



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 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		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	K. Hubley	Yes	Action	1 st S. DeFazio 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
1.4 EXECUTIVE SESSION ** Motion from Floor to enter into Executive Session on Personnel and Litigations Matters	BOE	6:01pm	Discussion/Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
Return to General Session (time)	BOE	6:23pm	Action	1 st S. DeFazio 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
2. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS				

2.1 President's Message	K. Hubley		Information	
<i>K. Hubley: Quickly, want to congratulate our District Clerk as she celebrated her first year with us last week, Thank you. Also, Coach Dziekan's retirement was official last Friday 11/2/24 and what the staff and student body did for her send off was amazing. We are losing a great Coach but thankfully she is on our sub list. Best wishes to her.</i>				
2.2 BOCES Representative Report	G. Porcelli		Information	
2.3 Committee Reports			Information	
<p>Policy Committee: Steve King/Chair, Jacqueline Edwards, Abbie Taylor – We do have several Policies on the agenda for first reads, and our next scheduled meeting is on 11/12/24.</p> <p>Facilities Committee: Jeremy Fennell/Chair, Sara DeFazio, Jacqueline Edwards – No updates at this time.</p> <p>Communications Committee: Abbie Taylor/Chair, Robert Mahardy Jr. – We met on Parent Square</p> <p>Safety Committee: Robert Mahardy Jr. /Chair, Abbie Taylor- None at this time</p> <p>Transportation Committee: Sara DeFazio/Chair, Robert Mahardy Jr. - None at this time.</p> <p>Finance Committee: Jacqueline Edwards/Chair, Sara DeFazio, Jeremy Fennell – We met 11/1/24, looked at timeline for developing budget, talked about where we are financial and what we need to look at, how to be pro-active with state changes.</p> <p>SBI: Steve King (SBI Alternate: Jacqueline Edwards) – Upcoming executive meeting 12/2/24. I continue to encourage all to join. Legislative meeting in January.</p>				
3. CONSENT AGENDA				
3.1 Approval of 3.2 through 3.4	K. Hubley	Yes	Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
3.2 Business Office Reports				
3.2a Budget Transfers				
3.3 CSE Reports				
3.4 Approval of the Previous Minutes	10.01.24			
4. OLD BUSINESS				

4.1 Capital Updates			Information	
5. NEW BUSINESS				
5.1 Resolution to Approve Paid Administrative Leave		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd A. Taylor / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
5.2 Resolution to Approve Paid Administrative Leave		Yes	Action	1 st S. DeFazio 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
5.3 Resolution to Approve Termination of Probationary Appointment - Eric Vollmer		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
5.4 Resolution to Abolish the Position of Transportation Supervisor		Yes	Action	1 st S. DeFazio 2 nd S. King / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
5.5 Resolution to Create the Position of Director of Transportation		Yes	Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
5.6 Personnel Report		Yes	Action	1 st S. King 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
5.7 Resolution to Accept the Corrective Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024		Yes	Action	1 st J. Edwards 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
5.8 Resolution to Accept the Corrective Action Plan for Extra Curricular Activity Fund 2023 - 2024		Yes	Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd A. Taylor / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
5.9 Approval of Community Use of Facilities Request with New York Mills Optimist Club – Biddy Basketball Program		Yes	Action	1 st S. DeFazio 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
				S. King - We are coordinating this with other uses of our facilities, no issues of conflict?

				M. LaGase - Yes.
5.10 Approval of New Hartford Ice Control Agreement		Yes	Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd S. King / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
5.11 Resolution to Approve NYSPHSAA Section III Combine Contract with Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School (Host) and NYMUFSD - Boys Varsity Ice Hockey Winter 2024-2025		Yes	Action	1 st S. DeFazio 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
5.12 Resolution to Approve NYSPHSAA Section III Combine Contract with NYMUFSD (Host) and Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School - Girls Varsity/JV Volleyball Winter 2024-2025		Yes	Action	1 st J. Fennell 2 nd S. King / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
5.13 - Policy 1100 Records Management and Access (First Read) a. – Regulation 1100.1 Public Access to Records (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st S. King 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
5.14 – Policy 2004 School Board Operations; Nomination and Election of Board of Education Members (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st S. DeFazio 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
5.15 – Policy 6404 Rights of Nursing Employees to Express Breast Milk (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st R. Mahardy 2 nd J. Fennell / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
5.16 – Policy 7201 Student Medications, Allergies and Anaphylaxis – new replacing previous (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st S. King 2 nd R. Mahardy / Yes 7 No 0 Abstain ____
6. K-12 REPORTS				
6.1 Executive Principal K-12	M. Facci		Information	

M. Facci: Very busy October, 7th graders went to Sauquoit Creek to take water samples for STEM project. Students went to the OHM BOCES to participate in the Mohawk Valley Youth Climate Summit, a science project to continue throughout the year. We said, “see you later”, not “goodbye” to Coach Dziekan as she embarks on retirement. Moving forward Advisors are encouraged to have classes sign up to assist the PTSO and the Craft fair, as a thank you for all they do for us, so we are asking students to give back. Optimus Club awards went to one student in each grade level. Athletics is having open gym available Monday – Thursday, for basketball and volleyball. Seniors had the opportunity to hold an on-site admission workshop with SUNY Poly, MVCC and HCCC. SUNY Poly is also scheduled to come. On Nov. 12th students are going to have lunch and tour Utica University and SUNY Poly campuses. Looking forward to the High School Musical November 21-23rd, “You Are A Good Man Charlie Brown”. Currently, academically, student grades 7 -12 are working on benchmark exams. First quarter ends Nov. 15th, report cards go out on the 20th.

S. Defazio asked how the college admission turn out went.

M. Faccio: Roughly, over 10 seniors already applied for MVCC and a slightly lower number for HCCC.

6.2 Interim Principal K-12	D. DiSpirito		Information	
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D. DiSpirito: Started out the month with a Superintendent’s Day were teachers met to discuss curriculum, talk about APPR and SLO’s, student accommodations and reviewed testing results to identify where to work on skill deficient. Kindergarteners went to Salvicki Farms to pick out pumpkins and get special treats. Assembly women Buttenschon came and presented the Resolution for Child Health Day. Two Utica Comets players came for an Anti-Bullying Presentation for grade 2-4 at the end, every student then received a personalized signed autograph from the Comet’s Players. NYSED and Dr. Kilburn toured classrooms, and were impressed with instruction given. Trunk or Treat and the Halloween Parade were a success. We held our Student of the Month Assembly, awarding 12 students for curiosity, 12 students for teamwork, 8 students for open mindedness, 3 students for other people matter, and 7 students received the Principal Award and will have lunch with the Principal. The Turkey Trot was this past Saturday, Nov. 1, 2024, the OPTIMUS Club came with hot coffee, cocoa and cookies. We awarded 15 t-shirts, 10 turkey vouchers that were raffled off for those students that participated. Thank you to them! Next year will mark the Turkey Trot’s 50th year and we are already thinking of some great ideas for that celebration. For upcoming events, we have Veteran’s Assembly on Nov. 8th, with over 35 Veterans coming to participate and be celebrated. 2 parent teacher conferences dates are scheduled for Nov. 8th and 22nd. Next, observations will take place, as well as data meetings with the Guidance Counselor to review every student’s academics after the report cards and responses to interventions. New events have been added for November and December K-1student will have a Thanksgiving Dessert Celebration with pies and Christmas tea for students in grades 2 and 3. We selected the Elementary school musical this year to be “Annie Junior” with auditions to begin after the holidays. Parent Newsletter will be going out notifying families of all events, half days and weather-related materials.

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7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT				
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7.1 Enrollment Update	M. LaGase	Yes	Information	
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7.2 Superintendent’s Update	M. LaGase		Information	
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M. LaGase: Only one update. After Thanksgiving families will receive a brief test run on our School Messenger system which is used for communicating emergency school closures and delays, as this is the last year we will be utilizing this platform. In January we are going to transition with a soft launch of Parent Square as this platform runs very differently than School Messenger. Parents will have training sessions and resources from January to June so families have adequate time to transition.

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8. COMMUNICATIONS				
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8.1 From the Floor -	District Clerk		Information	
<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>				
<p>C. St. James (Parent) I just want to thank the BOE for the passing of the 5.11 Ice Hockey combination with Notre Dame Jugglers. As my son is in his 13th season, he is one of the Captains this coming season, so that and several other students are coming up into the organization as well and trying out this year. I have printed some schedules. Please come see our students play at the Nexxus Center Jan. 9th is tentative Teacher Appreciation Day.</p>				
<p>M. Tallman (parent) expressed her concerns regarding my child's health records and the performance of the previous nurse.</p>				
<p>Student (Drama/Choir Club Treasurer) requested review of the Drama Club account.</p>				
<p>E. Vollmer commented on his employment.</p>				
<p>President Hubley instructed Mr. Vollmer to end his comment period.</p>				
<p>Motion to adjourn 6:53 pm – R. Mahardy, 2nd J. Edwards/Yes 7 , No 0 Entered Back into General Session : 6:58 pm – R. Mahardy Jr. 2nd S. King</p>				
8.2 Board Discussion	BOE		Discussion	
<p><i>S. King – Looking forward to the Craft Fair and Musical. I appreciate all the staff members that support students here.</i></p> <p><i>S. DeFazio – Board of Regents met on the Portrait of a Graduate Monday 10/30/24, just wanted to keep all informed. There is an uploaded recording on the website</i></p> <p><i>J. Edwards – Sometimes it is very intimidating for a student to come and address the Board, but it is very much appreciated and please know the Board does want to see and hear students if they have a question or concern.</i></p> <p><i>R. Mahardy – Regardless of Political affiliation I think we can all agree this is an important National Election, so please go vote if you have not voted yet.</i></p> <p><i>A. Taylor – Trunk or Treat was the best night of my life.... On a touching note, in attending Mrs. Dziekan's farewell march around the school, it was great to see students lining up to hug her with tears. You could tell as she was cheering for all of the students' she had such an impact on so many.</i></p> <p><i>K. Hubley – I would like to congratulate all the students of the month. Wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a great November. We appreciate all of our staff, students and parents. Thank you for keeping the Biddy Basketball going to all those involved.</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		7:03 pm	Action	1 st S. King 2 nd J. Edwards / Yes 7 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.