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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2023
6 PM - NEW YORK MILLS UFSD LIBRARY

- Kristin Hubley
- Kimberly Gyore
- Jacqueline Edwards
- Jonathan Fiore
- Michelle Jordan
- Steve King
- Robert Mahardy, Jr.

Agenda Item	Who	Information Distributed	Action	Notes
1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER				
1.1 Pledge to the Flag	M. Jordan		Procedural	
1.2 Reading of the New York Mills UFSD Mission Statement.	J. Edwards		Procedural	<i>Through combined efforts of students, staff, parents and community members, our mission is to foster the confidence, knowledge, cognition, and character necessary to instill a strong work ethic, to create an environment of tolerance and respect, and to ignite an attitude of inquiry and enthusiasm for learning that will enable students to become productive, responsible citizens.</i>
1.3 Acceptance of Agenda	K. Hubley	Yes	Action	1 st M. Jordan 2 nd J. Fiore/ Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u> </u>
2. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS				
2.1 President's Message	K. Hubley		Information	No President's message. Student Molly Jordan made a request to the BOE to place an advertisement in the upcoming Sponge Bob Musical playbill.
2.2 BOCES Representative Report	G. Porcelli		Information	None

2.3 Committee Reports	Information
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Policy Committee: Kimberly Gyore/Chair, Jacqueline Edwards (3/20,4/17,5/22,6/26) *Mrs. Edwards stated that she and Mrs. LaGase met to take a look at some of the outstanding policies that are pretty perfunctory. It is just a matter of they should have been in place and they are not. Mrs. LaGase was going to put something out so that we could forego the first reading that should be forthcoming. Mrs. LaGase said legal is working on it because our current policy does not allow for the Board to decide to make the decision to forego a first read on required updates from the policy office. They are working on that so that we have the option to do that. It would be at the boards discretion to require the full two reads or you could forego the first read and just go to the second for adoption. That is only for policies that are mandated updates. They are legally required mandated updates to policy.*

Facilities Committee: Michelle Jordan/Chair, Jacqueline Edwards (3/20,4/17,5/22,6/26) *Mrs. Jordan stated that the committee has another meeting later next month. The board toured the facility including Beekman this past week. We are going to put out a survey to the public to see what options we have with Beekman regarding the fact that New York State will no longer fund or reimburse any work done at Beekman. In order to do this the architects, look at options should Beekman no longer be an option what can be done in this building. The architects are starting to work on this. We have a building need survey that is going to be done which will start to push us to what our next projects will be. These are in limbo right now but we will have more coming up. Mrs. Hubley commented that she has been asking the public to send all comments to the Superintendent.*

Communications Committee: Robert Mahardy/Chair, Michelle Jordan (3/14,4/25,5/9,6/13) *Mr. Mahardy stated the group hasn't met since the last report, but they will be meeting next week so there is nothing that has changed.*

Safety Committee: Steve King/Chair, Rob Mahardy (TBD) – *Mr. King reported that we had an internal meeting to talk about access to the building after hours, and we will need to plan another meeting to discuss that further and to discuss what options we have for after hours to let people in.*

Transportation Committee: Steve King/Chair, Jonathan Fiore (3/14, 5/9, 6/13*If needed) *We have a meeting scheduled on the 14th, but unless someone has a need to meet at that time, he might suggest canceling that. Mrs. Hubley asked about the new bus software, and Mr. King responded that he highly recommended the software as it will provide a cost savings to the district. Efficiencies that it will save us on; drive time, paperwork, etc. it's going to be a huge win that will save us money.*

Finance: Jonathan Fiore/Chair, Kimberly Gyore, Jacqueline Edwards (3/7,4/4,4/25,5/2,6/6) *Mr. Fiore deferred to the business official and superintendent.*

SBI: Steve King (SBI Alternate: Kristin Hubley) *Mr. King stated there was an executive committee meeting last night where a number of items were discussed. On the 16th of March is the school showcase down at the Herkimer BOCES, he strongly recommends that people attend it is a great opportunity to see what other schools are doing. They will have food, displays and programming. On the 11th of May is the distinguished service award and the student achievement awards. Nominating forms go to both the Superintendent and the Board*

President. He asks that the Principals look at the student achievement awards and let us know if there is anybody that fits the criteria and they would like to nominate. Maybe as a Board we can discuss if we have anyone we would like to nominate for a distinguished service award. Traditionally in this district we nominate people that are retiring, but we do not have anyone retiring this year, but it does not necessarily have to be someone retiring. We can speak about somebody we feel has gone above and beyond and we feel like we want to ask them to be considered for an award. June, there will be another executive committee meeting. Last night we talked about electric busses, programming (he has the programming calendar for next year), he continues to encourage everyone to attend any time they have an event. Mrs. Hubley mentioned that OHM BOCES is celebrating their 75th Annual Meeting and Dinner. Most of the BOE has signed up for that dinner.

2.4 Budget Presentation	M. LaGase L. Stamboly		Information	<p><i>Mrs. LaGase presented budget information to the board and to the public. Both Mrs. LaGase and Mrs. Stamboly addressed any questions.</i></p> <p><i>Mrs. LaGase additionally told the group that they are working towards getting a podium and smart screen for future presentations in the library.</i></p>
2.5 MVCC/Dual Credit Communication	M. LaGase		Information	<p><i>Mrs. LaGase stated that MVCC is unable to charge tuition for dual credit courses to schools, but they can charge the student or parent. In an effort to try to continue our partnership and to also not impose a tuition fee they proposed to charge a \$40 fee per student per registration. Right now, we do not pay anything to MVCC, so our district has been able to offer this at no cost to our students and families. If we want to continue to utilize MVCC's dual credit courses we are going to be looking at a \$40 fee per student per course and so that is something that the board has to decide how are we going to do this. If they are going to absorb that cost or if they are going to make different decisions about MVCC as a dual credit institution. Ultimately this will be another fiscal consideration for the district, we are still exploring options for the region. We are still working with our district superintendent and Mrs. LaGase wanted to be sure the board was apprised of this as soon as possible. Ms. Edwards wanted to see the enrollment numbers. Mrs. LaGase has met with some concerned students and she was uncertain as to how this information was disseminated to the students and she wants the board to be aware that this is also at the student level.</i></p>
3. CONSENT AGENDA				
3.1 Approval of 3.2 through 3.4		Yes	Action	1 st S. King 2 nd R. Mahardy/ Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u> </u>
3.2 Business Office Reports				
3.3 CSE Report				

3.4 Approval of the Previous Minutes	3.7.2023			
4. OLD BUSINESS				
4.1 Capital Update	M. LaGase		Information	<i>Architects are working on providing the board and the committee with proposed scopes. This includes what can be done, the costs associated and trying to have the committee identify the priorities. This is both for Beekman and options within this building. Mrs. Hubley stated that the tour of the building helped to clarify what needs to be done.</i>
4.2 Budget Discussion	BOE	No	Procedural	
Executive Session		Time: 6:41	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd J. Fiore / Yes _6_ No_0_ Abstain ___
Return to General Session		Time: 7:14	Action	1 st S. King 2 nd M. Jordan / Yes _6_ No_0_ Abstain ___
4.3 Resolution - Budget Vote	BOE	Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd J. Fiore/ Yes _6_ No_0_ Abstain ___
5. NEW BUSINESS				
5.1 Personnel Report		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd S. King / Yes _6_ No_0_ Abstain ___
5.2 Resolution to Approve Donation – Lavier Scholarship		Yes	Action	1 st J. Fiore 2 nd M. Jordan / Yes _6_ No_0_ Abstain ___
RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL MONIES - LAVIER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP				
<p>BE IT RESOLVED that the New York Mills Board of Education accepts memorial monies in the amount of \$270.00 from the friends of Shana and Timothy Lavier to contribute toward an established expendable scholarship.</p>				
5.3 Resolution - Tyler Technologies		Yes	Action	1 st S. King 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes _6_ No_0_ Abstain ___
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN NEW YORK MILLS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.				

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the New York Mills Union Free School District (the “Board of Education”), held on the 7th day of March, 2023, at the High School Library, located at 1 Marauder Boulevard, New York Mills, New York:

BE IT RESOLVED, The New York Mills Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign the Software as a Service Agreement between New York Mills Union Free School District and Tyler Technologies, Inc.

5.4 Resolution - MOA New York Mills Substitute Coverage		Yes	Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd S. King / Yes _6__ No_0__ Abstain ___
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AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE
NEW YORK MILLS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION
TEACHERS SERVING AS SUBSTITUTES

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the New York Mills Union Free School District (the “Board of Education”), held on the 7th day of March, 2023, at the High School Library, located at 1 Marauder Boulevard, New York Mills, New York:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves of a Memorandum of Agreement with the NYMTA relative to substitute teacher compensation rates. The Board approves of the rate set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement retroactive to December 15, 2022.

5.5 Approval of the New York Mills UFSD aligned with the OHM BOCES School District 2023-2024 School Calendars		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes _6__ No_0__ Abstain ___
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5.6 Resolution – Approval of Combined Contract with Notre Dame Girls Softball (An Amendment was made in the Resolution to include the words Varsity and JV for clarification).		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes _6__ No_0__ Abstain ___
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RESOLUTION TO COMBINE GIRLS SOFTBALL
WITH NOTRE DAME JR. – SR. HIGH SCHOOL

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the New York Mills Union Free School District (the “Board of Education”), held on the 7th day of March, 2023, at the Jr./Sr. High School Library, located at 1 Marauder Boulevard, New York Mills, New York:

RESOLVED, the New York Mills Board of Education wishes to combine with Notre Dame to provide a combined Girls Softball Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams, and

WHEREAS, Section III allows for school districts to combine in providing athletic teams for the purpose of offering interscholastic athletic opportunities, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Education approves combining with Notre Dame for the 2022-2023 school year providing all stipulations and conditions set by Section III are met.

5.7 Resolution – Authorizing participation in Oswego County BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Program (Water Testing)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd M. Jordan / Yes <u> 6 </u> No <u> 0 </u> Abstain <u> </u>
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6. K-12 REPORTS

6.1 Executive Principal K-12	M. Facci		Information	
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The lunch our groups have been made smaller for supervision purposes. A thank you to the PTSO and Athletic Boosters who have donated extra equipment to have for the kids to play with inside recess.

In sports we had a lot of victories this past week; Arianna McClendon competed in the states and she achieved 6th in the Relay for the State and 5th in Federation. She came home with two medals. We also had two students Gabby Dietz and Jayla Jordan who competed in gymnastics for Section III. Section III won the states for gymnastics and Jayla placed third on the vault and second on the floor.

This Friday Mrs. Hartmann and Mrs. Davis’s 9th and 11th graders will be participating in a live Q & A session in the zoom based virtual tour of Auschwitz Concentration Camp. The collaborative effort is based on the Social Studies class and the reading of Night in English.

We are also having a Prom Dress Pop Up Shop this Saturday in the High School Gym. Mrs. Ellis and Ms. Molina spearheaded that through student counsel. Thursday the 16th we are having a Language concert for all students in grades 6 through 9.

The end of the month will be in the Drama Club presenting Sponge Bob the Musical.

6.2 Interim Principal K-12	D. DiSpirito		Information	<i>Not present this evening.</i>
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7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

7.1 Enrollment Update	M. LaGase	Yes	Information	<i>Mrs. LaGase reviewed the new modified enrollment report for a clearer outline to be provided to the group. Ms. Edwards stated that previous numbers were duplicitous in what was reflected in here. This actually gives a clear and concise picture of how many children are actually here in this building vs. the number of enrollments. She has asked</i>
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				<i>previously for this document and appreciated the newest version.</i>
7.2 Superintendent's Update	M. LaGase	Yes	Information	
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.				
<i>Three individuals spoke at the meeting, Mrs. Marley, Mrs. Goodfriend and Deb Fennel. Mrs. Fennel requested that there be a clarification made on who can run for the board and what the guidelines for those people are with regard to their involvement in the school PTSO, Athletic Boosters groups etc. Mrs. LaGase spoke and said she would communicate directly with Mrs. Fennel.</i>				
8.2 Board Discussion				The suggestion of the board was that everyone go see Sponge Bob the Musical.
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION (d.) litigation and (f.) discipline and personnel	BOE	Time: 7:38pm	Discussion/Action	1 st S.King 2 nd R. Mahardy/ Yes _6__ No__0_ Abstain ____
9.1 Return to General Session	BOE	Time: 8:05pm	Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd J. Fiore / Yes _6__ No_0__ Abstain ____
9.2 Approval of Executive Session (d.) Litigation – Settlement Agreement			Action	1 st J. Fiore 2 nd M. Jordan / Yes _6__ No_0__ Abstain ____
9.3 Approval of Executive Session (f.) Discipline – Superintendent's Hearing			Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd M. Jordan / Yes _6__ No_0_ Abstain ____
10. ADJOURNMENT				
10.1 Adjournment		Time: 8:25pm	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd J. Fiore / Yes _6__ No_0__ Abstain ____
Respectfully Submitted,				

Stefany Scharf/District Clerk

**§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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