



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA
June 4, 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 p.m.		
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 K. Gyore 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ___
2. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS				
2.1 President's Message	S. King		Information	
S. King - I would just like to thank the community for the power of support for our budget and congratulate the two (2) new board members that have been elected. That is all I have for tonight.				
2.2 BOCES Representative Report	G. Porcelli		Information	M. LaGase – we do not have a BOCES representative.

2.3 Order of the ORANGE and BLUE	S. King		Information	
<p>S. King – One of the privileges of being a board member and the Board President we get to do this; we have a retiring board member who has not only served diligently for 5 years but has also been an officer on the board as well. I would like to Thank Kim (Gyore) for her service and give her the Order of the Orange and Blue. (Applauds) K.Gyore – Thank you. K.Hubley – Do you have a speech? S. King - Congratulations!</p>				
2.4 Committee Reports			Information	
<p>Policy Committee: <i>Jacqueline Edwards/Chair, Kimberly Gyore, Kristin Hubley</i> – nothing at this time; we have the policies that were tabled ready to go. Facilities Committee: <i>Jeremy Fennell/Chair, Jacqueline Edwards</i> – nothing at this time. Communications Committee: <i>Robert Mahardy/Chair, Jeremy Fennell</i> – nothing at this time. Safety Committee: <i>Kristin Hubley/Chair, Robert Mahardy</i> – nothing additional. Transportation Committee: <i>Kimberly Gyore/Chair, Robert Mahardy</i> – nothing scheduled; We will do a year end wrap up. Finance Committee: <i>Kristin Hubley/Chair, Jacqueline Edwards, Kimberly Gyore</i> – thank you voters. SBI: <i>Steve King (SBI Alternate: Kristin Hubley)</i> – SBI met last night (6/3/24) we discussed a whole bunch of things, (1) the legislation committee and other members were able to meet with Commissioner Rosa at Westmoreland, she talked quite abit about foundation aid and how they are working on updating the formula. They think generally speaking that the Upstate Region is going to be hurt by this because they are going back to student counts, instead of the way the formula is now and instead based on enrollment status. Our new Regents was well received by our committee. We nominated and elected our officers for another year. Same officers we had previously last year. I do have a list of all the general membership and meetings coming up if anyone is interested. We have legal issues coming up; the Showcase is going to be in Oneida County this year, so we want to think about what our District would like to contribute to the showcase; and of course the Distinguished Service Awards again this year. Great time.</p>				
3. CONSENT AGENDA				
3.1 Approval of 3.2 through 3.4	S. King	Yes	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
3.2 Business Office Reports		Yes	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
3.3 CSE Reports		Yes	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
3.4 Approval of the Previous Minutes	5.7.2024 5.21.2024	Yes	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____

4. OLD BUSINESS				
4.1 Capital Updates			Information	
<p>M. LaGase – So we are finalizing this year’s outlay which needs to be done by June 30, 2024 and that work is moving forward. I can tell you we expanded window filming beyond what you thought and are able to do pretty much all the first floor classrooms, so that should be wrapped up soon. We sent our documentation for the upcoming outlay and Dan (Architect) is going to be looking to get a more rigorous outline for facility meetings to start and begin more detailed planning. As well as a timeline for when construction will begin. Mr. King asked earlier about prioritization, we are obviously looking at supply and demand in what we think we need to start sooner than later in order to make sure we accomplish certain things based on recommendations of the Architects. We are also looking to secure a construction manager for the project. Conversations held with both the Board and when Dan’s Firm came on board, indicated that the last capital project related to the Cafeteria had significant issues both fiscally and in terms of the execution and quality of the work. So, we really want to make sure we have a construction manager that is going to be diligent in the oversight of the project.</p> <p>S. King added minimal disruption to the students and staff as possible.</p> <p>K. Hubley – Because of things that have come up, is there a report that can be provided at least to the facilities committee when portions of the project are done?</p> <p>M. LaGase – Yes, there are always going to be adjustments, because as we discussed, you know there are unanticipated issues. When they go to remove a wall or relocate there could be issues. There are supply issues. This is a very old building. There is always cost increases from bid to execution and there will be some change orders. I’m assuming. So those things come to the Board naturally, if there are hard decisions, let’s say the scope of the work needed to be narrowed because we reached the fiscal limit, in terms of voter approval those kinds of decisions, will come from the Facilities Committee to the Board. If we are “here”, we have to make some adjustments to the scope of the work, those discussions will be brought to the Board. I am not sure why that didn’t occur in the past, but that is typically the protocol.</p> <p>J. Edwards – When things came up Dr. Davis always gave a punchlist and what was coming up on that list. On the last project. Districts go back and forth about a CM but I can tell you from experience, this is large for this District and you want a CM that has the knowledge to oversee.</p>				
5. NEW BUSINESS				
5.1 Personnel Report		Yes	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.2 Approval Community Use of Facilities Request with Village – Summer Program		Yes	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
<p>S.King – Any discussion? Just we would like them before they advertise.</p> <p>K.Hubley - Especially with this one, because we know that next year there needs to be discussions we will be in the middle of a project.</p>				
5.3 Approval of the BOCES Contract for Rental of Facilities for the Distance Learning Classroom		Yes	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____

5.4 Resolution to Approve the Articulation Agreement with Thompkins Cortland Community College		Yes	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
S.King - Great that we are able to offer kids these opportunities – thank you for that.				
5.5 Resolution to Approve the Contracted Service Agreement with Developmental Therapy Associates Occupational & Physical Therapy, PLLC		Yes	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd K. Hubley / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.6 Resolution to Approve the Intermunicipal Agreement between New York Mills Union Free School District and Madison – Oneida BOCES for 2024-2025		Yes	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.7 Resolution for Abolishment of Science Room #171 Resource Materials		Yes	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.8 Policy 0017 Student Registration and Pre-Registration to Vote (Second Read - Adopt)		Yes	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.9 Policy 7100 Concussion Management (Second Read - Adopt)		Yes	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.10 Policy 1001 Community Use of School Facilities (Second Read - Adopt) a. – Regulation 1001.1 (Second Read - Adopt)	Tabled 5.7.24	Yes	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
J. Edwards – Motion to take it off the table. K. Hubley – 2 nd Now, motion to vote: Kim, 2 nd Rob Thank you for all your work on this particular one, I know it was contentious.				
5.11 Resolution to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and Between the Civil Service Employee		Yes	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____

Association, Inc. Local 1000 and NYMUFSD (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028)

6. K-12 REPORTS

6.1 Executive Principal K-12

M. Facci

Information

You can certainly feel the excitement in the air in the 7-12 wing, our last day of classes is Thursday, June 13th, regents exams will continue on June 14th. We had one today –(6/4/24) Algebra 1. Non regents finals are being done in the middle school during classes this week and next. Senior breakfast is scheduled for the morning of June 13th, it will be followed by the Seniors walking through the hallways for their final time in cap and gown. A fast rehearsal for graduation and then afternoon seniors will go down to the fields for a Senior Picnic. Seniors are getting 10 tickets per student and there is a waiting list for any extras. Senior field trip to Boston is scheduled for Saturday, June 15th. They did such a great job fundraising this year there is no cost to any of the seniors to go on the trip and finally, graduation is June 20th in the Auditorium- so that is our Seniors update. This Thursday (6/6/24), we will have our Junior/Senior Award ceremony at 7 o'clock and next Thursday is our varsity Sports Banquet at Club Monarch so we are keeping pretty busy. Oh and Monday, the PTSO is treating all of the students K-12 to ice cream, courtesy of an ice cream truck. That was really nice, thank you to the PTSO.

6.2 Interim Principal K-12

D. DiSpirito

Information

If you can imagine the excitement level at the secondary level, double that! Classes don't end until June 26th. We finished our 3-6 exams. In terms of science, this was the first time to seeing the exams. It was not easy there was a lot of reading but the investigations they have been doing did match the kinds of questions they are asking so it was nice to see the coordination there. The 6th graders went on their field trip We left at 8:00 in the morning and didn't get back until 8:00 at night, and we went to Howe Caverns, the Aquarium, a baseball field and had lunch at a park and then dinner at Applebees. A very nice day. Today and tomorrow we have Kindergarten screening. We currently have 20 Kindergarten registered. Screening is taking place at Beekman gym. Our student of the month Assembly is tomorrow at 9, with all the events going on between now and the end of June I did send home a letter of events to parents, so they have everything laid out for the next month or so. There is Olympic day on the 11th, rain day is the 12th. Kindergarten moving up is Monday, June 17th and 6th grade graduation is on the 18th. We have been getting prepped for the year end, room inventory, clean up. We know there is no summer school here, it's in Whitesboro. We are working on our end of year checklists, but we are also getting prepped for next year.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 Enrollment Update

M. LaGase

Yes

Information

7.2 Superintendent's Update

M. LaGase

Information

In terms of a Superintendent's Report, we have been working on a majority of end of the year activities and reporting. We are prepping for next year's master schedule, and prioritizing professional development. We are ahead of the game in a lot of our training requirements, so, our staff is well positioned. As I said in previous months, I appreciate the Board moving forward in the hiring process much earlier in the school year so that we know what our staffing is going to be. We can work with those individuals over the summer, get their rooms ready, make any kind of curricular/grade level or vertical alignment adjustments as

needed. I have talked with both of the Administrators about next year's expectations in terms of opening up again with an increased academic focus. As I told you previously, when I was brought on board the graduation rate was at 77%, now we are at 88%. We are looking very, very closely at course completion. What kind of credit recovery options we have, the Total Cohort Report, to see where kids are and what we can do earlier to keep them on track. So, we will continue with that data focus. I have also charged the Administrators with facilitating data meetings and working on a strategic plan.

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.

J. Goodfriend – NYMTA, I just want to take a moment and thank you on your work of the Extra Curricular Policy, I know that it was a large task, and academics are our highest priority but I am so happy that you have acknowledged that extra-curriculars are important and we that we need balance. So, I appreciate it, our bargaining unit appreciates it, so thank you for that. In talking about this, our Track Team, this weekend has 3 members going to States, and that is under the guidance of Coach Keating, Coach Dziekan, and Assistant Coach Sparacino. I watched it as a parent and with a different lens, but it even made it that more special. To get to States, what the students have to do is not just compete against Class-D schools, it's all small schools under 1000 kids, so there's some Class-B, some Class-C and they kind of even them all out. So, there was some really huge competition. So to have 3 from our small school that's a huge accomplishment. So, Kudos to those kids. It was exciting to watch! Also, in our music dept., 7-12 chorus represented us at Six Flags. To see Mr. Pierce still do the Memorial Day Parade as I did as a student, that's a great tradition so I am glad to see that's continuing, kudos to him. Ms. Howe did a nice job with our book club, our Baseball went to sectionals and fought a really, really, good battle. Our softball team they were battling this year and now our modified sports. I've heard parents talking about a future and how good our sports programs are looking. People are looking for summer leagues and it just seems like there's this spark. So I just want to thank our Board of Education, because I believe it starts with the Board of Education. Then it comes down to our faculty, staff and all the people who work the extracurriculars - so, thank you for all that you do. Go Mills! It's a good time!

M. Mitchell – Parent, good evening, I wanted to Thank the Board for sending home the information that I requested at the May meeting. I requested a total money amount as well as a breakdown of the funds for the girls modified softball program and what if anything it is now being used for. The only information provided to me was that in quotes "funds from coaching positions not filled and official fees not used go back into the District's fund balance." I also asked for a break down of boys verses girls sports for each season. And how much money is allocated for boys vs. girls at New York Mills. I did receive the break down of boys vs girls sports for each season. The equity between the boys vs girls is unbalanced in my opinion. Ms. Mitchell then sited Title VIII language and specific components of the Athletic Budget with several questions for which she asked for clarity. Including why the District was not providing transportation for combined sports. Superintendent LaGase responded to several of the questions asked and indicated any of the unanswered questions would need a FOIL Request.

J. Marley – I just need a minute, as the year comes to a close, as educators in a small community such as ours, we are really appreciative of any opportunities we have to build our environment, build our morale, build our school community, so we appreciate any kind of opportunity we have to sit at the table and come to cohesive, collaborative decisions. We appreciate the experience. So, thank you so much.

S.King – any other comments from the floor? Seeing none, we are up to Board discussion.

8.2 Board Discussion

BOE

Discussion

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		6:43 p.m.	Action	1 st K. Gyore 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 6 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.