



**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 6, 2024**  
**6 PM - NEW YORK MILLS UFSD LIBRARY**

- Kristin Hubley
- Robert Mahardy, Jr.
- Sara DeFazio
- Jacqueline Edwards
- Jeremy Fennell
- Steve King
- Abbie Taylor

Agenda Item	Who	Information Distributed	Action	Notes
<b>1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER</b>		6:00 pm		
<b>1.1 Pledge to the Flag</b>			Procedural	
<b>1.2 Reading of the New York Mills UFSD Mission Statement.</b>			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>
<b>1.3 Acceptance of Agenda</b>	K. Hubley	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> J. Edwards 2 <sup>nd</sup> J. Fennell / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
<b>2. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>				
<b>2.1 President's Message</b>	K. Hubley		Information	
<i>Just a reminder to the Board on August 22, 2024, we have our Board Workshop at 5:30pm. I am putting together an agenda, if anyone would like to add to it please let me know.</i>				
<b>2.2 BOCES Representative Report</b>	G. Porcelli		Information	

<b>2.3 Committee Reports</b>			Information	
<b>Policy Committee:</b> <i>Steve King/Chair, Jacqueline Edwards, Abbie Taylor</i> <b>Facilities Committee:</b> <i>Jeremy Fennell/Chair, Sara DeFazio, Jacqueline Edwards</i> <b>Communications Committee:</b> <i>Abbie Taylor/Chair, Robert Mahardy</i> <b>Safety Committee:</b> <i>Robert Mahardy/Chair, Abbie Taylor</i> <b>Transportation Committee:</b> <i>Sara DeFazio/Chair, Robert Mahardy</i> <b>Finance Committee:</b> <i>Jacqueline Edwards/Chair, Sara DeFazio, Jeremy Fennell</i> <b>SBI:</b> <i>Steve King (SBI Alternate: Jacqueline Edwards)</i>				
<b>3. CONSENT AGENDA</b>				
<b>3.1 Approval of 3.2 through 3.4</b>	K. Hubley	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> R. Mahardy / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
<b>3.2 Business Office Reports</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> R. Mahardy / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
<i>K. Hubley: The extra-curricular report is always in question, this is a manual report we are going to be changing and adding new information in the payment section. That is going to help balance this better.</i>				
<b>3.3 CSE Reports</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> R. Mahardy / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
<b>3.4 Approval of the Previous Minutes</b>	7.9.2024	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> R. Mahardy / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
<b>4. OLD BUSINESS</b>				
<b>4.1 Capital Updates</b>			Information	
<b>5. NEW BUSINESS</b>				
<b>5.1 Personnel Report</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> J. Edwards 2 <sup>nd</sup> S. King / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
<b>5.2 Resolution to Approve SRO Contract with New York Mills Police Department and the NYMUFSD 2024-2025</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. DeFazio 2 <sup>nd</sup> J. Edwards / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____

<b>5.3 Resolution to Approve Contract with Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, Inc. (Head Start) and the NYMUFSD 2024-2025</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> R. Mahardy 2 <sup>nd</sup> J. Fennell / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
<b>5.4 Approval of Combining Contract with Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School (host) – Varsity Girls Soccer and NYMUFSD Fall 2024-2025</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> J. Edwards 2 <sup>nd</sup> J. Fennell / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
<b>5.5 Approval of Combining Contract with NYMUFSD (host) – Varsity Girls Field Hockey and Notre Dame Jr/Sr. High School Fall 2024-2025</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. DeFazio 2 <sup>nd</sup> J. Edwards / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
<b>5.6 Approval of Combining Contract with NYMUFSD (host) – Modified Girls Field Hockey and Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School and Sauquoit High School Fall 2024-2025</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> J. Edwards / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
<b>5.7 Resolution to Set Tax Levy for the 2024-2025 school year in the Town of New Hartford and the Town of Whitestown.</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> R. Mahardy 2 <sup>nd</sup> S. King / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
<b>5.8 Approval Community Use of Facilities Request with NYM PTSO - Craft Fair Event</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> J. Edwards 2 <sup>nd</sup> S. DeFazio / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
<b>6. K-12 REPORTS</b>				
<b>6.1 Executive Principal K-12</b>	M. Facci		Information	
<i>M. Facci: We are working on course scheduling for grades 7-12 students which will go out early next week. We are planning 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation for August 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm., 7 teachers are coming in to show small groups of students around, help open lockers so they are feeling comfortable on the first day of school.</i>				
<b>6.2 Interim Principal K-12</b>	D. DiSpirito		Information	

*D. DiSpirito: We are also working on schedules, but for the teachers not the students. Teachers are working on their welcome letters, a letter from me, the income verification forms and student verification forms are all going to be mailed home next week. Kindergarten registration is also on August 27<sup>th</sup>. We have a lot of text and books coming in. Registration continues to change on a daily bases; we gained two (2) Kindergarteners this week. Registration has been very very busy K-12.*

**7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

*M. LaGase: We have been working on the opening of school. And aligning ourselves up with OHM BOCES to get printing items in early so we are not behind larger Districts. We have been reviewing schedules and will continue to get changes before the opening of school. An additional transportation letter is being devised, outlining a timeline of when transportation information will be sent to families and remind them on who to return the survey to and what the deadline date is. The survey is to make sure our routing is correct. I have been working closely with the Transportation Supervisor going over bus routes, stops, and changes. The Superintendent Conference Days are all set for August 29<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

*J. Edwards: I have a question, on the census report. Is there a cap on Grade 11 P.M. BOCES? M. LaGase answered; it is not on our end, there are increased levels of enrollment at BOCES, so there are some waiting lists and they are working on securing additional classroom spaces off campus for a second program option for students. We are not the only District on waiting list, is spans across all the BOCES Component Districts. There is an influx of CTE interest.*

<b>7.1 Enrollment Update</b>	M. LaGase	Yes	Information	
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<b>7.2 Superintendent’s Update</b>	M. LaGase		Information	
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**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

<b>8.1 From the Floor -</b>	District Clerk		Information	
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**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 was not able to attend the July Re-organizational meeting and just wanted to congratulate and welcome the new Board members and Thank you to our existing members. We look forward to a wonderful year.*

<b>8.2 Board Discussion</b>	BOE		Discussion	
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*S. King: A few items. SBI calendar has lots of exciting events, I encourage you to attend as many as you can. Next, I saw the post on extending Free Meals for students again this year. That is excellent news. Lastly, Mastrovito-Hyundai is doing a nomination of schools for free books. I have done it the past 2 yrs and will again this year telling why we are a deserving school and how our students would like books. If we could all take a moment to comment on either their Facebook or website page. It would be greatly appreciated.*

<b>9. EXECUTIVE SESSION ** (If Needed)</b>	BOE	6:15pm	Discussion/Action	1 <sup>st</sup> R. Mahardy 2 <sup>nd</sup> J. Edwards / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
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9.1 Return to General Session (time)	BOE	7:19 pm	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> J. Edwards / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
<b>10. ADJOURNMENT</b>				
10.1 Adjournment		7:21 pm	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. DeFazio 2 <sup>nd</sup> J. Edwards / 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.**