



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 2026
6 PM - NEW YORK MILLS UFSD LIBRARY

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

Agenda Item	Who	Information Distributed	Action	Notes
1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER				
1.1 Pledge to the Flag		6:00 pm	Procedural	
1.2 Reading of the New York Mills UFSD Mission Statement.			Procedural	<i>In partnership with students, staff, families, and the community, our mission is to create an educational environment that inspires confidence, builds character, and fosters respect – empowering every student with the knowledge to become a productive, responsible citizen.</i>
1.3 Acceptance of Agenda	K. Hubley	Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd R.Mahardy, Jr. / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
2. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS				
2.1 President’s Message	K. Hubley		Information	<i>K.Hubley – Expressed sincere gratitude to everyone in the community for their budget vote, as it is a vote of approval and a direct investment to the students, classrooms and staff. This support allows the district to maintain smaller classroom sizes, have exceptional educators and provide essential resources, while directly shaping every student’s chance to succeed. Further thanking both candidates, acknowledging their dedication to the school and community. “Thank you again for making our school a priority.” Mrs. Hubley went on to acknowledge and thank Jacqueline Edwards for her leadership, legacy, and wisdom</i>

during her 20 years of service on the NYMUFSD Board of Education. As well as serving on several committees and actively involved in the School Board Institute. Mrs. Hubley read a statement highlighting Ms. Edwards and presented her with an award of appreciation.

2.2 BOCES Representative Report	K. Hubley		Information	
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K.Hubley – Remarkd on her attendance at the P-Tech Commencement Ceremony. She noted, NY Mills Union Free School District student Liam Mahardy was selected to give the commencement speech. One thing he said that resonated, was both Liam and Chelsey Plows of NY Mills along with 16 other BOCES students had already completed college graduation with a two-year degree, all before graduating High School in the P-Tech Program. She went on to acknowledge several NYMUFSD students who received awards in Outstanding Achievement in Advance Pathways, Academic Achievement, Outstanding Achievement in Career and Technical Education Award, P-Tech Pride, and Scholarship.

2.3 Ex Officio Student Member Report	C. Miner		Information	
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Prior to C.Minor’s report Mr. Mahardy thanked Caleb for his dedicated service as the Student Member of the NY Mills Board of Education and willingness to be the first to represent his peers and share the student perspective. Further stating he is a reminder of why the Board Members serve and uphold the mission and vision, of creating productive, responsible citizens.

C.Minor – Shared that Student Council finished their Executive Officer Elections and the new Ex Officio Student Member will be Abigail Misiaszek. He thanked the Board for letting him be a part of this experience and stated that it has been a pleasure being on the board with you all.

2.4 Presentation of Combined Art	Mr. Davis, Ms. Simon		Information	
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Three Art students briefly presented and explained the process of their themed sculpture Art projects “chia pets” made out of terracotta clay. They discussed the collaboration between 6th grade and 7-12 grade Art students for this multi-disciplinary STEAM project covering the science behind clay and what happens to it, the technology of the kiln and how it operates, engineering the design of the sculpture, and creating the functional pieces.

2.4 Committee Reports			Information	
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- Policy Committee:** Sara DeFazio/Chair, Jacqueline Edwards – Discussed the policies on the agenda and the work of the Policy Committee.
- Facilities Committee:** Jeremy Fennell/Chair, Sara DeFazio – No new updates
- Communications Committee:** Abbie Taylor/Chair, Robert Mahardy Jr. – No new updates
- Transportation Committee:** Sandra Dare/Chair, Abbie Taylor – No new updates
- Health & Safety Committee:** Robert Mahardy Jr./Chair, Sandra Dare – Discussed the District-wide Safety Plan that was out for public comment and will move forward for Board adoption at the July meeting.
- Finance Committee:** Jacqueline Edwards/Chair, Jeremy Fennell – No new updates
- SBI:** Jacqueline Edwards (SBI Alternate: Abbie Taylor) – No new updates. Mrs. Taylor will be attending the end of year SBI meeting.

3. CONSENT AGENDA				
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3.1 Approval of 3.2 through 3.4	K. Hubley	Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd R.Mahardy, Jr. / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
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3.2 Business Office Reports				
3.3 CSE Reports				
3.4 Approval of the Previous Minutes	5.5.2026 5.14.26 5.19.2026			
4. OLD BUSINESS				
5. NEW BUSINESS				
5.1 Personnel Report		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd S.DeFazio / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.2 Resolution to Approve the RIC One Risk Operations Center (The "ROC"), District A4L Resolution – 2026-27		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd S.DeFazio / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.3 Approval of the BOCES Contract for Rental of Facilities for 2026-27 Summer School – Secondary		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd S.DeFazio / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.4 Approval of the BOCES Contract for Rental of Facilities for 2026-27 Summer School - Distance Learning		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd R.Mahardy, Jr. / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.5 Approval of the BOCES Contract for Rental of Facilities for 2026-27 Summer School – Drivers Education		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd A.Taylor / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.6 Resolution to Approve the Contracted Service Agreement with		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd S.DeFazio / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____

Developmental Therapy Associates Occupational & Physical Therapy, PLLC				
5.7 Policy 4600 Use of District Credit Card (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd R.Mahardy, Jr. / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.8 Regulation 4600.1 Request Form to Use Credit Card (Rescind/First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd R.Mahardy, Jr. / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.9 Regulation 4600.2 Expense Report for Credit Card (Rescind/First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd A.Taylor / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.10 Policy 4601 Use of District Phones (Title Change) (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd S.DeFazio / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.11 Policy 4700 Defense of Tax Certiorari Proceedings (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd R.Mahardy, Jr. / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.12 Policy 4701 403(B) Plans (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd A.Taylor / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.13 Regulation 4701.1 NYMUFSD Salary Reduction Agreement for 403(B) Plans (Rescind/First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd S.DeFazio / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.14 Regulation 4701.2 Tax Shelter Annuity Program (Rescind/First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd R.Mahardy, Jr. / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.15 Regulation 4701.3 Annuity Indemnity Agreement (Rescind/First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd S.DeFazio / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.16 Policy 4702 Tax Exempt Bonds – Post Issuance Compliance (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd R.Mahardy, Jr. / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
5.17 Policy 2101 Annual Organizational Meeting (First Read)		Yes	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd A.Taylor / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____

K. Hubley - The item changing on the policy was related to the requirements of when the meeting needs to be held, it is allowing more time. Currently our re-org meeting is scheduled for July 7th at 5:30pm.

6. K-12 REPORTS

6.1 Executive Principal K-12

M. Facci

Information

M.Facci reported that the Jr./Sr.Prom went smoothly, students were very respectful and seemed to have a good time. She gave a big thank you to the Frankland's and all the volunteers for hosting the afterparty which had around 65 students in attendance. She reviewed the end-of-year events and celebrations and announced the recipients for the month of May Optimus Club Awards- 7th grade - Olivia Taylor; 8th grade – Madison Trevett; 9th grade – Morgan Dam; 10th grade – Eljas Kacic; 11th grade – Brandon Palmer; and 12th grade – Daniel Ramos, Jr.

6.2 Interim Principal K-12

D. DiSpirito

Information

DiSpirito – Discussed and distributed a list of dates/events for end of year elementary activities including Kindergarten and 6th grade graduation, Community Readers Day, Olympic Day and the PARP (Pick a Reading Partner) Challenge. She also acknowledged 4th grade teacher Mrs. Sroka and her son Jonathan Sroka for being nominated this year for the SBI, Distinguished Service Award and Student Achievement Award.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 Enrollment Update

M. LaGase

Yes

Information

7.2 Superintendent's Update

M. LaGase

Information

M. LaGase also acknowledged and thanked the community for their support in passing successful referendums on the annual budget and re-establishing the two reserves. She thanked the Board for their hard work and commitment and recognized Ms. Edwards for 20 years of service as a Board of Education member and an officer. She welcomed new board member Mrs. St. James, whose term will start in July. Thanked the teachers and staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment this school year. She also extended congratulations and recognition to the P-Tech Senior Awards recipients' and noted that several New York Mills students received awards. She too thanked Chief Frankland and Officer Chase, along with the multitude of community First Responders, for their participation in the Mock DWI Event. This event had been noted and applauded by several Oneida County representatives including the District Attorney. Mrs. LaGase then discussed the establishment of a new scholarship from an alumnus. The Ciaccia Family Scholarship, which was being established in an effort to give back to the district in appreciation of the educational experience she and her family were given here at NYM which the former alumni contributes to her current success. Next, Mrs. LaGase acknowledged and thanked Mrs. Jarosz, and Mrs. Bara for coordinating the Community Reader Day to add to the PARP initiative. Hoping it is a very positive experience for students. She also discussed the Oneida County Youth Forum event that was being held at the end of the week. And noted that the district was excited to be involved in such a collaborative event to help address mental health and student wellbeing across the county. Mrs. LaGase then spoke of positive feedback and accolades the district received from the Westmoreland Central School administration, who hosted the traveling Anne Frank Exhibit, that our 6th grade class was invited to attend. Their administration extended many compliments related to how well the students and staff represented their school and greater community.

8. COMMUNICATIONS				
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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.

J. Roback (2025 Graduate) - Addressed the Board on how effective the Audiology services here were for his entire educational career and wanted to thank the Board properly. Mr. Roback then went on to discuss the dual credit opportunities provided here at NYMUFSD and how his first year at SUNY Brockport most if not all of the core subject credits were already complete. Allowing students to graduate earlier or take other opportunities to move abroad or hold internships. Mr. Roback then wanted to give an appreciation "spot light" on his former teachers. He feels he would not be as successful as he is today without those opportunities and individuals supporting him.

J. Marley (Teacher, NYMTA) – Gave a quick appreciation on items mentioned tonight; thanking the community for supporting the budget so that programs may continue for the students. Also extending the thanks to community members that serve on this Board of Education, knowing it is not an easy job but teachers appreciate all they do and extended a special thank you to Jackie Edwards for her dedication to the district and all her years of service.

C. St. James (parent, newly elected BOE member) – Wanted to say thank you for all the welcomes and said she is excited to get started.

8.2 Board Discussion	BOE		Discussion	
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J. Edwards stated "this is kind of bitter sweet, my last meeting, but I have enjoyed most of my 20 years. It has had its up and downs." Wanted to encourage others who want to run, and said it is a fulfilling role. Also, congratulated Mrs. St. James her successful run for a seat. Ms. Edwards took some time to joke and note a few highlights over the years. She said, "I have learned from every single board member I had served with. Everything has been a learning experience. Having a love for education, I consider myself a lifelong learner and this venue provided me with an excellent opportunity to be one." Ms. Edwards further stated that as long as you think of the kids first and put them to the fore front you will be a wonderful board member. "Keeping a balanced approach and making sure you remember you need the communities support as this role is a balancing act, but, don't be afraid to make the unpopular decision because that is how we grow and get better at what we do." She commented on the reflection piece that was part of the student presentation and extended thank you to all once again.

S. DeFazio echoed the sentiments. Congratulating Ms. Edwards on 20 years of service. Stating it has been fun sitting next to her the last few years and appreciates all the knowledge and back history given.

S.Dare thanked Ms. Edwards for the 20 years of unpaid volunteer position that is not an easy or popular role. Thank you!

A.Taylor – Agreed. Adding, you brought a legacy of knowledge and history to new board members. That will definitely be missed. She also wanted to acknowledge Jim VanWormer of the School Board Institute (SBI). As he was given the Distinguished Service Award in May and is retiring after 18 years.

R.Mahardy, Jr. started with thanking teachers and joked that if you boil down the 11 or 12 days of school into hours, it's really like 70 - 80 hours that's really only 4 days – You got this!! He further thanked the Ex Officio Student Member (C.Miner), next addressed and joked with Jackie “Just want to remind you when you are at the next meeting, public comment is limited to 3 minutes (laughter). No, in all seriousness, I have learned so much and I appreciate everything you have done. I appreciate your dedication. I appreciate your service.”

K.Hubley also thanked Caleb for being the first student board member and doing an amazing job. She then thanked Ms. Edwards again for her mentorship, leadership and years of service. Stating she had learned a lot, while they sometimes agreed to disagree, feeding and working off of each other's different approaches, it was all healthy growth. Further wishing her well in any and every future endeavor or retirement. She indicated that an Executive Session was needed, but noted a 10-minute break first.

Motion to Recess		6:52pm		1 st J.Edwards 2 nd R.Mahardy, Jr. / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
Return from Recess		7:08pm		1 st J.Edwards 2 nd S.DeFazio / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION ** (If Needed)	BOE	7:08pm	Discussion/Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd S.DeFazio / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
9.1 Return to General Session (time)	BOE	7:19pm	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd S.Dare / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain ____
10. ADJOURNMENT				
10.1 Adjournment		7:20pm	Action	1 st J.Edwards 2 nd S.Dare / 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.

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