

**New Milford Board of Education
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 April 27, 2021
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

Present:	Mr. Joseph Failla Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Pete Helmus Mr. Brian McCauley Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mrs. Eileen Monaghan Mrs. Cynthia Nabozny Mrs. Olga I. Rella
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Also Present:	Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Catherine Calabrese, Interim Assistant Superintendent Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Operations and Fiscal Services Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Mrs. Catherine Gabianelli, Director of Human Resources Mr. Nestor Aparicio, Assistant Director of Facilities Mr. Keith Lipinsky, NMHS Athletic Director
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1.	Call to Order A. Pledge of Allegiance The regular meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mrs. Faulenbach. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed. The availability of closed captioning was stated.	Call to Order A. Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Recognition A. NMPS Stars: Alessandro Amenta, Donna Difabbio, Amy D’Orio, Danielle Kiser, Tammy Siegle, Christine Zona <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. DiCorpo congratulated the monthly “Stars” and read the comments submitted by the person who nominated them. 	Recognition A. NMPS Stars: Alessandro Amenta, Donna Difabbio, Amy D’Orio, Danielle Kiser, Tammy Siegle, Christine Zona
3.	Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ashley Albanese tried to speak but technology 	Public Comment

	<p>issues interfered. The Board became aware that the meeting was not transmitting properly to the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Faulenbach said she would return to public comment later in the agenda if the technology issues resolved. She encouraged members of the public to email the Board if they were not able to be heard this evening. 	
<p>4.</p>	<p>PTO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This report was skipped at this time while the technology issues were worked on. 	<p>PTO Report</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>1. Regular Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021</p> <p>Mrs. Rella moved to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021, seconded by Mr. McCauley.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0-1, with Mrs. Monaghan abstaining.</p> <p>2. Special Meeting Minutes March 23, 2021</p> <p>Mrs. Rella moved to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Special Meeting Minutes March 23, 2021, seconded by Mr. McCauley.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>3. Special Meeting Minutes April 6, 2021</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>1. Regular Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021</p> <p>Motion made and passed to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021.</p> <p>2. Special Meeting Minutes March 23, 2021</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Special Meeting Minutes March 23, 2021.</p> <p>3. Special Meeting Minutes April 6, 2021</p>

	<p>Mrs. Rella moved to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Special Meeting Minutes April 6, 2021, seconded by Mr. McCauley.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Special Meeting Minutes April 6, 2021.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Superintendent's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. DiCorpo's report was skipped at this time as she continued to troubleshoot the technology issues. 	<p>Superintendent's Report</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Faulenbach said negotiations have begun with two bargaining units, secretaries and paraeducators. Teachers and nurses are still to come. There is another contract on the agenda for approval tonight. ● Copiers were discussed at budget time and are currently on a month to month basis. Possible collaboration with the Town on this topic has begun for financial savings possibilities. Additional conversation with the Town regarding Technology and Facilities needs and equipment has also begun. They are discussing the Five Year Capital plan as well to see if collaboration is possible there. If an Ad Hoc Committee is needed down the road, she will request one. ● Legal is reviewing the 3000 series through the Policy Subcommittee and Board. They will also be looking at internal procedures to expedite office templates to strengthen existing processes. ● Advisory interview committees for posted positions are taking place, including Board representation. ● NV5 has presented to the Town and will do so to the Board as well. Mrs. Faulenbach is recommending this be done at a special meeting, as this is a large, detailed project and Board 	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p>

	<p>members should have time to ask any questions.</p> <p>Technical difficulties continued. The Board recessed at 7:24 p.m. to allow for adjustments to be made.</p> <p>The Board returned to public session at 7:38 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Faulenbach asked Mr. McCauley to report on the roof project. Mr. McCauley said it is a positive report. They expect to go out to bid in May and anticipate that work will start in June. ● Mrs. Faulenbach noted that the district has multiple projects happening this summer. It will be important to work to coordinate them all. 	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Superintendent's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● With the technology issues resolved, Ms. DiCorpo gave her Superintendent's Report. ● Ms. DiCorpo and Mr. Shugrue met to discuss end-of-year events for the high school. All events will be run by Lisa Morrissey as the state begins to loosen restrictions. Prom: The prom will be held at the Amber Room on Saturday, May 8th from 6-11 pm. The Amber Room has made the necessary adjustments to adhere to all COVID-19 protocols to ensure a safe venue for all guests. It will be a senior-only prom with no outside guests this year. Tickets have been sold. We will have @190 students. At this time it will be an outside event in a tent at the Amber Room. Senior Picnic: The PTO and NMHS Administration will be throwing a picnic for our seniors at Harrybrooke Park on May 27, 2021 with a rain date of June 3, 2021. This is a collaborative effort with the PTO and the NMHS Administration. This is a wonderful event and we are thankful to have a place like Harrybrooke to hold this event. Senior Trip: The trip to Six Flags New England will take place on May 28, 2021 (pending Massachusetts approval to open). Graduation: The date of the graduation has been 	<p>Superintendent's Report</p>

set for Saturday, June 19, 2021. The plan is to have the same parade that was held last year. This will be a rain or shine event. Mr. Shugrue had many emails from parents requesting the same event that the class of 2020 had last year. The parade was a celebratory, fun event that included the town in celebrating the Class.

- SMS and NMHS had a successful return to full in person on April 26. The district continues to work on fine tuning drop off and pick up at SMS, as we have at the other schools.
- We have worked diligently to provide a Covid dashboard for parents to access on our website for each school and the district to help everyone understand where the district stands with positive cases that have been reported.
- Thanks to the hard work of district staff members Lynn Nissenbaum and Jane Danish, the district will soon be publishing the district's first ever website of resources entitled: "Pathway to Emotional Well-Being". This is a resource that will support the school community with resources, and catalogue our parent evenings this year related to mental and emotional health and wellness.
- The Connecticut State Department of Education is inviting districts to complete an application to participate in a unique partnership with TeachRock. TeachRock is a standards-aligned, arts integration curriculum that uses the history of popular music and culture to help teachers engage students. The purpose of this partnership is to integrate the Arts in the curriculum, design engaging and meaningful daily lessons so that students make connections, express ideas, feelings, and human experiences through a variety of media. The district is applying. Ten districts will be chosen.
- The Everyone Learns Initiative was offered to school districts this week by the state which provides districts and towns with the opportunity to apply for CEN to install and pay for outside wireless access that will be available for the

	<p>entire community. Ms. DiCorpo reached out to the Mayor to ask his thoughts regarding where the free public wifi could be located. It was determined that SNIS was a centrally located place that also serves as a mass emergency center and is one of our Title I schools. We placed our town in the queue and will await the state's response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In addition, we will be working with the state to provide an emergency broadband option for schools that is federally funded. It will provide a discount for service for those who qualify. There will be webinars and our technology director will provide sessions for parents in the future to help them learn all about this benefit. ● Next week is staff and teacher appreciation week and Ms. DiCorpo said she wanted to take a moment to acknowledge all the district staff. ● Ms. DiCorpo acknowledged outgoing NMHS Principal Greg Shugrue for his many years of service to students and the community. She also acknowledged former Facilities Director Kevin Munrett for his service and tremendous help during the Covid pandemic. ● Mrs. Faulenbach echoed Ms. DiCorpo's comments on behalf of the Board and thanked them for their dedication. 	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public Comment was offered again now that the technology issues had been resolved. There was none at this time. Mrs. Faulenbach thanked those on the call for their patience. 	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>PTO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. MacDonald gave the report via zoom. She said the end of the school year is quickly approaching, but the PTO is still hard at work for the end of this year! ● Town-wide PTO has been busy raising funds for 	<p>PTO Report</p>

	<p>the Senior scholarship fund. There are still a few days left to bag up those old clothes and shoes out of your closets and drawers and into the bin at Pettibone!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All k-8 schools are working closely with administration to plan moving up and promotion activities that are COVID friendly. • All the PTOs are busy planning COVID friendly luncheons for teacher and staff appreciation and Town-wide is planning bus driver appreciation as well. We all would agree they deserve it! 	
<p>8.</p> <p>A.</p> <p>B.</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>Exhibit A: Personnel - Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence as of April 27, 2021</p> <p>Mr. McCauley moved to approve Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence as of April 27, 2021, seconded by Mrs. Rella.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. McCauley asked if exit interviews are conducted with staff who leave. He is particularly concerned with high school math vacancies. • Mrs. Gabianelli said they have been conducting exit interviews and will continue to do so. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Monthly Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget Position dated March 31, 2021 2. Purchase Resolution: D-745 3. Request for Budget Transfers <p>Mrs. McInerney moved to approve monthly reports: Budget Position dated March 31, 2021; Purchase Resolution D-745; and Request for Budget Transfers,</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>A. Exhibit A: Personnel - Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence as of April 27, 2021</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence as of April 27, 2021.</p> <p>B. Monthly Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget Position dated March 31, 2021 2. Purchase Resolution: D-745 3. Request for Budget Transfers <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve monthly reports: Budget Position dated</p>

	<p>seconded by Mrs. Rella.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mrs. Faulenbach asked when the end of year balance will be projected. Mr. Giovannone said he should have a fairly accurate number for the May meeting.● Mr. Giovannone highlighted the available balance as of March 31, 2021 listed on page 1 of the budget position.● On page 2, legal services are expected to run negative at end of year and will require a transfer.● Page 3 shows tuition lines overdrawn and a transfer is requested tonight within special education object codes.● Excess cost revenue is reflected on page 4 and is larger than budgeted for.● Mrs. Faulenbach noted that the legal fees were not unexpected with the many contracts under review. She noted revenue shortfalls on page 4 due to COVID restrictions; all municipalities are struggling with this. She asked if the final excess cost will be received in May.● Mr. Giovannone said yes and that it is usually 20% of the total. He said this revenue line will be positive, unlike others.● Mrs. Rella asked why the Medicare revenue is negative. Mr. Giovannone said this is a timing issue only. It is not expected to be short at end of year.● Mrs. Monaghan asked if the capital reserve total has been steady. Mr. Giovannone said yes, interest has been the only change lately.● Mrs. Faulenbach said the total is low in her opinion and will be discussed at year end.● Regarding the purchase resolution, Mrs. Nabozny asked how the athletic uniforms work through the town. Mr. Giovannone said the Board has access to this multi-year fund on the Town side. The district processes the billing on our side using Town funds. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>March 31, 2021; Purchase Resolution: D-745; and Request for Budget Transfers.</p>
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<p>C. Gifts & Donations 1. New Milford PTO - Exhibit B</p> <p>Mrs. Rella moved to approve Gifts & Donations: New Milford PTO - Exhibit B in the amount of \$6,452.00, seconded by Mrs. Monaghan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Faulenbach said these donations are so appreciated; the PTO is invaluable. • Mrs. Nabozny requested that PTO grant requests include when the event is taking place for informational purposes. • Ms. DiCorpo said the district will be working with the PTO on some internal mechanisms in general as part of a larger discussion to hopefully streamline the process for both sides. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>2. Anonymous Donor</p> <p>Mrs. Rella moved to approve Gifts & Donations: Anonymous Donor in the amount of \$1,000.00, seconded by Mr. McCauley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Faulenbach thanked the donor. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>3. Kimberly Clark</p> <p>Mrs. Nabozny moved to approve Gifts & Donations: Kimberly Clark in the amount of \$7,477.00, seconded by Mrs. Rella.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. McInerney said this donation is fantastic and the items much needed. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>D. Grant Approval 1. Adult Education Grant ED 244</p> <p>Mrs. McInerney moved to approve the Adult Education Grant ED 244 in the amount of</p>	<p>C. Gifts & Donations 1. New Milford PTO - Exhibit B</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Gifts & Donations: New Milford PTO - Exhibit B in the amount of \$6,452.00.</p> <p>2. Anonymous Donor</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Gifts & Donations: Anonymous Donor in the amount of \$1,000.00.</p> <p>3. Kimberly Clark</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Gifts & Donations: Kimberly Clark in the amount of \$7,477.00.</p> <p>D. Grant Approval 1. Adult Education Grant ED 244</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the Adult</p>
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<p>\$147,436.00, seconded by Mrs. Nabozny.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Calabrese said the Adult Education ED-244 Grant is reflective of what New Milford is required by law to provide to the community. It covers the basic cost of running a minimal Adult Education program serving High School Completion (through High School Diploma Classes or GED Prep Classes), English as a second Language and Citizenship Classes. It is a combination of State and local funds. The received amount fluctuates each year depending on BOE funding, which affects the state dollar amount as it is based on a percentage of local funding. • Ms. DiCorpo said they will circle back to confirm the final dollar amount once it is received. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>E. Policies for Second Review</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3000 Concept and Roles in Business and Non-Instructional Operations 2. 3110 Budget Planning 3. 3160 Budget and Transfer of Funds 4. 3230 Federal Funds 5. 3231 Medical Reimbursement for Special Education Students 6. 6200 Adult Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Faulenbach said these are back for second review and will move to approval next month. She asked for any comments; there were none. <p>F. Policies for First Review</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3152 Spending Public Funds for Advocacy 2. 3300 Purchasing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Faulenbach said there was a robust discussion at Policy regarding the proposed revisions to policy 3300. Threshold adjustments 	<p>Education Grant ED 244 in the amount of \$147,436.00.</p> <p>E. Policies for Second Review</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3000 Concept and Roles in Business and Non-Instructional Operations 2. 3110 Budget Planning 3. 3160 Budget and Transfer of Funds 4. 3230 Federal Funds 5. 3231 Medical Reimbursement for Special Education Students 6. 6200 Adult Education <p>F. Policies for First Review</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3152 Spending Public Funds for Advocacy 2. 3300 Purchasing
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<p>are suggested for both bidding and purchasing processes. There is no set amount, it varies by district and the Board can set what they are comfortable with.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Giovannone said he will provide historical information at Policy to inform discussion when the policy comes back for second review. ● Mrs. Faulenbach said that will be helpful in the decision making process. These are arbitrary numbers somewhat and data is needed to inform decision making. While these are budgeted items, review adds clarity. ● Mrs. Nabozny said she is looking forward to seeing the information. She said if the Board does make a change to the threshold, she would still like to see purchases under the threshold for information purposes only. ● Mrs. McInerney said she would also like to hear about the impact to doing the business of the district when discussing further. That may provide guidance as well. ● Mr. Helmus noted there is a cost to the bidding process too and asked that the internal process be quantified as well. 	
<p>G. Food and Nutrition Services - Exhibit C</p>	<p>G. Food and Nutrition Services - Exhibit C</p>
<p>1. Healthy Food Certification Statement</p>	<p>1. Healthy Food Certification Statement</p>
<p>Mrs. Monaghan moved that the New Milford Board of Education continue its participation in the National School Lunch Program and pursuant to Section 10-215f of the C.G.S., certify that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but</p>	<p>Motion made and passed unanimously that the New Milford Board of Education continue its participation in the National School Lunch Program and pursuant to Section 10-215f of the C.G.S., certify that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut</p>

<p>not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups, seconded by Mrs. Rella.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Faulenbach noted that this is requested annually. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>2. Food Certification Exemptions for School Fundraisers</p> <p>Mr. McCauley moved that the New Milford Board of Education allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the food sales, seconded by Mrs. Nabozny.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Failla said he will not be approving this motion unless it is presented as a joint motion for both food and drink, as allowed.• Mrs. Faulenbach said these are presented as a	<p>Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups.</p> <p>2. Food Certification Exemptions for School Fundraisers</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.</p>
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<p>bifurcated motion to allow flexibility to vote for one but not the other if a member wishes.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-1-0, with Mr. Failla voting no.</p> <p>3. Beverage Certification Exemptions</p> <p>Mrs. Nabozny moved that the New Milford Board of Education allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the beverage sales, seconded by Mrs. Rella.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-1-0, with Mr. Failla voting no.</p>	<p>“Location” means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the food sales.</p> <p>3. Beverage Certification Exemptions</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the beverage sales.</p>
<p>H. New Milford Fire Request</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Faulenbach said there is no suggested motion; she is opening for discussion. ● Mrs. Nabozny noted that the memo references priority being given to NMHS sports teams. She wants it noted that the marching band should be similarly referenced, as they too use the stadium and parking lot. She said August dates could be an issue for them. ● Ms. DiCorpo said they look out for all NMHS groups. Appendix A gives the priority list and 	<p>H. New Milford Fire Request</p>

	<p>references “events”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mr. Aparicio said the New Milford Fire is a semi pro football team. They have been in Waterbury and Danbury. They are hoping to use our stadium for five home games and maybe three playoff games. They have applied for non-profit status which is pending.● Mrs. McInerney asked if they were requesting fee waivers or non-profit status.● Mrs. Faulenbach said they were contacted by Mayor Bass regarding this team, and a brief meeting was held regarding their waiver request. When reviewing numbers, it was determined that the waiver rates are more expensive than those for a non-profit so that would be the way to go. The Board recognizes the excitement and positivity and welcomes the opportunity to work with the team, but the non-profit status will be key. If status is not secured, fees are still less than what Danbury charges. Additional conversations will be necessary regarding insurance, usage, police presence etc. Mrs. Faulenbach asked Mayor Bass if he would like to comment.● Mayor Bass said non-profit status is confirmed. The owner is a New Milford resident and graduate. The team will provide economic development opportunities as well. The Gridiron Club will be given the opportunity to work concessions and may keep the profit. The team is planning a youth event. Mayor Bass said he totally agrees that our student groups take priority in use of fields.● Mrs. Faulenbach said she recognizes the opportunity here. At the start of discussion, non-profit status was uncertain. If that is no longer an issue, then the waiver request is not necessary.● Mr. Helmus asked why the team left Waterbury and Danbury. He also asked about wear and tear of the turf field. Will grown men playing football have a negative impact that outweighs the benefits?	
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- Mayor Bass said the owner lives in New Milford and went to NMHS and has dreamed of having the team in his home town. Plus, New Milford has beautiful fields. Regarding wear and tear, Mayor Bass said it is the same as having high school players use it. He commended the Facilities department for keeping the fields in such great shape.
- Mr. Failla said the fields are designed to college standards at the very least. Wear and tear will not be an issue as they are built to challenging standards.
- Mrs. McInerney asked Mr. Lipinsky if the team's schedule will interfere with any school activities, including the August band camp.
- Mr. Lipinsky said they are requesting Saturday evenings so it shouldn't be a problem, but he coordinates with Mr. Syzdek as needed. Outside groups are alerted if a conflict arises.
- Mrs. Faulenbach said forms and conversation all reflect that student centered events take precedence and that is agreeable to both parties. She said this is a different type of field usage for New Milford so it will be important to follow up to make sure all are on the same page and successful as it goes forward.
- Mrs. Rella asked how much the team will be charging.
- Mr. Failla said that has no bearing on the process as long as their fees are paid. Part of why the fields were built is for Town and community use.
- Mayor Bass said the team will be charging \$10 per adult with under 16 free. A portion will go towards turf field replacement.

I. Maxx Facilities Upgrades

Mrs. Nabozny moved to approve Maxx Facilities Upgrades not to exceed \$25,000.00, seconded by Mrs. McInerney.

- Ms. DiCorpo said there has been a conversation with the Town for some time due to the additional LHTC students expected for 2022-23.

I. Maxx Facilities Upgrades

Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Maxx Facilities Upgrades not to exceed \$25,000.00.

In addition, there has been a vision for many years to create a Transition Center. The request has been complied by two LHTC staff and Jason O'Connor of the Youth Agency, which uses the space for rentals and other uses. This is an opportunity for both groups to enhance programming. Some expenses are solely district specific, such as lockers, washer and dryer etc. Others are viewed as joint purchases such as signs for the entrance, countertops. Additionally, we are hoping to include some safety and security items in the Safety Grant request. Ms. DiCorpo said she is asking that this be considered tonight as an end of year project so that we can begin to order items and take delivery by June 30. Actual work timeframe is still to be determined. It was originally planned to be done during Covid but didn't happen. Now we will need to plan where LHTC will be housed when the work is happening. We also don't want to prohibit any Town use of the Maxx during that time.

- Mrs. Faulenbach said we have talked about this previously and this is another example of collaborating with the Town to see how best we can work together and fund. She said personally she thinks it is fair and appropriate that the Board fund these materials.
- Mrs. McInerney said the Maxx is a great asset to the Town and she is happy to support this investment both for the Town and for LHTC students. She said the central location is also beneficial to the program.
- Mrs. Monaghan asked if donations will be accepted for the project. Mrs. Olson said they would consider any offers to help.
- Mrs. Faulenbach said that's why the motion is "not to exceed". Offsets will certainly be considered.
- Mrs. Rella asked how many students are in LHTC now. Mrs. Olson said 11, with 15 expected next year. She said we've been discussing improvements to this program for

	<p>four years. It is a reflection of student need even more than numbers and will enhance the Youth Agency as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Rella asked if tuition students would be considered as well and Mrs. Olson said yes. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>J. NMHS Electronic Sign</p> <p>Mrs. Nabozny moved to approve the NMHS Electronic Sign in the amount of \$45,229.00, seconded by Mrs. Rella.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Faulenbach said this is long overdue. The high school is a gateway and the sign is one of the first things you see. • Mr. McCauley said this has come up at Facilities in the past. It is important and needs to be done. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>J. NMHS Electronic Sign</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the NMHS Electronic Sign in the amount of \$45,229.00.</p>
<p>9.</p> <p>A.</p> <p>B.</p>	<p>Items for Information and Discussion</p> <p>Staples Donation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. DiCorpo said this donation came to NES. They are working on a list for the future to try and ensure equity in donations received. <p>ESSER II Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Giovannone said the memo reflects top points of the request. The application has been submitted. The second page gives a breakout of the funds. • Ms. DiCorpo said yesterday the state contacted us with questions about our submission. We will keep the Board informed of any changes. She said today we heard that the state is looking closely at remote instruction and it probably will not be allowed. That may create changes to the plan. It remains a work in progress. 	<p>Items for Information and Discussion</p> <p>A. Staples Donation</p> <p>B. ESSER II Funding</p>

	<p>C. 2021 COVID-19 Special Education Stipend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Olson said this application is for a stipend of up to \$20,000 that must be used by fall of 2021 if awarded. The proposal was submitted last week and focuses on evaluation of students, summer programming and after school program support, as well as the purchase of some standing desks. • Mrs. McInerney said PTO has purchased some standing desks and they have been beneficial. <p>D. Enrollment Study and Feasibility Study Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. DiCorpo said the process schedule refers to Month 1. That is March. SLR has visited SNIS to review space and a working committee has been formed that includes BOE and Town representatives. The studies should be completed by June (Month 4). <p>E. Facilities End of Year Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Aparicio said they are looking to have the gym floors at the high school professionally dry scrubbed and resurfaced but need to coordinate that with the roof work. • Mrs. Nabozny expressed concern that the project might interfere with Band Camp in August. • Ms. DiCorpo said this is a preliminary conversation while we gather more information. Alternate space will be found if needed. There are just many projects ongoing this summer. Ms. DiCorpo said they are hoping to bring this project back in May for consideration, along with Covid potential costs for next year and capital. <p>F. District-wide Access Card System</p>	<p>C. 2021 COVID-19 Special Education Stipend</p> <p>D. Enrollment Study and Feasibility Study Updates</p> <p>E. Facilities End of Year Project</p> <p>F. District-wide Access Card System</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Aparicio said this project was part of the Capital Plan but they are now hoping to fund it through the School Safety and Security Grant. ● Ms. DiCorpo said they are hoping to use the grant for safety and security measures at the Maxx as well. ● Mrs. Faulenbach said this was \$150,000 in the capital plan and it is so exciting to think that a grant is available. 	
<p>10.</p> <p>A.</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>Discussion of Superintendent's request for approval of employment contract's carryover provision; Interim SMS Assistant Principal; and Sherman contract. Executive Session Anticipated. The Board may take action when it returns to public session.</p> <p>Mrs. McInerney moved that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's request for approval of employment contract's carryover provision; the Interim SMS Assistant Principal; and the Sherman contract; and to invite into the session Alisha DiCorpo, Anthony Giovannone, Catherine Gabianelli and the candidate, seconded by Mr. McCauley.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Board and Mr. Giovannone entered executive session at 9:44 p.m.</p> <p>Ms. DiCorpo entered executive session at 9:49 p.m.</p> <p>The Board returned to public session at 10:05 p.m.</p> <p>Mrs. Rella moved that the Board approve the Superintendent's request regarding her employment contract's carryover provision, seconded by Mr.</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>A. Discussion of Superintendent's request for approval of employment contract's carryover provision; Interim SMS Assistant Principal; and Sherman contract. Executive Session Anticipated. The Board may take action when it returns to public session.</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's request for approval of employment contract's carryover provision; the Interim SMS Assistant Principal; and the Sherman contract; and to invite into the session Alisha DiCorpo, Anthony Giovannone, Catherine Gabianelli and the candidate.</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously that the Board approve the Superintendent's request regarding her employment contract's</p>

	<p>McCauley.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mrs. Rella moved that the Board approve the appointment of: James Matranga as Interim Schaghticoke Middle School/Northville Elementary School Assistant Principal effective April 29, 2021; 2021 salary is per diem @ \$534.38 per day for 18 days (SMS) and per diem @ \$512.98 per day for 9 days (NES), seconded by Mrs. Nabozny.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mrs. McInerney moved that the Board approve the Agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the Sherman Board of Education and to authorize the Board Chair to sign the Agreement on its behalf, seconded by Mrs. Rella.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>carryover provision.</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously that the Board approve the appointment of: James Matranga as Interim Schaghticoke Middle School/Northville Elementary School Assistant Principal effective April 29, 2021; 2021 salary is per diem @ \$534.38 per day for 18 days (SMS) and per diem @ \$512.98 per day for 9 days (NES), seconded by Mrs. Nabozny.</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously that the Board approve the Agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the Sherman Board of Education and to authorize the Board Chair to sign the Agreement on its behalf.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Mrs. Rella moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Nabozny.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted:



Cynthia Nabozny
 Secretary
 New Milford Board of Education