


**New Milford Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2020
Lillis Administration Building Board Room**

Present:	Mrs. Angela C. Chastain, Chairperson Mr. Joseph Failla Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Brian McCauley Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mrs. Eileen P. Monaghan Mrs. Cynthia Nabozny (arrived at 6:43 p.m.) Mrs. Olga I. Rella	 RECEIVED TOWN CLERK 2020 JAN 15 A 10:25	NEW MILFORD, CT
Absent:	Mr. Pete Helmus		

Also Present:	Dr. Kerry Parker, Superintendent of Schools Attorney Michael McKeon, Pullman and Comley, LLC
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1. A.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance The Special Meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Chastain. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	Call to Order A. Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was none. 	Public Comment
3. A.	Discussion and Possible Action Presentation/discussion by Board of Education attorney on Board members' roles and responsibilities and related legal issues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Chastain introduced Board attorney Michael McKeon of Pullman and Comley, LLC, who was present to provide general information to the Board as well as answer any questions. • Attorney McKeon distributed a handout to the Board designed to provide insight into the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Education and administration. • Attorney McKeon discussed the scope of the Board's authority, both as an agent of the state and of the municipality, and possible liability issues that may arise over time. He stressed the importance of Board bylaws and policies as 	Discussion and Possible Action A. Presentation/discussion by Board of Education attorney on Board members' roles and responsibilities and related legal issues.

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	<p>guides. As a legal entity, the Board must speak with one voice, not as individuals. Individual Board members have no authority, unless officially delegated by the Board. He talked about the importance of the Board working in conjunction with administration, and likened the Board to a corporate Board with the Superintendent as CEO. The Board sets goals and policies, which the Superintendent is then charged with implementing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board members asked questions on various topics.	
4.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Mr. McCauley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Monaghan and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted:



Wendy Faulenbach, Secretary
New Milford Board of Education