



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA
December 5, 2023
6 PM - NEW YORK MILLS UFSD LIBRARY

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

Agenda Item	Who	Information Distributed	Action	Notes
1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER				6:00 pm
1.1 Pledge to the Flag			Procedural	
1.2 Reading of the New York Mills UFSD Mission Statement.			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	S. King	Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u> </u>
2. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS				
2.1 President’s Message	S. King		Information	<i>S. King - Discussed the Genesis Award Event recognizing Stephanie Sacco, 1st grade teacher, Congratulating Ms. Sacco on a well-deserved award. He also, acknowledged the PTSO Craft fair, noting there is a lot of work that goes into this event and that he would like to Thank everyone who</i>

				<i>participated in helping to raise funds for items not allocated in the public budget.</i>
2.2 BOCES Representative Report	G. Porcelli		Information	
2.3 Order of the ORANGE and BLUE	S. King		Information	<i>S. King – Indicated that a few years back the BOE created the Order of the Orange and Blue as an award given to people who go above and beyond within the District. This month Ms. Andrea Dziekan was presented with the Order of the Orange and Blue in appreciation for everything she has contributed to the school and community.</i>
2.4 Committee Reports			Information	
<p>Policy Committee: <i>Jacqueline Edwards/Chair, Kimberly Gyore, Kristin Hubley</i> - The next meeting is being held on (12/12/23). The Extra-Curricular Policy is being recommended for revision. The Athletic Director and Principals’ have found that the current policy is difficult to implement and monitor. There has been a lot of discussion on the purpose of the policy and putting academics first.</p> <p>Facilities Committee: <i>Jeremy Fennell/Chair, Jacqueline Edwards</i> – A reminder was given regarding the vote for the upcoming proposition.</p> <p>Communications Committee: <i>Robert Mahardy/Chair, Jeremy Fennell</i> – A meeting is being held on (12/19/23). The district is working on the new website migration.</p> <p>Safety Committee: <i>Kristin Hubley/Chair, Robert Mahardy</i> – Ms. Hubley also mentioned the upcoming Capital Project Vote and key details about the scope of work. She also discussed including the library window film that was supposed to be done in a previous project. The Committee has also been discussing a monitor position for after-school to support the District Safety and Security Protocols.</p> <p>Transportation/Safety Committee: <i>Kimberly Gyore/Chair, Jonathan Fiore</i> - TBD</p> <p>Finance Committee: <i>Jonathan Fiore/Chair, Jacqueline Edwards, Kimberly Gyore</i> - TBD</p> <p>SBI: <i>Steve King (SBI Alternate: Kristin Hubley)</i> – Mr. King discussed the general membership meeting (SBI) in November during which speaker Dr. Timbs’ gave an informative long-range fiscal analysis and data-driven presentation.</p>				
2.5 2024-2025 Budget Presentation	M. LaGase L. Stamboly		Information	<p><i>M. LaGase briefly discussed the Budget timeline and presented initial planning information on the 2024-2025 Budget.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Edwards noted that NY Mills is viewed as a wealthy district on paper with NYS and the community is tax dependent.</i></p> <p><i>S.King commented – SBI Legislative Committee has made Foundation Aid a top priority to talk with Legislative Representatives’ about.</i></p>

3. CONSENT AGENDA				
3.1 Approval of 3.2 through 3.4	S. King	Yes	Action	1 st J. Fiore 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ____
3.2 Business Office Reports		Yes	Action	1 st J. Fiore 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ____
3.3 CSE Reports		Yes	Action	1 st J. Fiore 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ____
3.4 Approval of the Previous Minutes	11.7.2023	Yes	Action	1 st J. Fiore 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ____
4. OLD BUSINESS				
4.1 Capital Updates			Information	<i>Superintendent, M. LaGase, discussed The Capital Improvement Project Proposition Vote which is being held on December 12, 2023 and encouraged the community to take the time to review the scope of work and to come out and vote. She also noted that project carries no tax increase.</i>
5. NEW BUSINESS				
5.1 Personnel Report		Yes	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ____
5.2 – Resolution of Uncollected Taxes		Yes	Action	1 st J. Fiore 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ____ <i>S. King- commented on people not paying their taxes.</i>
5.3 – Resolution to accept the Single Audit for fiscal year 2022 -2023		Yes	Action	1 st J. Fiore 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ____
5.4 - Resolution to accept the Corrective Action Plan (Single Audit) for fiscal year 2022-2023		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ____

5.5 - Approval of New Hartford Ice Control Agreement		Yes	Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ___
5.6 – Resolution to Approved Election Inspectors and Assistant Poll Site Clerk of a Special Meeting (December 12, 2023)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Fennell 2 nd J. Fiore / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ___
5.7 – Policy 5200 School Wellness Policy - Adopt		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ___
5.8 – Policy 7068 Limitations on the Use of Timeout and Physical Restraints - Adopt		Yes	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ___
5.9 – Resolution of Accept Additional Donations – Lavier Memorial Scholarship		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ___ <i>K. Hubley commented – to make it clear, we are accepting funds but the scholarship criteria have not been established yet.</i>
5.10 – Excess Inventory – Athletic Uniforms		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd J. Fiore / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ___
MOTION TO ADD				
5.11 – Motion to Policy 7101 Extra-Curricular (First read)		Yes	Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ___
5.12 – Motion to Resolution to Approve Minimum Wage Increase		Yes	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ___
5.13 – Motion to Resolution to Approve the Revised Substitute Rates		Yes	Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ___
6. K-12 REPORTS				

6.1 Executive Principal K-12	M. Facci		Information	<i>M. Facci – Thanked the PSTO for the craft fair again on behalf of the students; and noted it is a nice opportunity for students to give back and it was great to see so many involved and volunteering. She also indicated grades 7-12 have finished first-bench marks with 69 students making High Honor Roll, 46 students on Honor Roll, and 18 Principal Awards being given – Great Job! Lastly, she noted that the school counselor has been working with students during the month of November to introduce them to college. A number of students have gone on 3 visits to SUNY Poly, MVCC and attended the SABA BOCES breakfast.</i>
6.2 Interim Principal K-12	D. DiSpirito		Information	<i>D. DiSpirito – PTSO did an outstanding job putting such an event together. Everyone was very friendly and cooperative, the vendors were awesome and the students were amazing, they waited on people all day long and later helped to clean up. She also indicated that 85% of parents attended in-person or phone call conferences with the teachers and attendance letters are being sent out, as we are seeing an issue with absences and tardiness at the Elementary level. K-6 - There were 59 awards being given in November (51 Positive Project Awards and 7 Principal Awards). The SBIT Team also met to discuss implementing some bus awards.</i>
7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT				
7.1 Enrollment Update	M. LaGase	Yes	Information	
7.2 Superintendent’s Update	M. LaGase		Information	<i>M. LaGase spoke of school mailing timelines. Noting, since we cannot control USPS delivery, she recommends we back up the district mailing timelines. Particularly for the budget notification and the public hearing. The district would also like to implement an additional Budget Notice postcard, going out earlier than the newsletter, to insure residents don’t feel that they are getting materials late. Since the Postal Service has up to a 10-day window to deliver mail, the district is looking to eliminate confusion with a “Save the</i>

				<p><i>Date” postcard prior to the newsletter. She also made a point of clarification, noting that the Beekman Sub-committee is still a functioning committee. The next meeting will be in February. The current Proposition focuses on the K-12 School Building improvements only. M. LaGase also discussed the current milk carton shortage that school districts are experiencing across NYS. To date our district has not been affected but should it become an issue, we have a plan of action to continue to serve milk. M. LaGase also discussed the potential changes that S. King noted from SBI related to Blue Ribbon recommendations. Ms. Hubley noted the Health and Safety Committee is considering a possible part-time school monitor after hours and commented that this is a great safety issue for parents, especially at night when you drop your child off for a school function and see them walk into a dark building. It will be reassuring that there is someone at the door to let them in and supervise. M. LaGase also thanked the Board, Administration, PTSO, Students, Vendors, Community Members, and Volunteers that worked to make the craft fair a success. Lastly, M. LaGase noted she received outstanding feedback on the Veterans Assembly, Mrs. Sroka did an excellent job. Parents were pleased and delighted to be back in the school and a part of programming. Along with the principals’, we are very excited about many of our school events including concerts and some activities that we are able to bring back, that includes parent participation.</i></p>
8. COMMUNICATIONS				
8.1 From the Floor -	District Clerk		Information	<p><i>Jennifer Goodfriend - First, wanted to express her thankfulness for all the traditions being recognized, and being brought back both as a teacher and a parent. She also advocated for additional staffing.</i></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	<i>R. Mahardy and J.Fiore both commented on Tim Papienuk's return to work. They welcomed him back and gave best wishes.</i> <i>S. King commented on the Blue Ribbon service requirement state-wide. And echoed a warm welcome back to Mr. Papienuk. He said is looking forward to the upcoming year and wished everyone and a happy holiday season.</i>
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION ** (If Needed)	BOE	7:32 pm	Discussion/Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd J. Fiore / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u> </u>
9.1 Return to General Session (time)	BOE	8:18 pm	Action	1 st J. Fiore 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u> </u>
10. ADJOURNMENT				
10.1 Adjournment		8:20 pm	Action	1 st J. Fiore 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes <u>6</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.