



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA
March 5, 2024
6 PM - NEW YORK MILLS UFSD LIBRARY

- Steve King
- Kristin Hubley
- Jacqueline Edwards
- Jeremy Fennell
- 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 R. Mahardy 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
2. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS				
2.1 President’s Message	S. King		Information	<i>S.King - shared a few calendar items: school musical in March hoping all get a chance to attend. SBI will hold its Madison-BOCES showcase on March 20th, it is a great opportunity to see what students are doing in other districts.</i>

				Thank you to all who attended the retreat, he feels it was a very productive session. Also wanted to add nominations for the SBI Student achievement award is due March 25 th
2.2 BOCES Representative Report	G. Porcelli		Information	
2.3 Committee Reports			Information	
<p>Policy Committee: <i>Jacqueline Edwards/Chair, Kimberly Gyore, Kristin Hubley</i> J. Edwards stated some policies are up for 1st and 2nd reads; no committee meeting as of yet, but overall in good shape.</p> <p>Facilities Committee: <i>Jeremy Fennell/Chair, Jacqueline Edwards</i> Superintendent added Architects are having asbestos testing done before moving forward with next step of planning.</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> – M. LaGase reminded all the District-Wide Safety Plan is coming up in late April /early May.</p> <p>Transportation Committee: <i>Kimberly Gyore/Chair, Robert Mahardy</i> – nothing at this time.</p> <p>Finance Committee: <i>Kristen Hubley/Chair, Jacqueline Edwards, Kimberly Gyore</i> – M. LaGase stated there is some information to discuss on the tax levy for the Boards consideration.</p> <p>SBI: Steve King (SBI Alternate: Kristin Hubley) – S.King executive committee met held a small presentation on manufacturing opportunities and future careers, asked Superintendent to explore if these types of opportunities could supplement with BOCES career pathways. Added there is an up-coming training for Board Member Candidates available March 18th and lastly at the recent NYSSBA roundtable the topic of E-Sports came up. Other districts are successful in engaging students not generally involved in extra-curriculars, Mr. King would like to see if there is an interest to get involved in these types of sports.</p>				
3. CONSENT AGENDA				
3.1 Approval of 3.2 through 3.4	S. King	Yes	Action	1 st J. Fennell 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ___
3.2 Business Office Reports		Yes	Action	1 st J. Fennell 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ___
3.3 CSE Reports		Yes	Action	1 st J. Fennell 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ___
3.4 Approval of the Previous Minutes	2.6.2024	Yes	Action	1 st J. Fennell 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ___

4. OLD BUSINESS				
4.1 Capital Updates			Information	
4.2 Resolution to Approve 2024-25 Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election Timeline Schedule		Yes	Action	<p><i>Motion to vote</i> 1st K. Hubley 2nd J. Edwards / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____</p> <p><i>Superintendent M. LaGase wanted to make sure the Board of Education and Community are well aware of the timeline. K. Hubley reiterated (2) seats are available, each holding a 5-year term. S.King added nominating petitions are due to the District Clerk April 22 by 5:00 p.m.</i></p>
4.3 Resolution to Approve 2024-25 Budget Vote		Yes	Action	<p>1st R. Mahardy 2nd K. Hubley / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____</p> <p>M. LaGase reviewed the budget and differences between current and proposed spending. Also indicating the tax cap has been finalized. Overall when reviewing upcoming expenditure and the loss of some Federal funding, the Board has to weight the options of a tax levy increase or to use reserves.</p> <p>S. King asked whether the Board would like to discuss the levy now or later? Board choosing to take some time to review and come back into discussion next meeting.</p>
5. NEW BUSINESS				
5.1 Personnel Report		Yes	Action	<p>1st K. Hubley 2nd J. Edwards / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____</p> <p><i>Further discussion between J. Edwards, R. Mahardy, S. King and K. Hubley; clarification was asked about unpaid volunteer coaches and contracts. M.LaGase indicated all the same requirements are met and Board approved whether individual is paid or unpaid.</i></p>

5.2 – Approval Community Use of Facilities Request with NH Post 1376 American Legion Baseball		Yes	Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
5.3 – Approval Community Use of Facilities Request with New York Mills Optimist – Biddy Basketball Program Extension		Yes	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
5.4 – Approval Community Use of Facilities Request with Herkimer Originals – schedule change		Yes	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
5.5 – Approval of the New York Mills UFSD Calendar aligned with the OHM BOCES School District 2024-25 School Calendar		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
5.6 – Resolution to Approve Election Inspectors and Assistant Poll Clerks		Yes	Action	1 st J. Fennell 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
5.7 - Resolution to Approve NYSPHSAA Section III Combine Contract with Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School Girls Varsity Golf		Yes	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
5.8– Policy 6010 Prohibition of Sexual Harassment and Discrimination in the Workplace (Second Read - Adopt) a. – Regulation 6010.1 (Second Read - Adopt)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____ <i>J. Edwards reiterated policy is required by law.</i>
5.9 – Policy 0015 Equal Opportunity and Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying (Second Read - Adopt)		Yes	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
5.10 – Policy 0013 Title IX Grievance Process (Second Read - Adopt)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____

a. – Regulation 0013.1 (Second Read - Adopt)				
5.11 – Policy 8400 Field Trips (First Read) a. – Regulation 8400.1 (Rescinded)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
5.12 – Regulation 8500.1 Administrative Practices and Procedures Relative to Program Access (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
5.13 – Policy 8501 Prereferral and Declassification Teams (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
5.14 – Policy 8502 Programs for Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
5.15 – Policy 8503 Independent Educational Evaluations (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
5.16 – Policy 1001 Community Use of School Facilities (First Read) a. – Regulation 1001.1 (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
5.17 - Resolution of the Amended School Building Capital Improvement Bond - Adoption		Yes	Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____ <i>M.LaGase commented language changes were corrected.</i>
5.18 – Resolution of the Amended Estoppel Publication		Yes	Action	1 st J. Fennell 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____

6. K-12 REPORTS				
6.1 Executive Principal K-12	M. Facci		Information	<i>M. Facci – ELA and Math tutoring has begun for grades 7 and 8th. Fun news: NYMills has been invited to celebrate and nominate (2) high school students of distinction, this is a Breakfast Event for Distinguished Women hosted by Assembly Women M. Buttenschon; and the SBI award nomination is underway. Progress reports are to be mailed this first week of March. Currently reviewing college scholarships with the School Counselor and notifying parents based on interests and grades. Lastly, the 7-12 grade Drama Club will be presenting the musical Mame, on March 21-23 at 7p.m.</i>
6.2 Interim Principal K-12	D. DiSpirito		Information	<i>D.DiSpirito was excused due to illness.</i>
7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT				
7.1 Enrollment Update	M. LaGase	Yes	Information	<i>M. LaGase stated still monitoring K registration, at this point not looking to open an additional section.</i>
7.2 Superintendent’s Update	M. LaGase		Information	<i>M.LaGase addressed the Solar Eclipse, Monday, April 8th as the region is directly in the path of the totality of the Eclipse, area Superintendents and OHM-BOCES are in discussion of how to handle the timeline in terms of dismissal as it falls on grades 3-8 State Testing dates. Solar Eclipse glasses have been purchased for students to participate. Superintendent Conference Day is March 15th updated staff training in Child Abuse Course Work will be held, any Board Member who wishes to attend is welcome. Exploring different mass communication options, as we currently using school messenger which effective July 1, will no longer be supported. Many area Districts are utilized Parent Square which has a lot of options and parents seem to enjoy this platform.</i>

8. COMMUNICATIONS				
8.1 From the Floor -	District Clerk		Information	<p><i>A.Taylor - as a parent, indicated everyone is very excited about the Solar Eclipse and PTSO would really like to make a memorable experience for the students on this historic event for the students. 2nd as an Optimus Member, wanted thank the Board and school staff for supporting Bidy Basketball, this allowed 92 students to participated a feel like basketball superstars.</i></p> <p><i>C.Albright – Optimus Member, thankful for the facility usage. Next, inquired about election nominee qualifications and how the resignation of J. Fiore seat would affect the Beekman Committee? It was addressed that every year different elected position expires and there are other Board members currently on the Beekman Committee but it will be reviewed after the election.</i></p> <p><i>J.Marley – Teacher, shared some sad news: a former student, Robert Murray, Class of 2020 passed away. Stated he encapsulated the spirit of someone who preservers through challenges and approached life with positivity.</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	<p><i>S.King and K.Hubley in turn thanked A.Taylor and C. Albright for the work done to make the Bidy Basketball Program happen once again. K.Hubley went on to give condolences addressing Robert as a wonderful young man.</i></p>
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		7:19pm	Action	1 st K. Hubley 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 5 No 0 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.