

New Milford Board of Education  
 Regular Meeting  
 December 12, 2006  
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library/Media Center

Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chairman	
	Dr. Lisa Diamond	
	Mr. Joseph Failla	
	Mr. David Lawson	
	Mrs. Dian Traisci-Marandola	
	Mr. William McLachlan	
	Mr. Thomas McSherry	
	Mr. Robin Ruggiero	
	Dr. Lawrence Stillman	
	Mrs. Julie Turk	
	Mr. Joseph Vita	
	Ms. Jennifer Oliveira	

Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent	
	Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent	
	Mr. Thomas Corbett, Director of Operations	
	Mr. John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services	
	Mr. John Calhoun, Director of Facilities	
	Mr. David Elmore, Director of Technology	
	Mr. Greg Shugrue, Principal, New Milford High School	
	Mrs. Dana Ford, Principal, Schaghticoke Middle School	
	Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Principal, Sarah Noble Intermediate School	
	Mrs. Donna Luzi, Vice-Principal, New Milford High School	
	Mrs. Maryann Ness, Special Education Supervisor, New Milford High School	

1.	The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:34 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.	Call to order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Trish Dengler addressed the Board concerning class sizes in Grade 1 at Northville School.</li> </ul>	Public Comment
3.	PTO Report was given by Mrs. Denise Smith, President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congratulations were offered to the newly elected Board officers and welcome Mr. Failla to the Board.</li> <li>The PTO would like to see the Board take this year's budget directly to the people of New Milford before making any cuts.</li> <li>The New Milford PTO feels that the current staff is vital to the quality of New Milford's schools.</li> </ul>	PTO Report
4.	There was no Student Representative's Report.	Student Representative's Report
5.	Approval of Minutes	Approval of Minutes

	<p>Motion by Mrs. Turk: Move that the NMBOE approve the minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting of November 14, 2006.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mr. Vita</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE approve the minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting of November 14, 2006.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Superintendent's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Paddyfote congratulated the newly elected officers of the New Milford Board of Education.</li> <li>• The Superintendent and a number of Phase I participants gave a presentation explaining the Strategic Planning Process and components of the Draft Strategic Plan: Draft Beliefs, Draft Mission, Draft Objectives, Draft Parameters, and Draft Strategies.</li> <li>• The Superintendent explained that the next phase of the Strategic Planning Proces will involve seven "Action Teams" of from 14-19 people that will meet approximately once a week for two hours from January through April. Their task will be to present a plan for implementation of the seven draft strategies to the Phase I Strategic Planning Team on May 9 &amp; 10, 2007.</li> <li>• The finalized Draft Plan will be brought before the Board for approval at the June BOE meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Superintendent's Report</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Faulenbach congratulated the newly elected officers of the NMBOE.</li> <li>• Board member's assignment preferences should be turned into Mrs. Faulenbach as soon as possible to facilitate the forming of sub-committees.</li> <li>• Mrs. Faulenbach thanked Phase I of the Strategic Planning Team participants for their commitment and hard work. She is very proud of the resulting draft plan, and reminded team members to recruit quality people to fill the rosters of the seven action teams.</li> </ul>	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p>

8.	Committee Reports	Committee Reports
	<p>A. Facilities Sub-Committee Report by Mr. McSherry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Facilities Sub-Committee heard a report from Mr. Turk concerning Mr. Knipple’s efforts as Energy Manager. Energy Education, Inc. assures us that we should start to realize energy savings by February, as we are right “on target” in our efforts for energy conservation.</li> <li>• A report from Mr. Calhoun was highlighted giving updates on district-wide repair issues.</li> <li>• The committee reviewed a proposal from Sevigny Architects for three options to be considered to deal with the issue of the East Street building.</li> <li>• Mr. Calhoun addressed the committee about a safety/security plan utilizing more cameras than at present in our schools.</li> <li>• Mr. Calhoun requested the committee consider the reinstatement of the Assistant Facilities Manager position.</li> <li>• Mr. McSherry concluded his report by stating that the Facilities Committee will continue to consider JMOA Engineering’s proposed 5-year plan for our facilities management. Although a wise choice, the problem of the East Street building will have to take precedence at this time.</li> </ul>	Facilities Sub-Committee Report
	<p>B. Operations Sub-Committee Report by Dr. Diamond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The monthly financial reports have been brought to the Board for approval.</li> <li>• Mr. Corbett’s request to change long-term disability insurance carriers, as we will realize a \$90,000 savings for each of the next two years by making this change, is on the agenda for BOE approval.</li> <li>• Dr. Diamond stated that there was some preliminary budget discussion.</li> </ul>	Operations Sub-Committee Report
	<p>C. Policy Sub-Committee Report by Mrs. Marandola</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Policy Sub-Committee is reviewing the process for revising the district’s Emergency Response Plan.</li> <li>• Mrs. Marandola noted that the Transportation</li> </ul>	Policy Sub-Committee Report

	Policy 3541 has been brought to the Board for approval.	
	<p>D. Committee on Learning Report by Mr. McLachlan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee on Learning discussed the draft revisions to a 5-year Curriculum Plan which will be revised and brought back to the Committee by Mr. Mulvihill.</li> </ul>	Committee on Learning
9.	Discussion and Possible Action Items	Discussion and Possible Action Items
	<p>A. Revised Exhibit A</p> <p>Motion by Dr. Diamond: Move that the NMBOE approve Revised Exhibit A as recommended by the Superintendent.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	Motion made and passed to approve Revised Exhibit A as recommended by the Superintendent.
	B. Monthly Reports	Monthly Reports
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request For Budget Transfers</li> <li>Purchase Resolution D-596</li> <li>Budget Position as of 11/30/06</li> </ol> <p>Motion by Mr. McSherry: Move that the NMBOE approve the Financial Reports: Request for Transfers, Purchase Resolution D-596, and Budget Position as of 11/30/06.</p> <p>Seconded by: Ms. Oliveira</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	Motion made and passed to approve the Monthly Reports: Revised Request for Budget Transfers, Revised Purchase Resolution D-596, and Budget Position as of 11/30/06.

	<p>C. Seigny Architects Proposal for Architectural Services for a Feasibility Study on the East Street Facility</p>	<p>Seigny Architects Proposal for Architectural Services for a Feasibility Study on the East Street Facility</p>
	<p>Motion by Dr. Diamond: Move that the NMBOE approve the proposal for a feasibility study by Seigny Architects.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mrs. Marandola</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. McLachlan asked if the \$30,000 price for the feasibility study was firm.</li> <li>• Mr. Turk answered that the price quoted is firm.</li> <li>• Mr. Vita stated that, although he believes the price to be very fair, this may not be an optimal time to spend this \$30,000.</li> <li>• Mr. Lawson asked if leasing or renting office space was considered as an option.</li> <li>• Mr. Turk replied that both renting and leasing were considered as an option, however, there is no suitable space available for rent or lease now, and according to local realtors, there won't be any space available in the near future.</li> </ul> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk        Nay: Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Vita        Abstain:        Motion: Passed 10-2-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE approve the proposal for a feasibility study by Seigny Architects</p>
	<p>Mrs. Marandola left the meeting at 8:25pm.</p>	
	<p>Mrs. Marandola returned to the meeting at 8:30 pm.</p>	
	<p>D. Reinstatement of the Assistant Facilities Manager Position</p>	<p>Reinstatement of the Assistant Facilities Manager Position</p>
	<p>Motion by Mr. Lawson: Move that the NMBOE approve the reinstatement of the Assistant Facilities Manager position.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mr. McSherry</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE approve the reinstatement of the Assistant Facilities</p>

	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Lawson stated that the case for the reinstatement of this position is clear and necessary.</li> <li>• Mr. Vita stated that he respects Mr. Calhoun’s judgment. He has proven that he doesn’t spend resources foolishly.</li> <li>• Mr. McSherry stated that reinstatement of this position is a wise economic move, as there is a cost savings.</li> </ul> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita          Nay:          Abstain:          Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	<p>Manager position.</p>
	<p>E. Resolution to participate in the solicitation of electricity supply services with the Connecticut Consortium for Cooperative Purchasing for Electricity and to enter into a contractual agreement presented and recommended by the Connecticut Consortium for Cooperative Purchasing.</p> <p>Motion by Mr. Ruggiero: Move that the NMBOE approve the Resolution to participate in the solicitation of electricity supply services with the Connecticut Consortium for Cooperative Purchasing for Electricity and to enter into a contractual agreement presented and recommended by the Connecticut Consortium for Cooperative Purchasing.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mr. McLachlan</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita          Nay:          Abstain:          Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE approve the Resolution to participate in the solicitation of electricity supply services with the Connecticut Consortium for Cooperative Purchasing for Electricity and to enter into a contractual agreement presented and recommended by the Connecticut Consortium for Cooperative Purchasing.</p>
	<p>F. Long-term Disability Insurance</p>	<p>Long-term Disability Insurance</p>
	<p>Motion by Mr. McSherry: Move that the NMBOE approve a change in long-term disability insurance carrier as recommended by Mr. Corbett.</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE approve a change in long-term</p>

	<p>Seconded by: Dr. Stillman        Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita        Nay:        Abstain:        Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	<p>disability insurance carrier as recommended by Mr. Corbett.</p>
	<p>G. Draft Strategic Plan for New Milford Public Schools        Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Marandola thanked all the participants for their big effort and noted that they have begun a legacy that will be carried forward.</li> <li>• Mr. Lawson stated that the commitment made is laudable and the BOE will work to do justice to the Plan.</li> <li>• Mr. McSherry stated that there is more work to be done. The next step will involve more than 100 people. If 14 of the Phase I Team volunteer to be part of an Action Team, there would be 2 for each of the seven teams.</li> <li>• Mr. Lawson volunteered to be a part of an Action Team.</li> </ul>	<p>Draft Strategic Plan for New Milford Public Schools</p>
	<p>H. JMOA Engineering – Facility Master Planning        Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. McSherry pointed out that Seigny Architects’ proposal only covers the feasibility study for the East Street building.</li> <li>• JMOA Engineering proposes a 5-year plan to maintain all of our buildings, with prioritized maintenance steps.</li> <li>• Mr. McSherry stated that this is a solid 5-year plan that he feels will have to wait for next year’s budget since the East Street building must take precedence at this time.</li> </ul>	<p>JMOA Engineering – Facility Master Planning</p>
	<p>I. Gifts and Donations        1. Exhibit B: PTO</p>	<p>Gifts and Donations</p>
	<p>Motion by Mrs. Marandola: Move that the NMBOE accept PTO gifts/donations as reported on Exhibit B.        Seconded by: Ms. Oliveira        Discussion:</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE accept PTO gifts/donations as reported on Exhibit B.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Faulenbach asked for the total of the PTO gifts/donations for this year, as requested at the Operations Sub-Committee meeting of December 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Mr. Turk replied that the total thus far this year is \$29,599.53.</li> </ul> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita          Nay:          Abstain:          Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	
	J. Suspend Policy 9311 to approve Policy 3541	Suspend Policy 9311 to approve Policy 3541
	<p>Motion by Mrs. Marandola: Move that the NMBOE suspend Policy 9311 to approve Policy 3541.</p> <p>Seconded by: Ms. Oliveira</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita          Nay:          Abstain:          Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	Motion made and passed that the NMBOE suspend Policy 9311 to approve Policy 3541.
	K. Approve Transportation Policy 3541	Approve Transportation Policy 3541
	<p>Motion by Ms. Marandola: Move that the NMBOE approve Transportation Policy 3541.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita          Nay: Mr. Lawson          Abstain:          Motion: Passed 11-1-0</p>	Motion made and passed that the NMBOE approve Transportation Policy 3541.
10.	Items for discussion.	Items for discussion.
	A. Field Trips—December 2006	Field Trips



	There was no discussion	
	B. Textbook Previews There was no discussion	Textbook Previews
11.	Executive Session	Executive Session
	A. Status of Negotiations	
	<p>Motion by Mr. Vita: Move that the NMBOE move to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the status of negotiations, inviting in Dr. Paddyfote, Mr. Corbett, and Mr. Turk.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mr. McSherry</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the status of negotiations, inviting in Dr. Paddyfote, Mr. Corbett, and Mr. Turk.</p>
	The NMBOE entered Executive Session at 8:37 pm.	Executive Session
	The NMBOE re-entered Public Session at 8:55 pm.	Public Session
	<p>Motion by Dr. Stillman: Move that the NMBOE approve the Addendum Agreement between the New Milford Board of education and the New Milford Paraeducators Union, chapter 136-09, Local 136, I.F.P.T.E., AFL-CIO for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mr. McSherry</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay: Mr. Failla</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed 11-1-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE approve the Addendum Agreement between the New Milford Board of education and the New Milford Paraeducators Union, chapter 136-09, Local 136, I.F.P.T.E., AFL-CIO for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009.</p>
12.	Adjourn	Adjourn
	<p>Motion by Mr. Ruggiero: Move that the NMBOE adjourn.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Diamond</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE adjourn.</p>

	Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0	
	The Meeting of the New Milford Board of Education adjourned at 8:57 pm.	Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Dian Marandola  
Secretary