



**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**  
**6 PM - NEW YORK MILLS UFSD CAFETERIA**

☒ Jacqueline Edwards  
☒ Kristin Hubley  
☒ Michelle Jordan  
☒ Scott Carman  
☒ Steve King  
☒ Alicia Albright  
☐ Kimberly Gyore

Agenda Item	Who	Information Distributed	Action	Notes
<b>1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER</b>	J. Edwards			
<b>1.1 Pledge to the Flag</b>	K. Hubley		Procedural	
<b>1.2 Reading of the New York Mills UFSD Mission Statement.</b>	S. King		Procedural	
<b>1.3 Acceptance of Agenda</b>	J. Edwards	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Albright 2 <sup>nd</sup> Scott Carman / Yes <u>6</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain
<b>1.4 Introduction of New Teachers</b>	M. Facci		Information	The following new teachers were introduced to the Board of Education and the community: Justin Mahanna – Earth Science and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Justin Worboys – Physics and Robotics Sam Famolaro – Global Studies 10 Kristy Wallace – Reading Alana Wielgosz – French and Spanish Lily Corathers – Elementary Music Ron Klopfanstein - English 7/8 9 – (Mr. Klopfanstein was teaching a college course and could not attend tonight)
<b>2. PRESENTATIONS AND</b>				

<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>				
<b>2.1 President's Message</b>	J. Edwards		Information	No Message at this time.
<b>2.2 BOCES Representative Report</b>	G. Porcelli		Information	No Message at this time.
<b>2.3 Committee Reports</b>			Information	
<b>Policy Committee – K. Gyore, S. Carman, A. Albright</b> - No report at this time.  <b>Survey/Communications Committee – K. Hubley, K. Gyore</b> - The committee had to cancel tonight's meeting, but Mrs. Hubley wanted to take a minute to reiterate the sources of communication the district endorses. The district's Facebook page is New York Mills Union Free School District. Our website is regularly updated and we have our app that runs off of those pages. If there are any questions, please call the school or email the appropriate teacher or principal. The best and most accurate answers are always obtained directly from the school. We also recognize the New York Mills PTSO and Athletic Boosters Facebook pages as they will take any information directly from the school.  <b>Transportation Committee – S. Carman, A. Albright</b> – No report at this time.  <b>Health &amp; Safety Committee – S. King, M. Jordan</b> – Mr. King spoke and stated they committee met last Thursday (9/9/21) with Patty Cerio and Jessica Fletcher from the BOCES Safety Office, there will be a future meeting with those involved, Police, Fire, etc in the near future, and we will be creating a video "starring" Dr. Shelmidine!  <b>Facilities Committee – M. Jordan, K. Hubley, J. Edwards</b> – Mrs. Jordan spoke and said the committee did meet but she stated that Dr. Shelmidine would be covering the details in her report.  <b>SBI Committee – S. King</b> – No report at this time				
<b>3. CONSENT AGENDA</b>				
<b>3.1 Business Office Reports</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> K. Hubley 2 <sup>nd</sup> M. Jordan / Yes __6__ No __0__ Abstain __
<b>3.2 CSE Reports</b>	H. Gaetano	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> K. Hubley 2 <sup>nd</sup> M. Jordan / Yes __6__ No __0__ Abstain __
<b>3.3 Approval of the Previous Minutes</b>	8.3.21	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> S. Carman / Yes __5__ No __0__ Abstain __1__ (Mrs. Albright Abstained as she was not present at this meeting)
<b>3.4 Approval of the Previous Minutes</b>	8.17.21	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> M. Jordan 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Hubley / Yes __5__ No __0__ Abstain __1__

				(Mrs. Albright Abstained as she was not present at this meeting)
<b>4. OLD BUSINESS</b>				
<b>4.1 Capital Updates</b>	J. Shelmidine		Information	
<p>The bleachers are due to arrive October 8<sup>th</sup> with install occurring as soon as they arrive. The press box won't be delivered until the end of October. We are hopeful that we can have the homecoming football game here with the new bleachers. The score board is wireless so that will not be a problem. Announcing the game will be-there won't be any speakers set up.</p> <p>Neil, Dan and Brian were not happy with the quality of the concrete pour for the marquis. The contractors will be making that right prior to the sign coming-also mid to late October.</p> <p>The drainage issue at the bus garage is coming to resolution-a new pump has been purchased. Given that we need to use a pump rather than gravity; the projected costs are very close to the maximum that you set with the previous resolution. That is why Dan and Brian have resubmitted a resolution for your approval that will more than meet the costs of the emergency project. We will get aid on what is spent, and if the added funds are not needed, they will not be used.</p>				
<b>4.2 - 4.7 Policy Vote (2<sup>nd</sup> Read / Adoption)</b>				This item was tabled by Mr. King, it was accidentally carried over, and should not have been on the agenda.
<b>5. NEW BUSINESS</b>				
<b>5.1 Personnel Report</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S.King 2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Albright / Yes __6__ No__0__ Abstain __
				The Board would like to congratulation Danielle Howe on her tenure in Library Media Specialist.
<b>5. 2 Approval of Combining Contract/Boys Ice Hockey Notre Dame- NYM</b>		Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> M. Jordan 2 <sup>nd</sup> S. Carman / Yes __6__ No__0__ Abstain __
<b>5.3 Declaration of Emergency and of Contingent Expense (Revised 9.14.21)</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Action	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Albright / Yes __6__ No__0__ Abstain __
<b>6. K-12 REPORTS</b>				
<b>6.1 Elementary</b>	B. Dodge		Information	B. Dodge, it's great to have everyone back in the building, classrooms are a bit bigger so there is an adjustment. So far so

				good. We have had the normal beginning of the year navigational issues, technology, room challenges, but we are off and running and everything is going great. We are doing our beginning of the year assessment baselines.
<b>6.2 High School</b>	M. Facci		Information	We will have homecoming on October 9 <sup>th</sup> , followed by Spirit week, Pep Rally on the 15 <sup>th</sup> and Game on the 16 <sup>th</sup> . We are working with teachers on the logistics for Monday's open house with parents for grades K-12 and we are doing great with our 7 <sup>th</sup> graders orienting to the high school, using lockers etc.
<b>7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</b>				
<b>7.1 Enrollment Update</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Information	
<b>7.2 Superintendent's Update</b>	J. Shelmidine	Yes	Information	
<p>As you will note in the enrollment report-we have a number of new students. They have been acclimating well and we are happy to see them join us here.</p> <p>The opening of school went very well. It was great having everyone back in school. Our staff did an amazing job making everyone feel welcome and we are getting back into the regular routine. I want to reiterate the reason behind the universal mask mandate-the mandate allows us to limit the number of people who would need to quarantine if someone were to test positive. If all students within 6 feet of the person infected with COVID were wearing their masks the entire time, none of them would need to quarantine, regardless of vaccination status. The wearing of masks, though, must be done properly-nose and mouth must be covered or the person not wearing the mask properly will need to quarantine for 10 days if exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID.</p> <p>Last spring, we were all hopeful that masks were behind us. Unfortunately, we are under a new universal mask mandate while in the school building. None of us want to see instruction return to remote learning. We are trying to keep everyone in school in person all year.</p> <p>Open House is a work in progress. We are trying to find ways to honor the event while keeping everyone safe. We are exploring different options-including separating elementary and secondary times, utilizing outdoor space. We may also need to do like so many are doing and ask that only one parent/guardian per child attend.</p> <p>The last mandate we received-verifying vaccination status or weekly negative testing on the surface seems fairly straight forward. And if we were only talking about staff, it would be straight forward. This mandate is much more complicated than that. We need to verify status of officials at games, the person who comes in and repairs our copier or delivers water, anyone who might possibly be in the building or come in contact with our students. As you know, we have a number of itinerant staff that serves multiple districts-do they need to verify once with BOCES-or at each site. We will be addressing this issue this week at our Superintendents meeting at BOCES. None of us want to be out of compliance-we all are trying to keep our students and staff safe. In addition,</p>				

the fines, if we are audited are significant. It will cost the district \$10,000 per offense-each person, each day is a separate offense. That will add up quickly and impact our mission of serving students. (Continued)

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Thank you to the NY Mills Police Department. We are grateful for the community connection and our SRO.

## 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.

Two individuals spoke this evening:

Kaylie Carman (Senior) – *Read a letter from the Senior Class to the Board of Education requesting the seniors be allowed to leave campus at lunch. Ms. Edwards reminded the group that there is a protocol to follow the chain of command. She recommended that the group make an appointment and or put the proposal in writing to Mrs. Facci, and she will in turn provide a written response. If they wish to go further, they make then go up the chain of command to Dr. Shelmidine. Bringing something to the Board would be the final measure not the initial.*

Jeanie Marley – *Read a letter in favor of our safe opening.*

### 8.2 Board Discussion

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Discussion

*Mrs. Albright made the suggestion regarding the PA system for homecoming; perhaps we could rent one, Dr. Shelmidine would refer this to Mrs. Treen and Mr. Dodge, and stated that nothing has been budgeted for the rental. She mentioned that perhaps the PTSO or Athletic Boosters maybe they could help to facilitate that.*

*Mrs. Hubley, questioned about the survey for Open House and how we were communicating this. Dr. Shelmidine responded that this was on our APP and social media. We have about 6 parents who have applied today to it. She inquired if Dr. Shelmidine could put it out further. Dr. Shelmidine stated that she could a reminder out on school messenger.*

*Mrs. Edwards would like Mrs. Marley to express her gratitude to the teachers on the positive feedback that was given. Additionally, she would like Mrs. Stamboly to relay to her staff, the bus drivers and maintenance people that the school looks great. We are very appreciative and we want people to know*

				<p><i>they are valued so thank you to everyone who made the opening very smooth and enjoyable.</i></p> <p><i>Mrs. Jordan commented that she and Mrs. Hubley personally went to the playground and spoke with a parent who told the story of her child being so excited with the new playground that he wanted to come back after school. We designed the playground so that kids would want to come back after school and this is very exciting to see.</i></p>
<b>9. EXECUTIVE SESSION ** (If Needed)</b>	BOE		Procedural	1 <sup>st</sup> _____ 2 <sup>nd</sup> _____ / Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___
				None needed
<b>9.1 Return to General Session (time)</b>	BOE		Procedural	1 <sup>st</sup> _____ 2 <sup>nd</sup> _____ / Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___
				None needed
<b>10. ADJOURNMENT</b>				
<b>10.1 Adjournment</b>	J. Edwards		Procedural	1 <sup>st</sup> S. King 2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Hubley / Yes _6_ No _0_ Abstain ___
<p><b>**§105. Conduct of executive sessions.</b></p> <p><b>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:</b></p> <p><b>a. matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;</b></p> <p><b>b. any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;</b></p> <p><b>c. information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;</b></p> <p><b>d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;</b></p> <p><b>e. collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law;</b></p> <p><b>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;</b></p> <p><b>g. the preparation, grading or administration of examinations; and</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>				