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_x_ Robert Mahardy, Jr.
_x_ Sandra Dare
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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA
November 3, 2026
6 PM - NEW YORK MILLS UFSD LIBRARY

Agenda Item	Who	Information Distributed	Action	Notes
1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER	R.Mahardy Jr.			6:00 PM
1.1 Pledge to the Flag	J.Fennell		Procedural	
1.2 Reading of the New York Mills UFSD Mission Statement.	A. Taylor		Procedural	*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.*
1.3 Acceptance of Agenda	R.Mahardy, Jr.	Yes	Action	1st C.St. James 2nd J. Fennell / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
2. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS				
2.1 President's Message	R. Mahardy, Jr.		Information	
Robert Mahardy Jr. gave the President's Message for Kristin Hubley due to her loss of voice. He also congratulated both the girls' and boys' Cross-Country team on their Section III championship. He reminded the Board that the Craft Fair was coming up and to sign up to volunteer if possible. Lastly, he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!				
2.2 BOCES Representative Report	K. Hubley		Information	No Report today.

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2.3 Ex Officio Student Member Report	A. Misiaszek		Information	
Abbie said Homecoming and the Pep Rally went well. Also, students have been participating in fall clean up and the Trunk or Treat event.				
2.4 Regional Program for Excellence - Student Presentation	Athena Benta		Information	
Athena presented to the Board regarding her four-week internship at the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) in Rome, NY, an opportunity she earned through the Regional Program for Excellence. She shared that AFRL focuses on Air Force innovation and noted that she learned about the organization's history and its impact on past and future applications. During her internship, Athena gained firsthand industry insights by interviewing a mechanic and logistics personnel, as well as connecting with peers who share similar career interests. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity and shared that the experience solidified her decision to pursue a career in the aviation field. *In response to a question from Kristin Hubley regarding how she learned about the opportunity, Athena noted that her program advisors shared the internship listings and helped her navigate the rigorous application process.*				
2.5 Committee Reports			Information	
Policy Committee: *Sara DeFazio/Chair, Robert Mahardy, Jr. – Meeting set up for 11/19/26* **Facilities Committee:** *Jeremy Fennell/Chair, Abbie Taylor – No update* **Communications Committee:** *Abbie Taylor/Chair, Sandra Dare -Meeting set up for 11/30/26* **Transportation Committee:** *Cynthia St. James/Chair, Sara DeFazio – Meeting set up for 11/12/26* **Health & Safety Committee:** *Sandra Dare/Chair, Cynthia St. James – No update* **Finance Committee:** *Robert Mahardy, Jr./Chair, Jeremy Fennell – No update* **SBI:** *Abbie Taylor* (**SBI Alternate:** *Cynthia St. James*) *– No update*				
3. CONSENT AGENDA				
3.1 Approval of 3.2 through 3.4	R. Mahardy, Jr.	Yes	Action	1st C. St James 2nd S. Dare / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
3.2 Business Office Reports				
3.3 CSE Reports				
3.4 Approval of the Previous Minutes	10.6.26	Yes	Action	1st C. St. James 2nd A. Taylor / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
4. OLD BUSINESS				
5. NEW BUSINESS				
5.1 Personnel Report		Yes	Action	1st C.St. James 2nd A. Taylor / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0

5.2 Resolution Authorizing Participation in Oswego BOCES' Cooperative Purchasing Program		Yes	Action	1st S. Dare 2nd J. Fennell / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
5.3 Resolution to accept the Audit Response Related to the Corrective Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026		Yes	Action	1st J. Fennell 2nd K. Hubley / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
A clarification was made that there was no corrective action needed this is procedural per regulation				
5.4 Resolution to Accept the Corrective Action Plan for Extra Curricular Activity Fund 2025 - 2026		Yes	Action	1st S. Dare 2nd K. Hubley / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
5.5 Approval for the 2026 – 2028 Annual Budget Development Timeline		Yes	Action	1st A. Taylor 2nd S. Dare / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
5.6 Policy 6500 Education Records (Second Read/Adopt)		Yes	Action	1st C.St. James 2nd J. Fennell / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
5.6 Regulation 6500.4 Student Privacy FERPA Notice (Second Read/Adopt)		Yes	Action	1st S. Dare 2nd J. Fennell / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
5.8 Policy 5301 Internet Safety (Second Read/Adopt)		Yes	Action	1st C.St. James 2nd A. Taylor / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
5.9 Policy 5306 Protection of Student, Teacher and Principal Information (Data Security and Privacy) (Second Read/Adopt)		Yes	Action	1st S. Dare 2nd C.St. James / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
5.10 Policy 6010 Prohibition of Sexual Harassment and Discrimination in the Workplace (Second Read/Adopt)		Yes	Action	1st C. St James 2nd S. Dare / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
5.11 Policy 0015 Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying (Second Read/Adopt)		Yes	Action	1st S. Dare 2nd A. Taylor / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0

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5.12 Policy 0013 Title IX Grievance Process (Second Read/Adopt)		Yes	Action	1st A. Taylor 2nd S. Dare / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
5.13 Policy 4600 Use of District Credit Card (Second Read/Adopt)		Yes	Action	1st S. Dare 2nd A. Taylor / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
5.14 Policy 6200 Student Health and Dental Examinations (Second Read/Adopt)		Yes	Action	1st S. Dare 2nd C.St. James / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
5.15 Approval of Combining Contract with Notre Dame JRHS (host) and NYMUFS. DARE- Varsity Ice Hockey Winter 2026-2026		Yes	Action	1st C.St. James 2nd K. Hubley / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
6. K-12 REPORTS				
6.1 K-6 Principal	D. DiSpirito		Information	
Mrs. DiSpirito first wanted to thank Robert Mahardy for bringing to her attention the Cub Scout presentation. The kids loved it and were very engaged. As a result, they had a great turnout for sign-ups. Mrs. DiSpirito also discussed the Student of the Month for Rise Up. This month responsibility was the focus for students and all of the classes filled up their jars. They had a dance party to celebrate. Mrs. DiSpirito noted she sees a big change in the kids rising up to the expectations set for them. Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on Friday and the Veteran's Day Program will be November 13th. She also reminded the Board that the Turkey Trot is November 21st. The link for that event is live on the website. K-1 is continuing their celebration of pies for Thanksgiving and the Annual Go Home Early Drill is Tuesday, November 24th In addition, Mrs. DiSpirito recently attended a workshop on the New York State math initiative. NYSED has a K-5 Math instructional Best Practices Guide that will be shared. Lastly, Mrs. DiSpirito presented a Thank You posterboard to the Board for all of their hard work. The posterboard was create by the elementary students and contained all of the students fingerprints as leaves on a tree. This will be displayed in the hallway for everyone to see.				
6.2 6-12 Principal	T. Manley		Information	
Mr. Manley shared that the Middle School students who are on the Green Team had the opportunity to visit the Sauquoit Creek and discussed water clarity, soil erosion controls and the impact on wildlife. He also noted that Make-up picture day was a success and ensured everyone's picture will be ready for the yearbook. In addition, the Oneida County Sherriff's Department came in to do a presentation in the importance of "hear something, say something" and rising up and being an upstanding citizen. Fall sports are coming to a close. Mr. Manley congratulated the girls' and boys' cross country for winning the Center State Conference League title. The teams will be competing this weekend for the Sectional Championship. Tickets need to be purchased through Home Town ticketing online. Last Friday 6-12 chorus students had the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at the Utica Comets game. The kids were really excited and did a great job. They did such a good job the Comets asked them to come back. The next Rise student and teacher of the month will be announced tomorrow and the marking period ends next Friday. Finally, we are continuing to practice fire drills and lockdown drills.				

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT				
7.1 Enrollment Update	M. LaGase	Yes	Information	
7.2 Superintendent's Update	M. LaGase		Information	

Mrs. LaGase also wanted to give a shout out to the Jr./Sr. High School Chorus for their outstanding performance of the National Anthem at the Utica Comets game. She thanked Mrs. Lovecchio for her instructional leadership as well as Mr. Manley for facilitating the opportunity. Mrs. LaGase congratulated Jeanne Marley and former BOE member Jackie Edwards for being selected by the Genesis Group for awards. Jeanne Marley was selected for an Outstanding Educator Award and Jackie Edwards was selected for the Distinguished Service Award. They will be honored at the Annual Celebration of Education on November 19th. Mrs. LaGase also updated the Board on Assemblywomen Buttenschon's visit to NY Mills to see the bulk milk machine in use during lunch. Assemblywomen Buttenschon was able to secure funds for this machine during a time when there was a serious concern that milk cartons would not be available due to a milk carton production difficulty. This machine would ensure uninterrupted access of milk for NY Mills students. The school would like to thank her for her advocacy and visiting the campus. Mrs. LaGase also thanked the PTSO for sponsoring another successful Trunk or Treat event. It was a great turnout. There were some really creative costumes and students and their families had a great time. Mrs. LaGase gave a "shout out" to both the elementary and high school principals for their implementation of the "Rise Up" program. She noted we are really seeing that take hold on both sides of the building. The character traits and expectations are being taught and modeled. It has made a significant impact in a short time. We appreciate that, and the continuity between both sides of the building. Lastly, she shared that Mrs. Howe has secured a Scholastic Book Fair for this year. Students can shop during their library classes starting November 24th through December 4th. Families can shop during the Craft Fair on December 5th and 6th.

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.

Jennifer Goodfriend extended her congratulations to Jeanne Marley for her Outstanding Educator award and stated that the NYMTA loves the positive press on the website, Facebook page and marquee. She also said they welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the Board.

8.2 Board Discussion	BOE		Discussion	

Abbie Taylor wanted to recognize the PTSO for the Trunk or Treat event and the positive impact they have. She noted the excitement around the Craft Fair and the great addition of the Book Fair. She also commented on how everyone loves the marquee and pointed out that the Chorus being asked back to perform again speaks to how the students conducted themselves.

Kristin Hubley recognized Abbie Taylor for her efforts in organizing the Trunk or Treat event and commended its overall success. Kristin Hubley also shared a positive interaction with the family of an elementary student who was initially nervous about starting at a new school; thanks to the welcoming environment and encouragement from her peers, the student was excited to attend Trunk or Treat and feels included in the school community. She also recognized the Genesis award winners.

Cynthia St. James commented that what she is hearing from a lot of the high school students is how much the like and respect Mr. Manley.

Jeremey Fennell commented that he attended the Comets game and what a great performance the Chorus put on.

Sandra Dare asked if the Book Fair was cash. Mrs. LaGase let her know that there will be a barcode on the flyer with more information. ***Sandra Dare*** *also congratulated the cross-country teams and a spoke on attending both Rise Up ceremonies and shared how engaged the kids were. She also acknowledged what a great job both building principals are doing, and wanted to highlight how much community praise they receive.*

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION ** (If Needed)	BOE	6:46 pm	Discussion/Action	1st A. Taylor 2nd K. H / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
9.1 Return to General Session (time)	BOE	6:04 pm	Action	1st S. Dare 2nd C. St. James / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0
10. ADJOURNMENT				
10.1 Adjournment		6:05 pm	Action	1st C. St. James 2nd JF / Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0

****§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 and 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 offenses 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.