

**New Milford Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2008
Lillis Administration Building - Boardroom**

Present:	Dr. Lisa Diamond, Chairman
	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach
	Mr. David A. Lawson
	Mrs. Amy Llerena
	Mr. Thomas McSherry
	Mrs. Alexandra Thomas
	Mrs. Elizabeth Finney
	Mr. William Wellman
Also present:	Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent
	Mr. John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services

1.	The special meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Public Participation There was none.	Public Participation
3.	Approval of Minutes Mr. Lawson moved to approve the Regular Board of Education meeting minutes of June 10, 2008, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and unanimously approved.	Approval of Minutes
4.	Discussion and Possible Action 1. Revised Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointment, Resignations and Leaves of Absence Mr. McSherry moved to approve revised exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointment, Resignations and Leaves of Absence, seconded by Mrs. Thomas. Dr. Paddyfote noted that the revised Exhibit A appropriately listed Mr. William Kersten as the “assistant” basketball coach. Also, Sandra Sullivan who is being recommended for Food Services Director and Ellamae Baldelli as Human Resources Director were present if anyone had questions for them. Board members were pleased to have such good candidates and were also pleased that Mrs. Baldelli was not leaving the school system. The motion passed unanimously.	Discussion and Possible Action Revised Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointment, Resignations and Leaves of Absence – Motion made, seconded and passed to approve.
5.	Wellness Annual Report Mr. Mulvihill noted that the Wellness Committee had decided to attempt one initiative per year, per school, and met with some successes. He introduced Kristeen Kaczka who reported	Wellness Annual Report

	<p>on the wellness initiatives for this year. Mrs. Kaczka stated that the intent is to make wellness part of the culture of the schools and help kids make healthier choices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Northville had added exercise as part of their morning routine. ➤ John Pettibone had their D.R.E.A.M. program where they add up the number of laps students and teachers can do. ➤ Sarah Noble has their walking project, which is a community event. ➤ Schaghticoke has had about 80% of the staff and students involved in their journey across America. ➤ New Milford High School has initiatives for the staff, however there are limited projects for the students at this time. It is believed that staff can act as “role models” for healthier living for the students. ➤ The committee is building relations with community partners such as New Milford Hospital, New Milford CAN, and Healthy Communities 2020, in hopes of increasing the impact of wellness in the community. <p>Mr. Mulvihill said the Greater Danbury United Way will be issuing a community report card on the status of health in New Milford in September. He said the key to this wellness initiative is that the Wellness Committee has been honest about what didn’t work or what cannot be done.</p> <p>Mrs. Finney suggested the idea of having salads available at lunch on a daily basis.</p> <p>Mrs. Llerena said the whole mind, body, and spirit approach is good, especially for middle school students who have issues with body image.</p> <p>Ms. Kaczka noted it is hard to fight traditions, for instance candy sales at school plays. Mr. Mulvihill said the committee is trying to walk a fine line between being food police and just encouraging healthy choices.</p>	
6.	<p>Emergency Preparedness Report</p> <p>Mr. Turk issued the emergency preparedness report and said that he is working with the Chief of Police regarding a school security grant. The Chief has asked him to visit Faith Academy and Canterbury School to help assist them with emergency preparedness planning, as they currently do not have anything in place.</p>	Emergency Preparedness Report
7. A., B.	Executive Session	Executive Session

	Mr. McSherry moved to enter into an executive session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss Non-Bargaining Unit Personnel Performance, Future Employment and Salaries, and to discuss the Superintendent’s Performance, Future Employment and Contract and to invite Superintendent Paddyfote into the executive session, seconded by Mrs. Finney and passed unanimously.	Motion to enter executive session made, seconded and passed.
	A six (6) minute recess was taken at 8:15 p.m. Executive Session resumed at 8:21 p.m. Public Session resumed at 8:30 p.m.	
8.A.	Non-Bargaining Unit Personnel Salaries Mrs. Finney moved to approve the Non-Bargaining Unit Personnel Salaries and Benefits as recommended by the Superintendent, seconded by Mr. McSherry and passed unanimously.	Motion to approve the Non-Bargaining Unit Personnel Salaries and Benefits as recommended by the Superintendent made, seconded and passed.
8.B.	Superintendent’s Contract Mr. Lawson moved to approve the Superintendent’s Contract as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and passed unanimously.	Motion to approve the Superintendent’s Contract
9.	Adjourn Mrs. Thomas moved to adjourn the Special Meeting of the New Milford Board of Education, seconded by Mr. McSherry and passed unanimously. The Special Meeting of the New Milford Board of Education adjourned at 8:32 p.m.	Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Lawson,
 Board Secretary