



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 5, 2022
6:00 PM - NEW YORK MILLS UFSD LIBRARY

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

Agenda Item	Who	Information Distributed	Action	Notes
1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER				
1.1 Pledge to the Flag	K. Hubley		Procedural	
1.2 Reading of the New York Mills UFSD Mission Statement.	K. Gyore		Procedural	
1.3 Acceptance of Agenda	J. Edwards	Yes	Action	1 st A. Albright 2 nd M. Jordan / Yes <u>7</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u> </u>
2. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS				
2.1 President's Message	J. Edwards		Information	No message at this time.
2.2 Order of the Orange and Blue/ Presentation to Wesley Miga	B. Dodge/J. Edwards		Information	
<i>Ms. Edwards and Mr. Dodge spoke this evening about Wesley Miga and receiving the Order of the Orange and Blue:</i>				
<i>Mr. Dodge's words:</i>				
<i>I nominated Wes Miga for the Order of the Orange and Blue. Wes has been tutoring with us for almost 5 years. As you know, he does this on a completely voluntary basis. He tutors all grade levels some for remediation and some for enrichment. He has had such a positive impact on our students and our teachers</i>				

are grateful to have him as a resource. He also devotes his time in support of our National Honor Society. He is always willing to support our students in any manner needed, even if it's providing input on the curriculum. I find Wes to be a great role model for our students and a person that I always enjoy seeing, as well as collaborating. He is the epitome of this award and an outstanding representation of the quality of alumni that New York Mills produces.

I have included a few teacher testimonials to support my nomination:

Jody Galime: Wes Miga is a wonderful asset to our New York Mills family. He volunteers his time to work with students who are in need of skill-building, as well as with students who are ready to work at the next level. He works with our staff to determine the best approach for all students and to ensure that his teaching style matches what we are doing in our classrooms. His willingness to go above and beyond is evident by the students' excitement to attend his sessions. We are extremely lucky to have Mr. Miga and we hope that his work with our family continues for years to come.

Amee Zbytniewski: Mr. Miga has been an amazing asset. He will do whatever math concepts you ask of him. If he is unsure he asks for clarification. This is my second year working with him and the kids just love when he shows up at the door. The time he dedicates to NYM and our children is amazing. He is very deserving of this award.

Mike Eramo: Wes is an outstanding influence for the students at New York Mills. He embodies the four pillars of the National Honor Society daily and really lives to serve and help others. His focus and attention to altruism is most notably evident in the awards both he and his family members present to National Honor Society students who have served their classmates and community whether through peer tutoring, volunteering, or mentoring younger students. The best thing about Wes is that the expectations he sets for the students at New York Mills are the same expectations he sets for himself as he too tutors students in math, volunteers to help with programs at the school, and has served as a mentor to both students and faculty. Wes truly cares about the students at New York Mills.

Given these characteristics, I truly believe that Wes embodies the traits consistent with being an inductee to the Orange and Blue family and should be recognized for his 'efforts and accomplishments that serve as outstanding examples of the New York Mills School spirit and high standards'.

2.3 Presentation on the Social/Emotional Needs of Our Students Post-COVID	D. Ellis A. Molina		Information	

Ms. Molina and Mrs. Ellis addressed the BOE and community with regard to the current social and emotional needs that our students need post-covid.

The BOE asked questions and made statements regarding the presentation:

- 1) They were thanked by multiple members of the BOE*
- 2) It was mentioned that perhaps we could coordinate with the local fitness center to arrange for discounted rates for students.*
- 3) They inquired about National Honor Society students becoming involved in mentoring but it was pointed out that those students often have many obligations to begin with and in order to mentor younger children with issues would require training.*
- 4) They inquired about the safe schools' employee and the assistance that person supplies. Mrs. Facci addressed the BOE and stated that we may be able to possibly increase the number of days she works (currently 2); which is through the Community Schools Coser. (SBI did a presentation last year on these services.)*

5) There was an inquiry about the ICAN program; but as was pointed out, the program has a cap on the number of students and many students do not fall within the insurance guidelines.

6) It was mentioned that the Board supports getting the services needed for our students and that these services should be by trained individuals. Mrs. Facci additionally pointed out to the BOE that it is important that these person(s) provide that separation to allow the children to be looked at in a different light.

7) There was a question about the positivity project and was it still going on? The answer was yes, but it is not the same as the support services for the social/emotional issues that are completely separate. There is no list of topics for these support services, Ms. Molina stated that she addresses them by situation with the guidance of what a teacher might be seeing as an issue and tailor it to that issue. Example: healthy boundaries

2.4 BOCES Representative Report	G. Porcelli		Information	None at this time.
2.5 Committee Reports			Information	

Policy Committee – K. Gyore, S. Carman, A. Albright – Nothing at this time, rescheduling from the last meeting

Survey/Communications Committee – K. Hubley, K. Gyore – We met a few weeks ago, but spoke about the BOCES resources and how we will communicate the voting process. We need to make it clear that the whole community votes here (at Beekman). It has been previously miscommunicated and we want to clear that concern.

Transportation Committee – S. Carman, A. Albright – Nothing at this time

Health & Safety Committee – S. King, M. Jordan – Nothing at this time

Facilities Committee – M. Jordan, K. Hubley, J. Edwards – Nothing at this time

SBI Committee – S. King – Nothing specific at this time, tomorrow is the SBI dinner.

3. CONSENT AGENDA				
3.1 Approval of 3.2 & 3.3 Consent Agenda	J. Edwards	Yes	Action	1 st S. King 2 nd K. Gyore / Yes _7_ No _0_ Abstain _
3.2 Business Office Reports (Consent)		Yes		
3.3 CSE Reports (Consent)		Yes		
3.4 Approval of the 3.2.2022 Minutes	BOE	Yes	Action	1 st A. Albright 2 nd M. Jordan / Yes _7_ No _0_ Abstain _
3.5 Approval of the 3.15.2022 Minutes	BOE	Yes	Action	1 st S. King 2 nd S. Carman / Yes _7_ No _0_ Abstain _

3.6 Approval of the 3.23.2022 Minutes	BOE	Yes	Action	1 st A. Albright 2 nd S. King / Yes __7__ No__0__ Abstain __
4. OLD BUSINESS				
4.1 Capital Updates	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Information	
<p><i>Dr. Shelmidine spoke on the following:</i> <i>Now that spring is here the Smith Group will come back and finish up some of the landscaping that were not completed due to the winter weather that happened. They just want the ground to dry up.</i> <i>Nurses office demolition will start next week; Mrs. Germann will be moving back to the Elementary nurses suite for a few weeks.</i> <i>EPC financing is in order and it is to start soon (resolution for financing is in the packet). They are ready to start immediately following the BOE approval.</i></p>				
4.2 Policy 0017 (2nd Read) Student Registration and Pre-registration to Vote	BOE	Yes	Action	1 st A. Albright 2 nd M. Jordan / Yes __7__ No__0__ Abstain __
4.3 Policy 6007 (2nd Read) Complaints and Grievances by Employees	BOE	Yes	Action	1 st M. Jordan 2 nd S. King / Yes __7__ No__0__ Abstain __
5. NEW BUSINESS				
5.1 Personnel Report	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Action	1 st S. Carman 2 nd S. King / Yes __7__ No__0__ Abstain __
5.2 Resolution Relating to Installment Lease/Purchase Financing.	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Action	1 st M. Jordan 2 nd K. Gyore / Yes __7__ No__0__ Abstain __
5.3 Intramural Sports Discussion	J. Shelmidine	No	Discussion	<i>The BOE discussed the Intramural Sports Program and will await further information from Dr. Shelmidine after she speaks with Ms. Treen further.</i>
5.4 Resolution Rental of Facilities	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Action	1 st A. Albright 2 nd M. Jordan / Yes __6__ No__0__ Abstain __1__
<p><i>There was a brief discussion of concern about rental to outside organizations and a past incident. Dr. Shelmidine assured the BOE that she and Mr. Fatata had addressed the concerns with the requestor as a preemptive measure.</i></p>				
6. K-12 REPORTS				

6.1 K-6 Report	B. Dodge		Information	
<p><i>Mr. Dodge reported on the Elementary School</i></p> <p>1) ELA assessments, the numbers were good and the children did very well. The first day was fair and the second was more difficult.</p> <p>2) Science Fair is May 6, 2022 and the numbers look good so we will plan to use the big gym. The BOE will be requested as judges.</p> <p>3) The Concerts K-3, 4-6 are set. We may split the K-3 in two separate performances. They will be 5/12 and 5/17.</p> <p>4) He wanted to tell the BOE that the post-covid mask relief in his eyes shows that the children are doing well. They are energetic!</p> <p>5) Faculty/Staff we are working on come curricular stuff with regard to Math. We worked on Superintendent's Conference day we worked on a 3/8 Math alignment. Very positive experience.</p>				
6.2 7-12 Report	M. Facci		Information	
<p><i>Mrs. Facci reported on the Middle/High School:</i></p> <p>1) ELA testing went very well. We had a high number of students take the test. As with the Elementary, Day 1 was good, Day 2 a bit more difficult.</p> <p>2) Math tests will be coming up April 26/27 and we have started extra tutorial after school for those grade levels a few weeks ago. Every Tuesday and Thursday they are working to give them some more confidence for the test.</p> <p>3) Report cards go home on April 26 for the third quarter.</p> <p>4) April 21 is our Honor Society ceremony. The students this year have opted to not do the normal banquet. They want to do something less formal. It will be held here in our Cafeteria and our Auditorium. We are still working on speakers and refreshments.</p> <p>5) On the 28th we will have the National Junior Honor Society ceremony.</p> <p>6) This time of year we take stock of our programming so she and Mrs. Ellis have been assessing the options that are in the schedule. The past three or four years we have made an effort to increase the number of dual credit courses and electives we have for our students. This resulted in adding at least 8 courses to our course catalog including AP Computer Science, AP Biology, Dual Credit Personal Finance, Marketing, Intro to Drones, Foundations of Art, Dual Credit Financial Accounting and English 12. Also this year we added Robotics and next year we will continue that and add Advanced Robotics. (Class Size was questioned and the answer was the smallest is 7) Next year we will add Drawing, Design and Production from Mr. Edmunds our tech teacher from BOCES. That course may be offered as an elective for Art Class. We also continue to offer college level courses in two languages, which is a rarity. We do have an increased interest (by a few 6th graders) in French. Despite the challenges of the past few years, we have made some progress in offering opportunities and a robust course catalog in a small school. However; we have post-covid seen a rising number of students applying to go to CTECH, PTECH and MYTECH, indicating that they do take these course, but they are looking for something additional. We did a survey a few weeks ago surveying grades 9 thru 12 regarding their desire specifically for when they get into the upper high school years (11th/12th grade). Many of them still want that typical high school experience but the equal number want more hands on real work future skills based experiences. Dr. Shelmidine, Deb Ellis and I all met with Michelle Hall from the School and Business Alliance to talk some more about Job shadowing opportunities in 11th and 12th grade. A committee was formed with some teachers specifically some 12th grade teachers and we will be meeting again with Mrs. Hall after break to see what kinds of opportunities we can incorporate into 11th and 12th grade to get a career specialist in here working with the teachers and getting kids out into the job world.</p>				
7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT				
7.1 Enrollment Update	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Information	

7.2 Superintendent's Update	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Information	
<p>1)Dr. Shelmidine reported that we have received a Titanium Award with Honors from Utica National Insurance Group. This entails them reviewing our policies, procedures and events/incidences and then we are compared with Districts across the state (175 roughly). So we were one of the Districts recognized.</p> <p>2)We have a few unused snow days. She is tentatively scheduling May 26/27 to align with other districts in our region and the third is to be determined.</p>				
8. COMMUNICATIONS				
8.1 From the Floor -	District Clerk		Information	<p>Mrs. Marley addressed the BOE.</p> <p>Mrs. Mahardy addressed the BOE.</p> <p>Dr. Shelmidine read a letter regarding the upcoming Kindergarten Tree Planting ceremony, Friday, April 29, 1:30pm, Graduating Class of 2034. (Rain date, Monday, May 2)</p>
<p>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.</p>				
8.2 Board Discussion	BOE		Discussion	<p>Mrs. Jordan wanted to emphasize how amazing the display of talent was for this year's musical. Kudos for Mrs. Lovecchio and the students.</p>
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION ** (If Needed)	BOE	7:25pm	Procedural	1 st S. King 2 nd A. Albright / Yes _7_ No _0_ Abstain ____
9.1 Return to General Session (time)	BOE	8:08	Procedural	1 st S. King 2 nd A. Albright / Yes __7_ No _0_ Abstain ____
10. ADJOURNMENT				
10.1 Adjournment	J. Edwards	8:08	Procedural	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes _7_ No __0_ Abstain ____
Respectfully Submitted,				
Stefany Scharf/District Clerk				
<p>**§105. Conduct of executive sessions.</p> <p>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</p>				

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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