



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA
February 6, 2024
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				6:00pm
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 K. Gyore / 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 – Thanked everyone for their donations towards the Athletics March Basket Raffle. He also discussed Jonathan Fiore’s resignation on the Board and outlined a few options, recommending an option after seeking legal to leave the seat vacant (short-term) until the May election. Will ask for vote later in meeting.</i>

2.2 BOCES Representative Report	G. Porcelli		Information	<i>Nothing at this time.</i>
2.3 Committee Reports			Information	
<p>Policy Committee: <i>Jacqueline Edwards/Chair, Kimberly Gyore, Kristin Hubley</i> – J. Edwards stated Committee met in January and will meet in another week to review the 8000 section requirements and notes the committee is back on track for the review cycle.</p> <p>Facilities Committee: <i>Jeremy Fennell/Chair, Jacqueline Edwards</i> - nothing at this time.</p> <p>Communications Committee: <i>Robert Mahardy/Chair, Jeremy Fennell</i> – nothing at this time.</p> <p>Safety Committee: <i>Kristin Hubley/Chair, Robert Mahardy</i> – nothing new at this time.</p> <p>Transportation Committee: <i>Kimberly Gyore/Chair, Jonathan Fiore</i> – R. Mahardy agreed to step in and fill J. Fiore’s position on this committee.</p> <p>Finance Committee: <i>Jonathan Fiore/Chair, Jacqueline Edwards, Kimberly Gyroe</i> – K.Hubley agreed to fill in as Chairperson.</p> <p>SBI: <i>Steve King (SBI Alternate: Kristin Hubley)</i> – S.King attended SBI meeting with local legislators felt it was a good turnout, agenda was on Foundation Aid formulas.</p>				
2.5 2024-2025 Budget Presentation	M. LaGase L. Stamboly		Information	<i>M. LaGase reviewed anticipated revenues and the Governor’s proposal, which indicates making some changes to the formula of State Foundation Aid. Area Superintendents had attended an Albany conference in January, meeting with local legislation to talk about if this moves forward, what that impact is for school districts. NYMUFSD is a straight forward budget for the 2024-25 proposed expenditures. K.Hubley noted for community members the confusing question about Capital Reserve vs. Fund Balance? S. King and L. Stamboly answered the Capital Budget is an established reserve for operating building costs and has nothing to do with funded aid. The recent Capitol Project vote does not impact taxes. Ms. Edwards commented on being a fiscally responsible district.</i>
3. CONSENT AGENDA				
3.1 Approval of 3.2 through 3.4	S. King	Yes	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u> </u>
3.2 Business Office Reports		Yes	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u> </u>

3.3 CSE Reports		Yes	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ____
3.4 Approval of the Previous Minutes	1.9.2024	Yes	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ____
4. OLD BUSINESS				
4.1 Capital Updates			Information	<i>Superintendent M. LaGase informed the Board that the Architects have been to the building to take measurements and will schedule a time to discuss the next steps.</i>
5. NEW BUSINESS				
5.1 Personnel Report		Yes	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd K. Gyore / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ____ <i>J.Edwards commented with regrets to item #3 (retirement)</i>
5.2 – Approval Use of Facilities Request with Herkimer Originals		Yes	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ____ <i>Motion for Discussion was made by S. King due to Regulation paperwork for the Use of Facilities is coming to the Superintendent /Administration Office after BOE Agenda’s are set. Policy and Regulation Request have contradicting timelines. Policy Committee Chair stated the committee will meet to review and edit; Moving forward all paperwork will reflect 30 day in office request prior to event.</i>
5.3 – Policy 4507 Procurement: Uniform Grant Guidance Federal Awards (Second Read - Adopt)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ____
5.4 – Policy 6300 FMLA (Second Read – Adopt) a. – Regulation 6300.1 Rescind (Second Read - Adopt)		Yes	Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd K. Gyore / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ____ <i>Discussion: J. Edwards asked the Superintendent to speak and clear up Policy language. M. LaGase explained the Districts</i>

<p>b. – Regulation 6300.2 (Second Read - Adopt)</p> <p>c. – Regulation 6300.3 (Second Read - Adopt)</p> <p>d. – Regulation 6300.4 (Second Read - Adopt)</p> <p>e. – Regulation 6300.5 (Second Read - Adopt)</p>				<p>current Policy and proposed change; this Policy will now mirror that per an academic school year (July 1 – June 30). Also, in alignment with accrued time, benefits and wages.</p>
<p>5.5 – Policy 5010 Workforce Violence Prevention Act (Second Read - Adopt)</p>		Yes	Action	<p>1st J. Fennell 2nd K. Gyore / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u> </u></p>
<p>5.6 – Policy 6010 Prohibition of Sexual Harassment and Discrimination in the Workplace (First Read)</p> <p>a. – Regulation 6010.1 (First Read)</p>		Yes	Action	<p>1st J. Edwards 2nd J. Fennell / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u> </u></p> <p><i>Discussion: J. Edwards wanted to point out Policies 6010 and 0015, had been previously combined but by law have to be their own separate Policy now.</i></p>
<p>5.7 – Policy 0015 Equal Opportunity and Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying (First Read)</p>		Yes	Action	<p>1st J. Edwards 2nd J. Fennell / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u> </u></p>
<p>5.8 – Policy 0013 Title IX Grievance Process (First Read)</p> <p>a. – Regulation 0013.1 (First Read)</p>		Yes	Action	<p>1st J. Edwards 2nd J. Fennell / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u> </u></p>
				<p><i>S. King stated: At this time we have to take a motion from the floor to accept the resignation of Jonathan Fiore, moved by R. Mahardy, 2nd by K. Hubley, all in favor.</i></p> <p><i>S. King motioned: to decide what to do with the open seat. Had outlined options earlier, J. Edwards motioned for the recommended option, leaving it open until the election</i></p>
<p>6. K-12 REPORTS</p>				<p>1st R. Mahardy 2nd K. Hubley, all in favor.</p>
<p>6.1 Executive Principal K-12</p>	M. Facci		Information	<p><i>M. Facci – Mid-terms just wrapped up, report cards going out week of February 5 and we will celebrate our success at upcoming assemblies. She also indicated grades 7-12 have</i></p>

				<p><i>finished second quarter-bench marks with 51 students making High Honor Roll, and 43 students on Honor Roll. Added behavioral concerns with students and setting goals from 1st to 2nd quarter has shown a reduction in referrals, by around 60. The Winter Ball was successful, planning spirit week and pep rally Feb 16th. Lastly, she noted that the school is looking to bring back and add new events. Some dates to save April 5th - K-12 talent show; April 11 – National Honor Society Banquet; June 11 – Varsity Sports Banquet.</i></p>
6.2 Interim Principal K-12	D. DiSpirito		Information	<p><i>D. DiSpirito – First wanted to give Kudos to the staff, with all the school sickness and all have stepped up to cover all the areas that need to be covered. K-6 – award assemble on January 31st, honored 43 Positive Project Awards and 7 Principal Awards and well over a 100 parent and guardian in attendance.</i></p> <p><i>Grades 5-8 successfully tried new computer based testing, with some new science questions new to 5th graders. Teachers are prepping those students, also adding Extended learning time is being, there are 60 students staying after school for extra help or enrichment activities. Reports cards went home with student, February 6.</i></p> <p><i>Adding onto M.Facci’s referrals statistics, the Elementary grades are having a lot of conversations with students through Presentations about, The Power of Words and Anti-bullying. Finishing with some dates to remember PARP has a March Madness theme, and field trips are approaching.</i></p> <p><i>K.Hubley inquired about a social media post by a parent raising issue of a New York City Trip being funded by a chocolate fundraiser.</i></p>
7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT				
7.1 Enrollment Update	M. LaGase	Yes	Information	

7.2 Superintendent's Update	M. LaGase		Information	<p><i>M. LaGase spoke of Governor Hochul's shared goal for how schools teach reading. With best practices grounded in science and reading. D. DiSpirito has already done a preliminary Professional Development session with other Districts on this issue. We will be looking at how literacy standards align with our current curriculum and RTI practices. Further addressed the Board to have a discussion about having a Workshop date in addition to a Retreat date. The other piece we talked about is the Superintendents Office received another Use of Facilities Request hoping to use the school cafeteria for a Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser on a Sunday. J. Edwards expressed her concerns and opposition that Sunday should be a day dedicated to being outside of the school and being home with family instead of another school related event or sponsored event. R. Mahardy indicating this is a sponsored family dinner event. S. King doesn't necessarily agree with putting undo pressure on students wishing to do both games and a musical. Most sports, activity events or having a production rehearsal occur on a Saturday, making them to choose between one or the other. S. King further adding he will entertain a motion for or against this – K.Hubley 1st, R. Mahary 2nd to allow; 5 Yes, 1 No. J. Edwards wished to clarify her vote;" not because of who, but, of the practice of utilizing an empty School on a Sunday.</i></p>
8. COMMUNICATIONS				
8.1 From the Floor -	District Clerk		Information	<p><i>High School Student and member of NYM Drama Club addressed the Board members asking if they would be interested in purchasing an ad in the School Musical Program to help funding for stage props the students build and costumes.</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>S. King added 2 remarks; (1) the Heart Walk is coming up walking through our community March 2, he urges everyone to participate in that and (2) there is a community forum on February 13th for the St. Luke's Building encouraging Board members to attend.</i>
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION ** (If Needed)	BOE		Discussion/Action	1 st _____ 2 nd _____ / Yes ___ No___ Abstain ___
9.1 Return to General Session (time)	BOE		Action	1 st _____ 2 nd _____ / Yes ___ No___ Abstain ___
10. ADJOURNMENT				
10.1 Adjournment		7:25pm	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain ___

**§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.