



**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 3, 2021  
6 PM - NEW YORK MILLS UFSD CAFETERIA**

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>	J. Edwards			
<b>1.1 Pledge to the Flag</b>	K. Hubley		Procedural	
<b>1.2 Reading of the New York Mills UFSD Mission Statement.</b>	S. King		Procedural	
<b>1.3 Acceptance of Agenda</b>	J. Edwards	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Hubley / Yes <u>5</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u>   </u>
<b>2. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>				
<b>2.1 President's Message</b>	J. Edwards		Information	None
<b>2.2 BOCES Representative Report</b>	G. Porcelli		Information	None
<b>2.3 Presentations</b>	D. Fay			Dan Fay of TKF gave a presentation/update on the progress of our Capital Project. He spoke about the progress on the press box, playground, the new sign in the front of the school and the urgency of emergency funds for the unplanned

				excavation issue regarding the sanitary line outside the bus garage.
<b>2.4 Committee Reports</b>			Information	None at this time.
<b>Policy Committee – Gyore</b> <b>Survey/Communications Committee – Hubley</b> <b>Transportation Committee – Carman</b> <b>Health &amp; Safety Committee – King</b> <b>Facilities Committee – Jordan</b> <b>SBI Committee – King</b>				
<b>2.5 Annual Board Designations: There was an error in line (d) when voted upon at the Reorganizational meeting, revote for clarification.</b>			Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> S. Carman / Yes _5__ No_0__ Abstain ___
a. Official Bank Depository - M&T Bank and Citizens Bank b. Investment Banks: Any bank deemed profitable by the District Treasurer c. Authorization Signatures on Checks: School Treasurer and Superintendent of Schools d. Authorized Signatures on Extra-Curricular Activities Account - K-12 Executive Principal's Secretary, K-12 Executive Principal, Superintendent of Schools e. Authorize Wire Transfers Up to \$2 million with the exception of Serial Bond Payments - District Treasurer f. Budget Transfers authorization Superintendent of Schools or Treasurer as their designee g. Authorization Use of Credit Card: Superintendent of Schools h. Official Newspaper - Utica Observer Dispatch i. Medicaid Compliance Officer - Mary Facci				
<b>3. CONSENT AGENDA</b>				
<b>3.1 Business Office Reports – No report for August.</b>				
<b>3.2 CSE Reports</b>	H. Gaetano	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Hubley / Yes _5__ No_0__ Abstain ___
<b>3.3 Approval of the Previous Minutes</b>	7.13.2021	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. Carman 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Gyore / Yes _5__ No_0__ Abstain ___
<b>4. OLD BUSINESS</b>				

<b>4.1 Capital Updates</b>			Information	
<b>4.2 Policy Vote (2<sup>nd</sup> Read / Adoption) Extracurricular Policy</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Hubley / Yes _5_ No _0_ Abstain ___
<b>5. NEW BUSINESS</b>				
<b>5.1 Personnel Report</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. Carman 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Hubley / Yes _5_ No _0_ Abstain ___
There was an acknowledgment of Mrs. Santina Tomainos tenure being granted, as she was overlooked in the last Personnel Report.				
<b>5.2 Resolution to Reinstate Social Worker Position.</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Hubley / Yes _5_ No _0_ Abstain ___
<b>5.3 Resolution to Decrease English as a New Language Position</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> K. Gyore 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Hubley / Yes _5_ No _0_ Abstain ___
<b>5.4 Resolution Authorizing Commencement of E-Cigarettes and Vaping Ligitation.</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Hubley / Yes _5_ No _0_ Abstain ___
<b>5.5 Declaration of Emergency and of Contingent Expense</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Gyore / Yes _5_ No _0_ Abstain ___
<b>5.6 Resolution Regarding State Environmental Quality Review – Emergency Project SEQR</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Hubley / Yes _5_ No _0_ Abstain ___
<i>Reconstruction of the Bus Garage sanitary line.</i>				
<b>5.7 Resolution Regarding Sate Environmental Quality Review - Capital Outlay Project SEQR</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Gyore / Yes __5_ No __0_ Abstain ___
<i>2021 Capital Outlay Project consisting of Reconstruction of Nurse’s Office</i>				
<b>5.8 Resolution to Set Tax Levy</b>	L. Stamboly	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Gyore / Yes _5_ No _0_ Abstain ___
<b>6. K-12 REPORTS</b>				

<b>6.1 Elementary</b>	B. Dodge		Information	
Mr. Dodge spoke regarding the reading of "Overcoming Dyslexia," which has provided a lot of rich discussion. We are gearing up for the fall season, and trying to anticipate how it will look.				
<b>6.2 High School</b>	M. Facci		Information	
Mrs. Facci spoke about professional development, the new teacher orientation and fall schedule.				
<b>7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</b>				
<b>7.1 Enrollment Update</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Information	Note: Many of the new students being enrolled will be placed in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade.
<b>7.2 Superintendent's Update</b>	J. Shelmidine		Information	
<p>We have changed our technology support from OHM BOCES to the Madison Oneida Regional Information Center. The new service will allow more support for our teachers and staff as we continue to leverage technology. Currently, two technicians are here getting computers and equipment ready for the start of school.</p>				
<p><b>COVID Update:</b> The latest information that I have-as of today-is that we can open. Social distance remains 3 feet, all students and staff must continue to wear masks, we can put 2 students in a seat on the bus. We are also not required to offer a virtual education offering in addition to in person learning. That being said, if the situation warrants it, and we must switch to a virtual platform, we need to be able to do that. We have always had an educational plan for students who are medically fragile and cannot attend school-we tutored those students for up to 10 hours per week. We have not had any guidance from the NYS Department of Health, the Oneida County Health Department, or the Governor's office. State education officials have recommended that we follow the CDC regulations until further guidance is issued.</p>				
<p>I recognize that continuing to wear masks is something we all wish was behind us-it is not. This district did a great job of keeping our school open to in-person instruction more than most districts in our area. That happened because all of us were focused on the health and safety of our students and staff. Every member of this staff worked to make sure we provided a safe and healthy learning environment for each other and for our students. We will continue to make decisions in the best interest of the health and safety of students and staff. At this time, given the increased infection rates of the Delta Variant-we will follow the CDC recommendation of wearing masks.</p>				
<p>What I have wanted to avoid is having our teachers teach in a dual platform. Everyone did a wonderful job last year trying to teach both the students in the classroom and those who were virtual. That is not a sustainable model and I feel strongly that our teachers should not do this going forward.</p>				
<p>Some things that we are still working though include lunch time-students must still be 6 feet apart. Mr. Dodge is working on the logistics for this.</p>				
<p>I recognize that there have been many concerns about the number of teachers that have moved on to other districts this summer. I will say this is not unique to this district-as a BOCES region the superintendents of each district has been poaching staff from other districts. One district to our north had</p>				

road signs up trying to recruit teachers, a couple of superintendents reached out to teachers directly-not even posting positions to try and have them come to their district. Other districts have gone off contract to offer higher salaries for certain certification areas. I met with most of our teachers who resigned. Most of the teachers who left did so to go to their home district, or to teach more sections of the content they love. We will miss the teachers who left and wish them well on the next leg of their journey. At the same time, we welcome our new teachers to the Mills family.

This district has made the safety of this campus a priority. We have cameras to watch who is on campus, we try to limit access to the campus, and we have sign in procedures. Where all of this breaks down is during village, state, and federal elections. We have people on campus that we really don't know. We assume every person on campus is here for their stated purpose, but we have no way of knowing that. Students are outside throughout the day-whether for recess, or PE class, or practices. I am wondering if we should continue to allow voting for village, state, and federal elections on school grounds. Many districts no longer have these elections on campus-safety being the primary reason.

<b>7.3 Discussion on using NYMUFSD as a voting site.</b>	J. Shelmidine		Discussion	Mr. King expressed concern regarding the history of the voting site being on campus. The main concern was for the safety of the students and staff after a particular incident this past County Primary. The Board agreed unanimously that this change should take place and that we should begin notifying the public as soon as possible about the change.
<b>8. COMMUNICATIONS</b>				
<b>8.1 From the Floor -</b>	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.				
Two individual chose to address the Board of Education: Amy Mahardy and Hailey Mahardy.				
<b>8.2 Board Discussion</b>	BOE		Discussion	
<b>9. EXECUTIVE SESSION ** (If Needed)</b>	BOE		Discussion/Action	None needed.
<b>9.1 Return to General Session (time)</b>	BOE		Action	

<b>10. ADJOURNMENT</b>				
10.1 Adjournment			Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> S. Carman / Yes __5_ No_0__ Abstain __
<p><b>**§105. Conduct of executive sessions.</b></p> <p><b>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:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;</b></li> <li><b>b. any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;</b></li> <li><b>c. information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;</b></li> <li><b>d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;</b></li> <li><b>e. collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law;</b></li> <li><b>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;</b></li> <li><b>g. the preparation, grading or administration of examinations; and</b></li> <li><b>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.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>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.</b></p>				