



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA
October 1, 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
1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER				
1.1 Pledge to the Flag		6:00pm	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	K. Hubley	Yes	Action	1 st J.Fennell 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ___
2. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS				
2.1 President’s Message	K. Hubley		Information	<i>K. Hubley: I want to thank the Board members. We have been busy this month, starting with open house and a priority meeting before that. Thank for rearranging your schedules. At open house Officer Chase was our grill master and members served up hotdogs. We also had the Blue Ribbon Commission Forum on graduation requirements and SBI Legal updates –(S. King will speak about that later on) Trunk or Treat is coming up. Thank you for all your dedication.</i>
2.2 BOCES Representative Report	G. Porcelli		Information	

2.3 Presentation – Bonadio Group				Greg Evans presented the Audit and Extra Classroom Activities Fund Audit for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. He noted the highest level of assurance opinion. “NYMUFSD is exactly where you want to be in accordance to New York State.”
2.4 Committee Reports			Information	
<p>Policy Committee: <i>Steve King/Chair, Jacqueline Edwards, Abbie Taylor</i> – S. King: The committee met 9/26, there after we are going to be meeting every other month for the rest of the year going through current policies and those recommended by Policy Service office as well as some identified by the Board.</p> <p>Facilities Committee: <i>Jeremy Fennell/Chair, Sara DeFazio, Jacqueline Edwards</i> – M. LaGase: We will be meeting with Architects and Competitive Bid Contractors to have a better idea of where we are with the SED submission/approval.</p> <p>Communications Committee: <i>Abbie Taylor/Chair, Robert Mahardy</i> – R. Mahardy: The committee met 9/30. The committee is working with the MORIC on our ParentSquare platform. We will be putting together some information on the new system for parents. Soft launch is scheduled for January.</p> <p>Safety Committee: <i>Robert Mahardy/Chair, Abbie Taylor</i> – Nothing at this time</p> <p>Transportation Committee: <i>Sara DeFazio/Chair, Robert Mahardy</i> – S. Defazio: The committee met 10/1 to discuss transportation, the supervisor position and driver shortage. We have an action item set for the floor today.</p> <p>Finance Committee: <i>Jacqueline Edwards/Chair, Sara DeFazio, Jeremy Fennell</i> – Slated to meet 11/4 to start the budget development process and timeline.</p> <p>SBI: <i>Steve King (SBI Alternate: Jacqueline Edwards)</i> – S. King: 9/30 discussed the general membership meeting, legal overview presentation on student discipline, school management and updates including student cell phone policies, collective bargaining. SBI meeting materials were handed out. Hope all can attend at some point throughout the year.</p>				
3. CONSENT AGENDA				
3.1 Approval of 3.2 through 3.4	K. Hubley	Yes	Action	1 st S. King 2 nd S. DeFazio / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ___
3.2 Business Office Reports				
3.3 CSE Reports				
3.4 Approval of the Previous Minutes	9.10.24 9.19.24			

4. OLD BUSINESS				
4.1 Capital Updates			Information	<i>M. LaGase: no new updates at this time.</i>
5. NEW BUSINESS				
5.1 Personnel Report		Yes	Action	1 st S. DeFazio 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
5.2 Resolution to Approve the 2023-2024 Audit from the Bonadio Group		Yes	Action	1 st S. King 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
5.3 Resolution to Approve the 2023-2024 ECA Audit from the Bonadio Group		Yes	Action	1 st S. DeFazio 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ____
6. K-12 REPORTS				
6.1 Executive Principal K-12	M. Facci		Information	<i>M. Facci: We had a busy first couple of weeks. Thank you for the help with open house, it was very successful and we had good parent turnout. Next week is Homecoming – fun events scheduled each day for students. Thursday is Orange and Blue day and the pep rally. Classes will be creating banners in the hallways, later moving them out to the fence line for the game, the Homecoming game is Saturday at noon against Cooperstown. The Homecoming Dance is also scheduled for Saturday evening from 7-10 pm. Student Council will participate in the “Community Fall Clean-up” on Sunday, October 20th encouraging all Seniors who need additional volunteer hours to attend. Drama Club meeting was held on this year’s musical with a vote of 12 yes to 9 no, for, “You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown.” Friday starts auditions and call backs. The Optimus Club continues to support Student of the Month. Students selected from grades 7-11 will receive a coupon for 1 free pizza at Trio’s, the Senior Students of the Month gets a monetary award and plaque. 5-week process reports are scheduled to go home 10/15.</i>
6.2 Interim Principal K-12	D. DiSpirito		Information	<i>DiSpirito: We to have been quite bus with Pretesting, IST meetings etc. Interventions groups have been established and as a faculty we have honed in on small group instruction to really hit the skills students are struggling with. We have been in discussions about medical allergies and held conversations with parents and although we have a peanut free area, we now need to create a “Tree Nut” free table in the cafeteria because they are 2 very different allergies. We want to welcome our new music teacher Maurice Williams, he has been with us for about a week and already has a concert agenda planned, concert music and choir rehearsal was today. He is egar to bring a lot of enthusiasm, energy and excitement to the program. PTO will be providing one field trip each for all grade levels K-5, School Photos are complete, Trunk or Treat will be 10/25, we are preparing our first Student of the Month Ceremony 10/30 at 9:00 am. We will have our grades K-3 Costume Parade on 10/31 between 1 -2pm before high school dismissal, and finally the “Teddy Bear Toss Raffle” will be collected</i>

through the Elementary office this year. Veterans Day Card messages and templates have been distributed to teachers, and we will collect them by 10/22, so we can collaborate with Assemblywomen Marianne Buttenschon's Office to be send out by November 1 to nursing homes. We are also coordinating with the Comet's Hockey team on an Anti-Bullying Presentation. We are very excited for this upcoming month.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 Enrollment Update	M. LaGase	Yes	Information	M. LaGase: We continue to monitor enrollment as families move in and out of the District.
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7.2 Superintendent's Update	M. LaGase		Information	
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M.LaGase: I just want to touch base on the Transportation Committee dialog because there has been some work on the administrative level. We encountered a need for some expanded transportation services both for some special education students with program placements outside of the District and new enrollments, who qualify for McKinney-Vento, and have been placed by Oneida County in Rome. As a result, we have added runs to fulfill these needs. Also, a lot of discussion has been held regarding the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission and what the Portrait of a Graduate looks like for a New York Mills student. We will continue that work.

7.3 Motion to Approve Memorandum of Agreement between the CSEA and New York Mills Union Free School District			Motion	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd S. King / Yes 5 No 0 Abstain ___
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8. COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 From the Floor -	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.

8.2 Board Discussion	BOE		Discussion	
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S. King: First of all, kudos to L. Stamboly for the great audit we had, it takes great leadership and she has shown that during this process. And secondly, I would like to piggyback on Mrs. LaGase and the new Blue Ribbon Commission Forum. It was interesting to attend the public session but a concern I have is it sounds like a pile of money to implement and a lot of it is based on sending students out into the community for workplace learning, which is a great idea but I'm not sure we are going to find enough jobs to support all those thousands of students in the Region to go out and get that kind of experience. I'm interested to see how it rolls out. I like the idea of multiply pathways and not a one size fits all.

S. DeFazio: I too attended the BRC, I'm hoping New York Mills can offer some in house work-based learning so that it doesn't necessarily have to be out in the community. Just thinking outside of the box, hopefully. Also, I am a big advocate for Libraries' and Mid-York Library System has a wonderful program called

Tutor.com,- free tutoring. It is 1 hour long, if you need longer just relog in for additional time with certified teachers across the nation. All you need is a library card. I can forward the information.

R. Mahardy: I agree in terms of the Blue Ribbon Commission and I am scared in a sense of unfunded mandates and for how New State rolls things out, sounds like it will be a lot of work but is going to be interesting. On the plus side Homecoming and all the fun things involved with that is coming up.

K.Hubley: I had attended the BRC Educator 3 hour session. It was well attended, I have a lot of the same concerns as my fellow Board members but I can also see it, I'm just not sure how we are going to get to it. It will be A LOT of work, though I do believe it is a good thing because not all kids are the same. They learn differently, they experience life differently. It is a good concept, but still a lot of intricacies not fully thought out yet. A lot is subjective to different points of view. I also want to Thank the Bus Drivers for stepping up and taking on runs in the morning and in the afternoon between the 8 of them. As well as the Administrative team for acting as Transportation Supervisors, it has been a difficult time and they have been going above and beyond exhausting all resources and contacts to pull together shared bus schedules. It is not just our District but across the region.

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		6:46pm	Action	1 st S.King 2 nd J. Fennell / 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.**