hope that, given the financial climate that we are in, the lunches remain free to assist all families.*

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS

### 8.1 From the Floor -

District Clerk

Information

Persons wishing to speak should first be recognized by the President, then identify themselves, any organization they may be representing at the meeting, and the agenda topic or other matter of public concern about our schools that they wish to discuss. Topics must be addressed one at a time with each individual's comments limited to three (3) minutes for a total of twelve (12) minutes designated for the public comment agenda item.

*Mrs. Vandehei addressed the Board with regard to her son; Ms. Edwards stopped Mrs. Vandehei and stated that she could address the board in the executive session. The board agreed to meet with her after the first executive session.*

*Mrs. Marley addressed the Board this evening.*

### 8.2 Board Discussion

BOE

Discussion

The group made comments regarding the current event of the Uvalde, Texas Robb Elementary School Shooting.

*Mrs. Hubley said that there was discussion within the communications committee and she would like to build better communication with the community but we have many changes to our procedures etc. based on safety. We know what we would like to do but there are things we will have to do. She would like to make this more the center of the community but we just need to figure out how can we be more open to the community but at the same time keep everyone safe.*

*Mrs. Gyore stated that we will always have that possibility of these threats, but we cannot keep our kids home based on the possibility that something might happen but we need to be resilient and strong and safe. At the same time, we don't want to make our school into Fort Knox. She said she misses the fun things we used to do here.*

*Mr. King echoed the sentiments of the others. We need to go out into the world and talk to the world and continue to keep our kids safe. He mentioned that it was incredible to see the breath of ideas that these kids had at the science fair. There was stuff there that was impressive and they kids were wonderful and informed. He had the opportunity to walk around and speak with the students and they were knowledgeable on their topics. They were actually able to discuss and answer fairly detailed questions. He was also able to attend the concerts K-12, he went to all three of them and he is very impressed by our kids. He recommended that the board come to as many things as they can because many good people work to make these things happen.*

Mrs. Hubley said she went to the science fair as well, and she loved that everyone was smiling and happy and doing something normal again! Just walking in and seeing the community together again was great.

Mrs. Albright also addressed the topic of safety and how she is very proud of what we have done, concerns for the future safety of our students.

Ms. Edwards reminded the group that the shooters were not unfamiliar with the schools, they were disenfranchised children. These were kids that were bullied, picked on, felt as though they were not part of something and that no one had intervened for them. Securing the buildings is a great thing, but it starts with see something say something. Looking for those kids who don't feel as though they are part of something and who feel as though they are pushed to do something so horrific that they cannot take it back. She spoke to her personal experiences working with these people and that 9 times out of 10 when she inquires why they left school, it is because they didn't feel comfortable in their home districts. They were bullied and picked on and different and they didn't feel as though they had a safe place. We need to be more tolerant and kinder to each other. She cares deeply about the kids and the people of this district.

She wants to reiterate it has been a pleasure to have worked with Mrs. Albright and the board.

<b>Respectfully Submitted, Stefany Scharf</b>				
<b>9. EXECUTIVE SESSION ** (If Needed)</b>	BOE	7:26pm	Procedural	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> S. King / Yes <u>7</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u>   </u>

Mrs. Jordan was named Clerk Pro Tem – Two Executive Sessions were held this evening, one for the purpose of personnel matters and the second to discuss the personal issue brought forth by Mrs. Vandehei.

<b>9.1 Return to General Session (time)</b>	BOE		Procedural	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> S. King / Yes <u>7</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u>   </u>
<b>10. ADJOURNMENT</b>				
<b>10.1 Adjournment</b>	J. Edwards		Procedural	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Hubley / Yes <u>7</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u>   </u>

\*\*§105. Conduct of executive sessions.

**1. Upon a majority vote of its total membership, taken in an open meeting pursuant to a motion identifying the general area or areas of the subject or subjects to be considered, a public body may conduct an executive session for the below enumerated purposes only, provided, however, that no action by formal vote shall be taken to appropriate public moneys:**

- a. matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;**
- b. any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;**
- c. information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;**
- d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;**
- e. collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law;**
- f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;**
- g. the preparation, grading or administration of examinations; and**
- h. the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public**



body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.

**2. Attendance at an executive session shall be permitted to any member of the public body and any other persons authorized by the public body.**

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