

**New Milford Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2008
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

Present:	Dr. Lisa Diamond, Chairman
	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach
	Mr. David A. Lawson
	Mrs. Amy Llerena
	Mr. Thomas McSherry
	Mrs. Alexandra Thomas
	Mrs. Julie Turk
	Mr. William Wellman
Also present:	Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent
	Mr. John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services
	Mr. David Elmore, Director of Technology (arrived at 8:35 pm)
	Mr. John Calhoun, Director of Facilities
	Mr. Greg Shugrue, Principal, New Milford High School
	Mrs. Dana Ford, Principal, Schaghticoke Middle School

1.	The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 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.	Staff & Student Recognition Break at 7:35 pm and reconvened at 8:10 pm	Staff & Student Recognition
4.	PTO Report	PTO Report
5.	Student Representative Report	Student Representative Report
6.	Approval of Minutes Mrs. Thomas moved to approve the Regular Board of Education meeting minutes of April 8, 2008, seconded by Mrs. Llerena and unanimously approved.	Approval of Minutes
7.	Superintendent's Report Dr. Paddyfote said that the school district was pleased that Mr. Shaffer was named the Secondary Educator of the Year for the State as this was the first time such recognition was received. Schaghticoke Middle School had recently produced Aladdin Jr. which proved quite successful.	Superintendent's Report

	<p>The National Spanish Honor Society inducted 9 students on May 5th.</p> <p>The home page of the New Milford Public Schools (newmilfordps.org) now lists online events.</p> <p>At the recent Western Connecticut Association of School Superintendents meeting two New Milford High School and two Schaghticoke Middle School students were recognized.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p> <p>Dr. Diamond announced that the New Milford Historical Society would be presenting an award to honor the Larson Farm project on June 8th at 1pm. She also said she sent a letter to the Mayor as a follow up to a discussion held at an Operations Subcommittee meeting re: projects taken care of.</p> <p>Mr. Wellman asked in regards to the Operations Committee meeting discussion if there was any "cushion" built into the proposed budget for next year to take care of end of year projects. Mr. Lawson noted as a point of order that this item was a report from the Chairman and therefore no discussion was allowed.</p>	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach reported on behalf of the Operations Committee and said her committee recently discussed the food service program both financials and filling the vacated position. They also discussed some grants which are on the agenda this evening for approval and year end projects.</p> <p>Mr. McSherry reported on behalf of the Facilities Committee and said that they are taking another step in energy savings by changing some lighting in the schools and will report at the next meeting what effect this has had. They also had a report on the down drill. The registrar of voters is requesting the use of SNIS as a polling place in the next election due to issues with the intersection of Lanesville and Route 7.</p> <p>Mr. Lawson reported on behalf of the Committee on Learning that they had approved curricula which were part of the 5 year plan and would be voted on at this meeting.</p> <p>The next policy committee meeting will be May 20th.</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p>

<p>10.</p> <p>A.</p> <p>B.</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>Revised Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointment, Resignations and Leaves of Absence</p> <p>Mr. Lawson moved to approve revised exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointment, Resignations and Leaves of Absence, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and passed unanimously.</p> <p>Monthly Reports: Requests for Budget Transfer, Purchase Resolution D-610, and Budget Position Report as of 4/30/08</p> <p>Mr. McSherry moved to approve the monthly reports: Requests for Budget Transfer, Purchase Resolution D-610, and Budget Position Report as of 4/30/08, seconded by Mrs. Thomas.</p> <p>Mrs. Turk asked if the \$18,400 for tuition could be reimbursed if the student decides not to be placed in the system or moves from this school system. Dr. Paddyfote said the student currently holds the seat but the town would pursue a reimbursement if the student moved out of town.</p> <p>Mr. Wellman asked if there was a “cushion” built into next years budget to take care of year end projects like this year’s budget is allowing. Dr. Diamond said there is no “cushion” rather a year end balance and it is prudent to take of care of things for buildings. If there is no year end balance than the Board will have to go ask the Town Council for money.</p> <p>Mr. McSherry said things fluctuate throughout the year which might produce a savings but he warned the town does not have a budget in place yet for this year and cuts will have to be made from the request of the Board of Education.</p> <p>Mr. Wellman noted that the term “cushion” was not his term rather it was used at the Operations Committee meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Lawson said it is good to have a surplus versus having to borrow funds to pay bills. Mrs. Thomas noted a cushion was much better than having to freeze all purchasing.</p> <p>Mr. Turk, answering a question, noted that the budget balance used is 96.2% versus 94.7% from a year ago.</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>Revised Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointment, Resignations and Leaves of Absence – Motion made, seconded and passed to approve.</p> <p>Motion to accept Monthly Reports: Requests for Budget Transfer, Purchase Resolution D-610, and Budget Position Report as of 4/30/08 made, seconded and passed.</p>
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	<p>The motion passed 7-0-1- with Mr. Wellman abstaining.</p>	
C.	<p>Gifts & Donations: Exhibit B: PTO Gifts Mrs. Faulenbach moved to approve Exhibit B: PTO Gifts, seconded by Mrs. Thomas.</p> <p>Mr. Turk noted that over \$125,000 had been donated by the PTO this year.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion to approve Exhibit B: PTO Gifts made, seconded and passed unanimously.</p>
D.	<p>Grants Mrs. Llerena moved that the Board of Education approve the following grants: English Language/Civics Grant and the Program Improvement Grant, seconded by Mr. Lawson and unanimously approved.</p>	<p>Motion to approve grants made, seconded and passed unanimously.</p>
E.1.	<p>Approval of Curricula Mrs. Thomas moved that the Board of Education approve the Health Education K-12 Scope and Sequence, seconded by Mr. Lawson.</p> <p>Mrs. Thomas noted that this curriculum focused on the overall health and not just sports related.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion to approve Health Education K-12 Scope and Sequence moved, seconded and passed unanimously.</p>
3.	<p>Mr. Lawson moved that the Board of Education approve the Development of a Public Speaking course, seconded by Mr. McSherry and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion to approve Development of a Public Speaking course moved, seconded and passed unanimously.</p>
2.	<p>Mr. Lawson moved that the Board of Education approve the Physical Education K-12 Scope and Sequence, seconded by Mr. McSherry and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion to approve the Physical Education K-12 Scope and Sequence moved, seconded and passed unanimously.</p>
4.	<p>Mr. Lawson moved that the Board of Education approve the Character Education Attributes to be infused into the curricula</p>	<p>Motion to approve Character Education Attributes moved,</p>

<p>F.</p>	<p>being rewritten as part of the Five Year Plan so that every curricula addressed in some pointed way at least one of the attributes of character, seconded by Mrs. Llerena.</p> <p>Mr. Wellman said time spent on developing this curriculum may have been wasted since many of these things are already being done.</p> <p>Mr. Mulvihill said there is already a great deal of character education going on in the schools. This curriculum will embed character education into education and assure that it goes on consciously. He said kids in New Milford are remarkable about the way they think about others.</p> <p>Mr. Wellman said the students are justifiably lauded and they show remarkable character so why mess with a good thing?</p> <p>Motion passed 7-1. Voting yes: Turk, Faulenbach, McSherry, Diamond, Lawson, Llerena, Thomas. Voting no: Wellman</p> <p>Textbook Approvals for Grade 12 Mr. Lawson moved that the Board of Education approve textbooks for Grade 12, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>seconded and passed.</p> <p>Motion to approve textbooks for Grade 12 moved, seconded and passed unanimously.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Items for Discussion Textbook Previews Field Trip Report – May 2008</p>	<p>Items for Discussion</p>
<p>12. A.</p>	<p>Executive Session Mr. McSherry moved that the Board of Education move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s annual performance review and that the Superintendent be invited into that session for the same purpose, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and passed unanimously at 8:50 pm.</p> <p>The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.</p> <p>Dr. Paddyfote was invited into Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. and left Executive Session at 9:52 p.m.</p>	<p>Motion to move into Executive Session made, seconded and passed unanimously.</p>

	The Board entered Public Session at 9:55 p.m.	
13.A.	Mr. McSherry moved that the that the Board of Education elect Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote to a new, three-year term as Superintendent of the New Milford Public Schools, seconded by Mrs. Thomas. Motion passed unanimously	Motion to elect Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote to a new three-year term as Superintendent of the New Milford Public Schools passed unanimously
13.B.	Mrs. Llerena moved that the Board of Education authorize the Board Chair to negotiate with the Superintendent on behalf of the Board on a new three-year contract, seconded by Mr. McSherry Motion passed unanimously	Motion to authorize the Board Chair to negotiate with the Superintendent on behalf of the Board on a new three-year contract passed unanimously
14.	Mrs. Turk moved that the Board of Education adjourn, seconded by Mr. McSherry. Motion passed unanimously. The Regular Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.	Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Lawson,
 Board Secretary