

**New Milford Board of Education
Special Meeting
August 29, 2006
Sarah Noble Intermediate School – Media Center**

Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chairperson
	Dr. Lisa Diamond
	Mr. David A. Lawson
	Mrs. Dian Traisci-Marandola
	Mr. Bill McLachlan
	Mr. Tom McSherry
	Ms. Jennifer Oliveira
	Mr. Robin Ruggiero
	Dr. Lawrence Stillman
	Mrs. Julie Turk
	Mr. Joe Vita

Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn C. 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

1.	Mrs. Faulenbach called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:34 p.m. At this time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.	Call To Order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Mr. Mark Devlin addressed the Board requesting a waiver for this year from the newly instituted facility fees. The Soccer Club is a non-profit organization and the fees would cost the Club \$2000-\$3000. The Soccer Club is not opposed to the fees, but would like a chance to incorporate these fees into their charges. Due to the notice of the fees, there was not adequate time to incorporate these fees into the Soccer Club’s charges this year. This request will be brought to the Facilities Sub-Committee at their next meeting on September 5, 2006.	Public Comment
3.	There was no report at this time.	PTO Report
4.	Danielle Pelillo introduced Amy Holland, who is replacing Ashley Vinhateiro as student representative to the Board of Education. Ms. Pelillo stated that the high school is looking forward to a great new year.	Student Representative Report

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	<p>Band has started practice. The Marching Band will be competing against Danbury (in Danbury) on September 9th and their first home competition will be September 29th.</p> <p>In addition, the Names Program, which in the past was a one-day event, will now become a year-long event. Lunchtime sing-alongs, as well as daily activities to create a whole community feeling in the high school will be initiated.</p>	
5A.	<p>1. Motion by Mr. McLachlan: Move that the Board of Education vote to approve the Special Board of Education minutes of June 7, 2006, the Regular Board of Education minutes of June 13, 2006, the Special Board of Education minutes of June 27, 2006 and the Special Board of Education minutes of July 11, 2006. Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Dr. Diamond, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Dr. Stillman, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Ruggiero, Mrs. Turk</p> <p>Motion Passed 8-0-3</p>	<p>Motion made and passed to approve the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held June 7, 2006, the Regular Board of Education minutes of June 13, 2006, the Special Board of Education minutes of June 27, 2006 and the Special Board of Education minutes of July 11, 2006.</p>
6.	<p>Superintendent's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Dr. Paddyfote distributed a copy of the current enrollment report, indicating the projected numbers as well as the actual numbers as of August 25, 2006.➤ Mr. Mulvihill and Ms. Doolan wrote a grant to the Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation, Inc. The Foundation will award Ed Connection \$10,000 which Mr. Mulvihill will use for in-service training at the kindergarten level in New Milford.➤ The Welcome Back assembly went well and we are ready to open. As of this date, we have three vacancies.	<p>Superintendent's Report</p>
7.	<p>Board Chairperson's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mrs. Faulenbach thanked the Board members who were able to attend the Welcome Back assembly.	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p>

	<p>Teacher of the Year for 2007.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mrs. Faulenbach asked the Board members to contact her with a possible date in September when the Board can meet to do its self-evaluation.➤ The schedule for all the sub-committee and Board of Education meetings for 2006-07 will be distributed in the September 5th packet.	
8.	<p>Policy Sub-Committee Report</p> <p>Mrs. Marandola gave an overview of the Policy meeting held just before tonight's BOE meeting. The committee covered four items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Short-term goals for the fall, which will include reviewing policy series 0000 and 9000.➤ In accordance with a state mandate, Mr. Mulvihill and Mrs. Holmes designed a plan for the district regarding a Food Allergy Management Plan. This plan has been distributed to the nurses who, in turn, will be informing the staff of the updated plan. In addition, the current guidelines as well as the updated plan will be sent to our medical advisor, Dr. Hack, in an effort to keep his office informed of what the district has in effect regarding a Food Allergy Management Plan.➤ We have a large number of students in the district who have been diagnosed with asthma and using epipens. Mr. Mulvihill and Mrs. Holmes will follow-up over the fall with any special plans the district has in place for the students with asthma.➤ Mrs. Marandola discussed the resolution being proposed to address the new legislature introduced over the summer, Public Act 06-63. There are three parts to the resolution: A) Beverages which is mandated as to what the district can have available in the vending machines during the instructional day; b) Foods served in our cafeterias. If we meet the required guidelines, we will receive 10 cents on every reimbursable meal served. This would amount to approximately \$30,000 over the course of the year; C) Exemption for any activities after the instructional day that	Policy Committee Report

	in parts 1 and 2 of PA 06-63.	
9.	<p>A. Revised Exhibit A Motion by Mr. Vita: Move that the Board of Education approve Revised Exhibit A: Personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by: Mrs. Turk</p> <p>Discussion: Mrs. Turk would like the salaries reinstated on Exhibit A. Dr. Paddyfote reported that the salary comparison of new hires and replacements would be available at the September 5th Operations Meeting.</p> <p>Aye: Dr. Diamond, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain: Mrs. Turk</p> <p>Motion Passed 9-0-1</p> <p>Mr. Lawson recused himself from the vote.</p>	<p>Discussion & Possible Action Items Revised Exhibit A: Motion made and passed that the Board of Education approve Revised Exhibit A.</p>
	<p>B. Monthly Reports Motion by Mrs. Marandola: Move that the Board of Education approve the Request for Budget Transfers Report and the Budget Position Report as of 7/31/06. Seconded by: Mr. McLachlan</p> <p>Aye: Dr. Diamond, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mrs. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed – Unanimously</p>	<p>Monthly Reports Motion made and passed that the Board of Education approve the Request for Budget Transfers Report and the Budget Position Report as of 7/31/06.</p>
	<p>C. End of Year Close Out 2005-06 Mr. John Turk addressed the Board reviewing the end-of-year balance for the New Milford Board of Education budget 2005-06.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A freeze was instituted in February 2006. ➤ The special appropriation to the BOE was sent back to the town in the amount of \$140,000. 	<p>End of Year Close Out 2005-06</p>

	<p>cost from the state. This amount was beyond what was expected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Without the excess cost reimbursement from the state, the BOE would have had a balance of \$23,000, which is .0447% of the BOE 05-06 budget. <p>Question: When does the BOE receive notification of the excess cost reimbursement? Answer: February 1st the BOE is advised of 75% of the excess cost reimbursement and the first week in June, the BOE is advised of the remaining 25%.</p> <p>This information is not available until after the budget process has been completed.</p>	
	<p>D. Award of Bids Motion by Mrs. Marandola: Move that the Board of Education approve the following bids: Milk and Frozen Desserts, Pizza, Security Services and Computers. Seconded by: Ms. Oliveira</p> <p>Question: Regarding security services, how does the cost compare to last year? Answer: The cost is based on the same rate as last year.</p> <p>Question: What does security services consist of? Answer: There are three individuals at the high school to monitor the student parking areas, campus and areas within the building.</p> <p>Question: How many computers will be purchased and where will they be placed? Answer: 165 computers will be purchased and placed as follows: 148 instructional computers at the high school; 5 administrative staff computers at the high school, 3 administrative staff computers at JPS and 10 administrative staff computers at SMS.</p> <p>Question: Where does the purchase of the 165 computers place the district in their cycle of computer replacements? Answer: This represents 16% of the computer base. Most of the computers within the district were purchased in 2000-2002.</p> <p>Question: Would it be advantageous to accelerate</p>	<p>Award of Bids Motion made and approved that the Board of Education move to approve the following bids: Milk and Frozen Desserts, Pizza, Security Services and Computers.</p>

	<p>Answer: Yes, we are entering our seventh year of heavy use.</p> <p>Question: Do we have some computers that cannot use the updated software?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, it puts a strain on some of the computers. Teachers only have a specific period of time to work on the computers with their students and troubleshooting interrupts that time.</p> <p>Aye: Dr. Diamond, Mrs. Faulenbach, 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</p>	
E.	<p>Tuition Rates</p> <p>Motion by Mr. McLachlan: Move that the Board of Education approve the tuition rates as follows: New Milford High School \$9,909.38; Schaghticoke Middle School \$10,405.75 and the Elementary Schools \$8,482.91.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Question: Why is the tuition rate higher for the middle school than the high school?</p> <p>Answer: As enrollment drops down, the Per Pupil Cost is driven up. That is the main reason for the difference between the schools' tuition rates.</p> <p>Aye: Dr. Diamond, Mrs. Faulenbach, 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</p>	<p>Motion made that the Board of Education move to approve the Tuition Rates for 2006-07 as follows: New Milford High School \$9,909.38; Schaghticoke Middle School \$10,405.75 and the Elementary Schools \$8,482.91.</p>
F.	<p>Compliance with Public Act 06-63 <i>An Act Concerning Healthy Food and Beverages in Schools</i>.</p> <p>Motion by Mrs. Marandola: Move that the New Milford Board of Education continue its participation in the National School Lunch Program: permit for sale to students only those</p>	<p>Motion made that the New Milford Board of Education move to: continue its participation in the National School Lunch Program; permit for sale to students only those beverages that</p>

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	<p>06-63 Section 1; permit for sale to students only those food and snack items that meet the requirements of Public Act 06-62 Section 2; participate in the healthy food option of Public Act 06-63 Section 3 and exclude from the above only those food and beverage sales that: are in conjunction with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day; are made at the location of the event and made directly by an individual or group and <u>not</u> from a vending machine or school store.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Diamond</p> <p>Aye: Dr. Diamond, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Mr. McLachlan, Ms. Oliveira Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed 9-2-0</p>	<p>Public Act 06-63 Section 1; permit for sale to students only those food and snack items that meet the requirements of Public Act 06-63 Section 2; participate in the healthy food option of Public Act 06-63 Section 3 and exclude from the above only those food and beverage sales that: are in conjunction with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day; are made at the location of the event and made directly by an individual or group and <u>not</u> from a vending machine or school store.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>The Textbook Previews are in Mr. Mulvihill's office for review.</p>	<p>Items for Discussion</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Motion by Mr. McLachlan: Move that the The New Milford Board of Education Special Meeting adjourn.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Dr. Diamond, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed – Unanimously</p> <p>The New Milford Board of Education Special Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education Special Meeting adjourn.</p> <p>Adjournment</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Joseph Vita,
Board Secretary