

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**New Milford Public Schools  
50 East Street  
New Milford, Connecticut 06776**

**COMMITTEE ON LEARNING  
MEETING NOTICE**

GEORGE C. BUCKBEE  
TOWN CLERK

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NEW MILFORD, CT

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>October 18, 2011</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>7:30 P.M.</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	<b>Lillis Administration Building – Room 2</b>

**AGENDA**

**New Milford Public Schools Mission Statement**

The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family, and community is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board welcomes public participation and asks that speakers please limit their comments to 3 minutes. Speakers may offer objective comments of school operations and programs that concern them. The Board will not permit any expression of personal complaints or defamatory comments about Board of Educations personnel and students, nor against any person connected with the New Milford Public School System.

**3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**A. Review and approval of curriculum:**

1. Algebra III
2. Honors Calculus
3. Introduction to Programming

Ryan Fitzsimmons  
Ryan Fitzsimmons  
Daryl Daniels

**4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. AYP Summary
- B. 2011-2016 Five Year Curriculum Plan
- C. Curriculum Update

Dr. McLaughlin  
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**5. ADJOURN**

**Sub-Committee Members:** Mrs. Alexandra Thomas, Chair  
Mr. David A. Lawson  
Mrs. Lynette Celli Rigdon  
Mrs. Nancy C. Tarascio-Latour

**Alternates:** Mr. Thomas McSherry  
Mr. Rodney Weinberg

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Maureen E. McLaughlin Ph. D.  
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

TO: JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Ph.D.  
FROM: Maureen E. McLaughlin, Ph.D.  
DATE: September 27, 2011  
RE: AYP Results

The following are highlights of this year's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results:

1. The district made AYP through Safe Harbor.
2. On the CMT, the district had five subgroups that did not make AYP in reading and mathematics: Black, Hispanic, English Language Learners, Students with Disabilities, and Economically Disadvantaged. One subgroup, White, did not make AYP in reading.
3. On the CAPT, the only subgroup with more than forty students was the Economically Disadvantaged. They made AYP through Safe Harbor.
4. The **New Milford High School** made AYP. They are off the *In Need of Improvement* list.
5. **Schaghticoke Middle School** did not make AYP in reading and mathematics because of one subgroup, Students with Disabilities. As a whole school, they did make AYP, but that one subgroup prevented them from achieving AYP. The school is identified as *In Need of Improvement Year 5*.
6. **Sarah Noble Intermediate School** did not make AYP in reading and mathematics as a whole school. Though they showed increased proficiency from last year, the bar was raised, so they just missed the new benchmarks. Three subgroups, English Language Learners, Students with Disabilities, and Economically Disadvantaged, did not make AYP. The school is identified as *In Need of Improvement Year 6*.
7. **Northville Elementary School** did not make AYP as a whole school in reading. They did make AYP in mathematics.
8. **John Pettibone School** made AYP in reading and mathematics.
9. **Hill and Plain School** did not make AYP as a whole school in reading. They did in make AYP in mathematics.

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Five-Year Curriculum Plan 2011-2016**

Subject/Area	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
<b>Business &amp; Practical Arts/ Technology</b>	Arch. Drafting II '00 Basic Auto Cad '05 Business Computer App. '05 Business Law '05 General Woodworking Introductory Woodworking Keyboarding '99 Marketing II '05 Marketing Work Program '05 Personal Finance  <b>Estimated Cost: \$4509</b>	<b>Develop:</b> Practical Arts 7-8: Foods & Nutrition Metal Sewing & Textile Tech Woods Projects Unlimited  <b>Estimated Cost: \$4120</b>	<b>Revise:</b> Arch. Drafting I '07 Arch. Drafting III '06 Website Design I '07 Website Design II	<b>Revise:</b> Accounting I '09 Accounting II '09 Accounting II College '07 Adv. Auto CAD '09 Machine Drafting '03 Technical Drafting '04	<b>Revise:</b> Computer Programming '11 Marketing I '11
<b>English/ Language Arts K-12</b>	Grades 2-3 Grades 4-6 Grades 7-8 AP Lang. & Comp. English I English II English III English IV (A/B) '07 Humanities I '07 Humanities II '07  <b>Estimated Cost: \$11,288</b>	<b>Develop:</b> Grades 2-3 Grades 7-8  <b>Revise:</b> AP Lit. & Comp. '07 Creative Writing '07 Curriculum Maps 9-12 Fiction: Science '07 Short '07 Journalism I '07 Journalism II '07 Modern & Cont Poetry '07 Writing Workshop '07  <b>Estimated Cost: \$10,771</b>	<b>Revise:</b> Children's Literature '08 Public Speaking '08 SAT Prep Video Production '08	<b>Revise:</b> Adv. Creative Writing '08 American Studies '09 Drama Workshop '08	<b>Revise:</b> Grades K-3 '13 Grades 4-6 '13 Grades 7-8 '13  English I English II English III
<b>Fine Arts</b>	Grade 8 Art Advertising Art & Design '90 Ceramics II Crafts '98  <b>Estimated Cost: \$2817</b>	<b>Develop:</b> Cut, Paste & Copy '91 Design Foundations I '04 Design Foundations II '04 Studio Art '05 AP Studio Art '05  <b>Estimated Cost: \$4510</b>	<b>Revise:</b> AP Art History '05	<b>Revise:</b> Portfolio '09 Sculpture '09	<b>Revise:</b> Ceramics I '11

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<b>Library Media</b>				<b>Revise:</b> K-12 Library-Media '09	
<b>Mathematics K-12</b>	Grades K-2 Grades 3-6  Adv. Algebra & Trig. '06 Algebra II '07 Geometry '05 Inter. Algebra II '06 SAT Prep  <b>Estimated Cost: \$5357</b>	<b>Develop:</b> Grades 7 & 8 Pre Alg.  Applications Math '07 AP Statistics '08 Consumer Math '07 Geometry Honors '07  <b>Estimated Cost: \$15,156</b>	<b>Revise:</b> Algebra II Honors '09 Applied Geometry '07 Practical Math I Practical Math II Pre Calculus Honors '08 Statistics '07	<b>Revise:</b> Grade 7 '09  Algebra I '08 Algebra I Honors '09 AP Calculus '08 Elementary Algebra '07 Integrated Math '09	<b>Revise:</b> Algebra III '11 Calculus Honors '11

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<b>Music K-12</b>	Grade 7 Gen. Music Choral Music: Grades 4-8 Grades 9-12 History of Am. Music Theater '97  <b>Estimated Cost: \$1422</b>	<b>Develop:</b> Advanced Chorus 9-12 Inst. Music '07 Grades 4-6 Grades 7-8 Grades 9-12 Elec. Music Tech. '04  <b>Estimated Cost: \$5567</b>	<b>Revise:</b> General Music '01 Grades K-3 Grades 4-7 History of Jazz '98	<b>Revise:</b> Music Appreciation '98 Music Theory	Band Orchestra Wind Ensemble
<b>PE/Health K-12</b>	Health Grade 8 Health I '96 Health II '96 PE I '97 PE II '97 PE III & IV '97 Social & Emo. Thinking  <b>Estimated Cost: \$3175</b>	<b>Develop:</b> Health K-3 Health 4-6 Allied Hlth. Careers '97 EMT '06 Medical Tech. '00 Sports Medicine '08  Propose New Elective: "Wellness"  <b>Estimated Cost: \$6777</b>	<b>Revise:</b> Adventure Ed (7-12) '08  Propose New Elective: "Sports Performance"	<b>Revise:</b> PE Leader  Propose New Elective: "Outdoor Education"	<b>Revise:</b> Child Development '11 Early Childhood '11
<b>Science K-12</b>	Grades K-3 Grades 4-6 Grades 7-8 Ecology/Fall '06 Ecology/Spring '06 Exper. Chemistry '02  <b>Estimated Cost: \$7146</b>	<b>Develop:</b> AP Biology '07 Astronomy '06 Biology '07 Biology Honors '07 Environ. Earth Sc. '06 Environ. Earth Sc. H '06  <b>Estimated Cost: \$3783</b>	<b>Revise:</b> AP Chemistry '08 Physics '07 Physics Honors '07	<b>Revise:</b> Anat./Phys Honors I '09 Anat./Phys Honors II '09 AP Physics '09 Chemistry '08 Chemistry Honors '06 Forensic Science '09 Plant Science I & II '08	Grades K-3 Grades 4-6 Grades 7-8

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<b>Social Studies K-12</b>	Grades 7-8 Civics '02 Economics '07 Forensic Psychology Global Studies '00 Sociology '04 Western Civilization '98  <b>Estimated Cost: \$5270</b>	<b>Revise:</b> AP Psychology '04 History Through Film '05  <b>Estimated Cost: \$3630</b>	<b>Revise:</b> AP US History '07 Chinese Studies Hon'07 Modern America '05  Propose new electives: "Macro Economics"	<b>Revise:</b> Am. Studies Honors '09 Intellectual History '09 Russian Studies '06 US History '09 US History Honors '09	<b>Revise:</b> Intro to Psych. '11
<b>World Languages 7-12</b>	AP French '09 German I '05 German II '05 German III '05 Spanish I & II '06  <b>Estimated Cost: \$3216</b>	<b>Develop:</b> AP German '05 AP Spanish '07 German IV '05 Spanish III, IV '07  <b>Estimated Cost: \$2544</b>	<b>Revise:</b> French I '08 French II '08	<b>Revise:</b> French III & IV '09 Russian Studies '06	

The Committee on Learning curriculum  
can be previewed in the  
Office of the Assistant Superintendent  
Lillis Administration Building – Room #6

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**New Milford Board of Education  
Committee on Learning  
October 18, 2011  
Lillis Administration Building, Meeting Room 2**

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2011 OCT 21 A 11:05  
NEW MILFORD, CT

Present:	Mrs. Alexandra Thomas, Chairperson Mr. David Lawson Mrs. Lynette Rigdon Mr. Tom McSherry, Alternate
Absent:	Mrs. Nancy Tarascio-Latour

Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Maureen McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Ryan Fitzsimmons, Teacher Mr. Daryl Daniels, Teacher
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1.	<b>Call to Order</b> The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m.	<b>Call to Order</b>
2.	<b>Public Comment</b> Sharon Kaufman, Co-Executive Director of Village Center for the Arts, said the Center is here for the community. They offer after school programs through grants and other funding including a homework initiative which has seen little response. She asked how the schools and Center could work together to create a collaboration to help New Milford's children.	<b>Public Comment</b>
3. A. 1.	<b>Discussion and Possible Action</b> <b>Review &amp; approval of curriculum:</b> <b>Algebra III</b> Mr. Fitzsimmons, head teacher at New Milford High School, said 95% of students take four years of math, and this course is modeled after a first year college course so that when students get to college, they will be familiar with the information.	<b>Discussion and Possible Action</b> <b>Review &amp; approval of curriculum:</b> <b>Algebra III</b>
2.	<b>Honors Calculus</b> Mr. Fitzsimmons said the honors calculus is not specific to the stricter AP syllabus and, therefore, is driven by student learning.  Mrs. Thomas seated Mr. McSherry.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Thomas asked who authored the curriculum and would they teach it? Mr. Fitzsimmons said Bill Knipple would teach honors calculus and has for the past seven years. He said Ellen Tracy helped author the</li> </ul>	<b>Honors Calculus</b>



<p>3.</p>	<p>curriculum, and she has a calculus background.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. McLaughlin said she encourages more than one author so that the suggested teaching strategies are not bound to one teacher.</li> </ul> <p><b>Introduction to Programming</b>        Mr. Daniels said they use a program called Alice.org to get students, especially women, more involved in learning programming. He said every student should have an introduction to programming course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Lawson asked about Mr. Daniels' Smart Board, and Mr. Daniels said it is the poor man's Smart Board, but it works for him.</li> <li>• Mrs. Thomas asked who will teach this course, and Mr. Daniels said he would.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. McSherry moved to bring to the full Board for approval, Algebra III, Honors Calculus, and Introduction to Programming, seconded by Mrs. Rigdon and passed unanimously.</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction to Programming</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed to bring to the full Board for approval, Algebra III, Honors Calculus, and Introduction to Programming</b></p>
<p>4. A.</p>	<p><b>Items for Discussion</b>  <b>AYP Summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. McLaughlin said the three elementary schools needed 91% proficiency in math to make AYP, and all three achieved that. Reading is where they fell short – John Pettibone did meet its proficiency goal with 89.2% and 89% was needed. Hill and Plain missed the 89% coming in at 85.2%. Northville was 79.9%.</li> <li>• Sarah Noble's AYP is determined as the whole school. They needed to come in at 91% for math, but they were at 90.3%. For reading the actual was 87.5%, but the benchmark was 89%.</li> <li>• Schaghticoke is also measured as the whole school. Math was supposed to be 91% and it came in at 93%, and reading was supposed to be 89%, and it came in at 91%. This is due to one subgroup that did not perform up to proficiency standards.</li> <li>• New Milford High needed to make 90% for math and came in at 90.6% while reading was supposed to be 91% and actual was 99.4%.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Items for Discussion</b>  <b>AYP Summary</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Lawson asked if the proficiency rates would be higher next year.</li> <li>• Dr. McLaughlin said next year the rates will be the same, but they will be headed to 100% for the year after.</li> <li>• Mr. Lawson noted that while not at NCLB proficiency rates in some cases, the numbers are up from the baseline numbers.</li> </ul>	
<b>B.</b>	<p><b>2011-2016 Five-Year Curriculum Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This plan now captures all the high school courses. This plan shows the date that curriculum was last developed, and some are more than ten years old.</li> <li>• Dr. McLaughlin noted this curriculum development process is a paradigm shift for many teachers because they have to include what students will know and be able to do and the specifics of how each unit will be taught.</li> <li>• Mr. Lawson noted that the common core standards streamline what we are doing in our schools.</li> <li>• Dr. McLaughlin said the new test in 2014 will test on the common core standards, so teachers need to stop practicing for the CMT's and start to become familiar with the common core.</li> <li>• Mrs. Rigdon asked if the curriculum in any course was based on the textbook that is currently being used. Dr. McLaughlin said that with the new curriculum is not based on a text. Instead resources, that may include a textbook, are listed as suggestions. It is also difficult to find one textbook that teaches everything in the curriculum.</li> <li>• Mrs. Rigdon asked if there was a plan to replace textbooks, and Dr. McLaughlin said it depends on the course.</li> </ul>	<b>2011-2016 Five-Year Curriculum Plan</b>
<b>C.</b>	<p><b>Curriculum Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. McLaughlin said the curriculum coming in next month includes AP Language and Composition and Personal Finance which is a new course.</li> </ul>	<b>Curriculum Update</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs. Thomas said the committee will also start to look at online options.</li><li>• Mr. Lawson said he would not entertain any online course that was not accredited.</li></ul>	
5.	<b>Adjournment</b> Mr. McSherry moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Rigdon and passed unanimously.	<b>Adjournment</b> <b>Motion made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.</b>

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Maureen E. McLaughlin  
Assistant Superintendent