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New Milford Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes February 11, 2020 Lillis Administration Building – Board Room

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Present:	Mrs. Angela C. Chastain Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Reta Helman (aminot 5:44 mm)	
	Mr. Pete Helmus (arrived 5:44 p.m.) Mr. Brian McCauley Mrs. Tammy McInerney	E 33
	Mrs. Eileen P. Monaghan Mrs. Cynthia Nabozny	7.020 FE
	Mrs. Olga I. Rella	
Absent:	Mr. Joseph Failla	

Also Present:	Dr. Kerry Parker, Superintendent of Schools
	Attorney William Connon, Pullman and Comley LLC (via telephone)
	Attorney Zachary Schurin, Pullman and Comley LLC (via telephone)

1.		Call to Order	Call to Order
	A.	Pledge of Allegiance	A. Pledge of Allegiance
		The special meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mrs. Chastain. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	
2.		Public Comment	Public Comment
		There were no comments.	
3.		Discussion and Possible Action	Discussion and Possible Action
-	A.	Discussion of strategy and negotiations, which may involve the Board's legal counsel, regarding pending claims and litigation involving the NMEA. Executive session is anticipated pursuant to C.G.S. sec. 1-200(6)(B). The Board may take action upon its return to open session.	A. Discussion of strategy and negotiations, which may involve the Board's legal counsel, regarding pending claims and litigation involving the NMEA. Executive session is anticipated pursuant to C.G.S. sec. 1-200(6)(B). The Board may take action upon its return to open session.

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Mrs. Faulenbach made a motion that the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations, which may involve the Board's legal counsel, regarding pending claims and litigation involving the NMEA and to invite into the session Attorney William Connon and Attorney Zachary Schurin, via telephone, and Dr. Kerry Parker and Ms. Ellamae Baldelli.

Seconded by Mrs. Monaghan.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board and Dr. Parker entered executive session at 5:32 p.m.

Mr. Helmus entered executive session at 5:44 p.m.

Attorney Connon and Attorney Schurin joined by telephone at 5:47 p.m.

Attorney Connon and Attorney Schurin left executive session at 6:19 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 6:37 p.m.

Mrs. Monaghan made a motion that the Board pursue legal arguments with the NMEA, seconded by Mr. Helmus.

 Mrs. Faulenbach suggested the minutes reflect the Board's consensus to pursue parallel conversations with the NMEA to seek resolution.

The motion failed 4-4-0.

Aye: Mrs. Chastain, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Helmus, Mrs. Monaghan

No: Mr. McCauley, Mrs. McInerney, Mrs. Nabozny, Mrs. Rella

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Motion made and failed that the Board pursue legal arguments with the NMEA.

4.	Adjourn	Adjourn
	Mrs. McInerney moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m., seconded by Mr. McCauley and passed unanimously.	Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Secretary

New Milford Board of Education