

**New Milford Board of Education  
 Regular Meeting Minutes  
 April 18, 2017  
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

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NEW MILFORD, CT

Present:	Mr. David A. Lawson, Chairman Mrs. Angela C. Chastain Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Dave Littlefield Mr. Brian McCauley Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mr. J.T. Schemm
Absent:	Mr. Robert Coppola Mr. Bill Dahl

Also Present:	Mr. Joshua Smith, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources Ms. Roberta Pratt, Director of Technology Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Mr. Kevin Munrett, Facilities Manager Mrs. Anne Bilko, Sarah Noble Intermediate School Principal Dr. Christopher Longo, Schaghticoke Middle School Principal Mrs. Susan Murray, Northville Elementary School Principal Mr. Greg Shugrue, New Milford High School Principal Ms. Kendall Stewart, Student Representative Mr. Gregory Winkelstern, Student Representative
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<b>1.</b> <b>A.</b>	<b>Call to Order</b> <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>  The regular meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	<b>Call to Order</b> <b>A. Pledge of Allegiance</b>
<b>2.</b> <b>A.</b>	<b>Recognition</b>  <b>NMHS Art Students: Mackenzie Burns, Daniel Krepil, Liam Lacey, Emma Street, Fiona Wilson, Karolina Zimny</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Smith invited NMHS Art teacher Annette Marcus to recognize the students.</li> </ul>	<b>Recognition</b>  <b>A. NMHS Art Students: Mackenzie Burns, Daniel Krepil, Liam Lacey, Emma Street, Fiona Wilson, Karolina Zimny</b>

	<p><b>B. NMPS Retiree: Joann Salamon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Smith noted that Ms. Salamon was retiring after 31 years as a food service worker at Schaghticoke.</li> </ul> <p><b>C. NMPS Stars of the Month: Anne Bilko, Susan Brofford, Kimberly Ginn, Janet Roache, Heliett Sanchez, Paul Shim</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Smith read a comment about each Star from the person who nominated them. They each received a pin recognizing their nomination and Mrs. Brofford was randomly selected to drive the Ingersoll Automotive Courtesy Car for the month.</li> </ul> <p>The meeting recessed at 7:42 p.m. for a brief reception and reconvened at 7:49 p.m.</p>	<p><b>B. NMPS Retiree: Joann Salamon</b></p> <p><b>C. NMPS Stars of the Month: Anne Bilko, Susan Brofford, Kimberly Ginn, Janet Roache, Heliett Sanchez, Paul Shim</b></p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jessica Higgins, a New Milford resident, said she was disappointed in the district field trips being planned. Last year her daughter's fifth grade field trip was changed from Old Sturbridge Village to The Pratt Center, and even though The Pratt Center is a fine location, she felt her children were cheated of a better opportunity that had been provided in the past. This year, her daughter's sixth grade field trip is also being changed to a different location from what was planned in previous years. She felt the schools should strive to achieve more.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>PTO Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kathleen Lewis reported that during the school year, the PTO held many events to raise funds for the schools. A good part of that money goes to offset the cost of field trips, but another portion of it goes to cultural arts programs that take place in the schools.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PTO Report</b></p>

- The PTO helped celebrate literature by sponsoring authors, some of whom included: David Schwartz, Tony Abbott, Kenn Nesbitt, Paul Catanese, Ashley Wolff and Douglas Florian. HPS also sponsored Eric Summerer who is an audio book recording artist and Country Quilt Llama Farm where the owner brought in a llama, talked about llamas and read a llama story to the students who also got to pet the llama. Today, Northville students experienced Huga Tuga Live, a pep rally for reading performed by Joe Shandrowsky. The children enjoyed an interactive performance including a spectacular light show, special effects, freeze dancing and cartoon illustrating.
- Cowboy Ernie visited Northville where he dressed like a real cowboy and performed for the students.
- Tanglewood Marionettes, a fully self-contained theater, perform on a complete marionette stage with integrated lighting and sound systems which create a full theatrical experience. They performed Arabian Adventure for all grade 3 students, as well as the Dragon King for the PK-2 students at NES.
- Tim Latta performed "Motion 360" for all fourth and fifth graders. The performance combines his experience in dance, theatre and circus. The program entertains and engages students in thinking creatively and independently, encouraging them to reach their potential while seeing potential in others.
- Gizmo Guys performed at Northville. This show uses magic, sleight-of-hand, humor and incredible physical dexterity. It helps open the imagination of the children.
- Dawn Delpha taught NES Excel students yoga classes where the students learned to appreciate different ways to deal with stress and reinforce positive interactions with peers.
- This Friday the Earth Dome will be at HPS for all K-2 students. The Earth Dome is a gigantic inflatable earth balloon with photographic shots

	<p>from satellites of the surface of the world. This presentation will educate students about geography as well as environmental issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Brain Show will be at HPS in May for the whole school. This assembly feels like a real game show complete with colorful podiums that feature computerized lights and sounds. The show is adapted to meet the curriculum of students in an entertaining yet educational platform.</li> </ul>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Student Representative's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The indoor winter percussion group is headed to Dayton, Ohio, to perform in the WGI World Championships.</li> <li>• Tomorrow, there is a field trip to Naugatuck Valley Community College.</li> <li>• Spring sports are underway and the baseball team is currently 6-0.</li> <li>• Cheerleading and Dance Teams are holding tryouts for next year.</li> <li>• The German Honor Society will host its induction on April 25.</li> <li>• The GAP exchange program just returned from a trip to Germany.</li> <li>• The French Honor Society induction will be held on May 3.</li> <li>• Junior class prom tickets are on sale with the date of the prom being May 6.</li> <li>• Next Friday is the Poetry Pride event at the high school from 1:00 p.m. until 2:15 pm.</li> </ul>	<b>Student Representative's Report</b>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Approval of Minutes</b></p> <p><b>A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Special Meeting Minutes March 16, 2017</b></li> <li><b>2. Special Meeting Minutes March 29, 2017</b></li> <li><b>3. Special Meeting Minutes April 6, 2017</b></li> </ol>	<p><b>Approval of Minutes</b></p> <p><b>A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Special Meeting Minutes March 16, 2017</b></li> <li><b>2. Special Meeting Minutes March 29, 2017</b></li> </ol>

	<p><b>Mr. McCauley moved to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Special Meeting Minutes March 16, 2017</li> <li>2. Special Meeting Minutes March 29, 2017</li> <li>3. Special Meeting Minutes April 6, 2017</li> </ol> <p><b>Seconded by Mr. Schemm and passed 6-0-1.</b></p> <p><b>Aye: Mrs. Chastain, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Schemm, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCauley, Mrs. McInerney</b>  <b>Abstain: Mr. Littlefield</b></p>	<p><b>3. Special Meeting Minutes April 6, 2017</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Special Meeting Minutes March 16, 2017</li> <li>2. Special Meeting Minutes March 29, 2017</li> <li>3. Special Meeting Minutes April 6, 2017</li> </ol>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Superintendent's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Smith said the end of the school year is fast approaching with NMHS graduation set for June 24, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the O'Neill Center, WCSU.</li> <li>• Schaghticoke will hold promotion ceremonies for its eighth-grade teams on June 22 and 23.</li> <li>• During the April break, quite a bit of building projects were completed by the Facilities department.</li> <li>• He noted the GAP students returned from Germany and he was looking forward to hearing a presentation by them next week.</li> <li>• This Thursday, there will be three teachers from Beirut Lebanon visiting the district through a collaborative exchange.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Superintendent's Report</b></p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Board Chairman's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Lawson noted that the adopted Board of Education budget had been cut by \$756,000 after Town Council and Board of Finance review.</li> <li>• He said the Hartford teacher pension proposal is still in the air with the latest option to be a 30% contribution from towns, which he felt was unacceptable.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Board Chairman's Report</b></p>

<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Committee And Liaison Reports</b></p> <p><b>A. Facilities Sub-Committee – Mr. McCauley</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. McCauley said they discussed the turf field replacement committee, the Hill &amp; Plain security system, the Sarah Noble air conditioning project that has been approved by the Town Council to come from Capital Reserve, and summer plans for the septic and boiler cleaning.</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Operations Sub-Committee – Mrs. Faulenbach</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Faulenbach said all reports were on the agenda and they had a transportation update.</li> </ul> <p><b>C. Policy Sub-Committee – Mr. Schemm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Schemm was unable to attend this meeting so he asked Mrs. McInerney to report on his behalf and she said there were policies on the agenda tonight for first review and second review, and other policies still in committee discussion.</li> </ul> <p><b>D. Committee on Learning – Mrs. McInerney</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. McInerney said they heard a presentation on career readiness opportunities available through the high school and moved several curricula to the full Board for approval tonight.</li> </ul> <p><b>E. EdAdvance – Mr. McCauley</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. McCauley said he has been unable to make any meetings yet, but he did review the minutes and saw there is a proposal on the table to house an ACCESS program in Torrington or Litchfield similar to the one in Danbury.</li> </ul> <p><b>F. Connecticut Boards of Education (CABE) – Mr. Coppola</b></p>	<p><b>Committee And Liaison Reports</b></p> <p><b>A. Facilities Sub-Committee</b></p> <p><b>B. Operations Sub-Committee</b></p> <p><b>C. Policy Sub-Committee</b></p> <p><b>D. Committee on Learning</b></p> <p><b>E. EdAdvance</b></p> <p><b>F. Connecticut Boards of Education (CABE)</b></p>
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<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action</b></p> <p><b>A. Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated April 18, 2017</b></p> <p><b>Mrs. McInerney moved to approve Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence as of April 18, 2017, seconded by Mr. McCauley.</b></p> <p><b>The motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>B. Monthly Reports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Budget Position dated 3/31/17</b></li> <li><b>2. Purchase Resolutions: D-697</b></li> <li><b>3. Request for Budget Transfers</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Mr. McCauley moved to approve monthly reports: Budget Position dated March 31, 2017; Purchase Resolution D-697; and Request for Budget Transfers, seconded by Mr. Lawson.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Schemm asked what the revision was and Mr. Giovannone said it was the date of the report.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action</b></p> <p><b>A. Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated April 18, 2017</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence as of April 18, 2017.</b></p> <p><b>B. Monthly Reports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Budget Position dated 3/31/17</b></li> <li><b>2. Purchase Resolutions: D-697</b></li> <li><b>3. Request for Budget Transfers</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve monthly reports: Budget Position dated March 31, 2017; Purchase Resolution D-697; and Request for Budget Transfers.</b></p>

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<p><b>11.</b></p> <p><b>A.</b></p>	<p><b>Items For Information And Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Field Trip Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was no discussion.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Items For Information And Discussion</b></p> <p><b>A. Field Trip Report</b></p>
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Schemm moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m., seconded by Mr. McCauley and passed unanimously.</b></p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.</b></p>

Respectfully submitted:



Tammy McInerney  
 Secretary  
 New Milford Board of Education