

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

DATE: February 21, 2012
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Lillis Administration Building – Room 2

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 Education's 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. Ecology I
2. Ecology II
3. Health II
4. Social and Emotional Thinking

Eileen Reed/Ethan Saldana
Eileen Reed/Ethan Saldana
Erica Keane
Erica Fradette

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. CMT/CAPT Schedules
- B. Curriculum Update
- C. Tentative COL Meeting on April 24, 2012

Dr. McLaughlin
Dr. McLaughlin
Dr. McLaughlin

5. ADJOURN

Sub-Committee Members: Mr. David Lawson, Chairperson
Mr. Thomas Brant
Mr. David Shaffer
Mrs. Daniele Shook

Alternates: Mrs. Lynette Celli Rigdon
Mr. William Wellman

New Milford Public Schools
Office of the Assistant Superintendent
 Connecticut Mastery Test Schedule
 2012



If there is a snow day, the schedule will bump everything ahead one day.

| Grades | Give by March 2 Not secure | Tuesday March 6 | Wednesday March 7 | Thursday March 8 | Tuesday March 13 | Wednesday March 14 | Thursday March 15 | Tuesday March 20 | Wednesday March 21 | Thursday March 22 |
|--------|--|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 3 & 4 | Practice test Approx. (60) | Direct Assessment of Writing (45) | Editing and Revising (60) | | Math I (60) | Math II (60) | | Reading Comp. I (45) | Reading Comp. II (45) | DRP (45) |
| 5 & 6 | Practice test Approx. (60) | Direct Assessment of Writing (45) | Editing and Revising (60) | Science Grade 5 (65) | Math I (60) | Math II (60) | Math III (60) | Reading Comp. I (45) | Reading Comp. II (45) | DRP (45) |

Note: The testing time does NOT include administrative time for directions. **Add ten minutes for directions.**

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| 7 & 8 | Practice test Approx. (60) | Direct Assessment of Writing (45) | Editing and Revising (60) | Science Grade 8 (70) | Math I Gr. 7 (70) Gr. 8 (60) | Math II Gr. 7 (60) Gr. 8 (70) | Math III (60) | Reading Comp. I (45) | Reading Comp. II (45) | DRP (45) |

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NMHS – CAPT Testing Schedule 2012

This year's CAPT dates are 3/6/12 – 3/16/12. Grade 10 students and grade 11 re-testers are testing all days. Grade 9 students are taking practice CAPT tests 3/6/12 – 3/9/12. Grade 9 students will participate in additional programs from 3/13-3/16, tailored for them. Students not taking the CAPT should arrive to school in time for their first class of the day following the schedules below.

TUESDAY, 3/6/12

9th & 10th Grade Testing – 100 minutes testing (80)

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|--------|-------|--|
| 7:35 | 9:15 | 10 th Grade: Interdisciplinary Writing 1 9 th Grade: Math Practice CAPT |
| 9:20 | 10:14 | Block 1 (54) |
| 10:19 | 11:13 | Block 2 (54) |
| *11:18 | 1:11 | Lunch/Flex/Block 3 (25/25/54) |
| 1:16 | 2:10 | Block 4 (54) |

| *OPTION 1 | | *OPTION 2 | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 11:18-11:43 | L/F (25) | 11:18-12:12 | Block 3(54) |
| 11:47-12:12 | L/F (25) | 12:17-12:42 | L/F (25) |
| 12:17-1:11 | Block 3(54) | 12:47-1:11 | L/F (25) |

WEDNESDAY, 3/7/12

9th & 10th Grade – 100 minutes testing (80)

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| 7:35 | 9:15 | 10 th Grade: Response to Literature 9 th Grade: Social Studies |
| 9:20 | 10:14 | Block 1 (54) |
| 10:19 | 11:13 | Block 2 (54) |
| *11:18 | 1:11 | Lunch/Flex/Block 3 (25/25/54) |
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| 12:17-1:11 | Block 3(54) | 12:47-1:11 | L/F (25) |

THURSDAY, 3/8/12

9th & 10th Grade Testing – 100 minutes testing (80)

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|--------|-------|--|
| 7:35 | 9:15 | 10 th Grade: Interdisciplinary Writing II 9 th Grade: English |
| 9:20 | 10:14 | Block 1 (54) |
| 10:19 | 11:13 | Block 2 (54) |
| *11:18 | 1:11 | Lunch/Flex/Block 3 (25/25/54) |
| 1:16 | 2:10 | Block 4 (54) |

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FRIDAY, 3/9/12

9th & 10th Grade – 135 minutes testing (95)

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|--------|-------|--|
| 7:35 | 9:55 | 10 th Grade: Reading for Information & Editing and Revising 9 th Grade: Science |
| 10:00 | 10:26 | Block 1 (26) |
| 10:31 | 11:21 | Block 2 (50) |
| *11:26 | 1:15 | Lunch/Flex/Block 3 (25/25/50) |
| 1:20 | 2:10 | Block 4 (50) |

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 11:26-11:51 | L/F (25) | 11:26-12:16 | Block 3 (50) |
| 11:55-12:20 | L/F (25) | 12:21-12:46 | L/F (25) |
| 12:25-1:15 | Block 3 (50) | 12:50-1:15 | L/F (25) |

MONDAY, 3/12/12
No CAPT Tests – Regular Schedule

TUESDAY, 3/13/12

10th Grade Testing – 135 minutes testing (120) *

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|--------|-------|--|
| 7:35 | 9:55 | 10 th Grade: Science I & II |
| 10:00 | 10:26 | Block 1 (26) |
| 10:31 | 11:21 | Block 2 (50) |
| *11:26 | 1:15 | Lunch/Flex/Block 3 (25/25/50) |
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WEDNESDAY, 3/14/12

10th Grade Testing – 116 minutes testing (90)*

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|--------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 7:35 | 9:31 | 10 th Grade: Mathematics I |
| 9:36 | 10:26 | Block 1 (50) |
| 10:31 | 11:21 | Block 2 (50) |
| *11:26 | 1:15 | Lunch/Flex/Block 3 (25/25/50) |
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THURSDAY, 3/15/12

10th Grade Testing – 116 minutes testing (90)*

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|--------|-------|--|
| 7:35 | 9:31 | 10 th Grade: Mathematics II |
| 9:36 | 10:26 | Block 1 (50) |
| 10:31 | 11:21 | Block 2 (50) |
| *11:26 | 1:15 | Lunch/Flex/Block 3 (25/25/50) |
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FRIDAY, 3/16/12

10th Grade Testing – 100 minutes testing (80)*

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|--------|-------|--|
| 7:35 | 9:15 | 10 th Grade: Supplemental (R2L) |
| 9:20 | 10:14 | Block 1 (54) |
| 10:19 | 11:13 | Block 2 (54) |
| *11:18 | 1:11 | Lunch/Flex/Block 3 (25/25/54) |
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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 Minutes
February 21, 2012
Lillis Administration Building, Room 2**

GEORGE C. BUCKBEE
TOWN CLERK

2012 FEB 24 P 3:30

NEW MILFORD, CT

Present: Mr. David Lawson, Chairperson
Mr. Thomas Brant
Mr. David Shaffer
Mrs. Daniele Shook

Also Present: Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Maureen McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Board of Education Chairperson
Mrs. Erica Fradette, Psychologist
Mrs. Erica Keane, Teacher
Mrs. Eileen Reed, Teacher

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| 1. | Call to Order The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Committee on Learning was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Lawson. | Call to Order |
| 2. | Public Comment None | Public Comment |
| 3. | Discussion and Possible Action | Discussion and Possible Action |
| A. | Review and Approval of curriculum: Mr. Lawson welcomed the new committee members. | Review and Approval of curriculum: |
| 1. | Social and Emotional Thinking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. McLaughlin stated that she wanted to give some background regarding the current curriculum writing. The format has been revised so that there is a common format for all curricula throughout the district. All curricula now include alignment with Common Core and department standards, essential questions, character attributes, and tech competencies. Mrs. Erica Fradette presented Social and Emotional Thinking. She stated that this is the first semester of the class which has twenty students. Mr. Shaffer asked how the students were selected. Mrs. Fradette said she took recommendations from guidance counselors | Social and Emotional Thinking |

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| | <p>and teachers. The course is in the <i>Program of Studies</i> for next year, and students will be able to self-select.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Brant asked if Mrs. Fradette would be teaching the class in the future. His concern was with removing the school psychologist from general building availability during teaching time. • Mrs. Fradette said she had the support of building social workers in general and had a para in the classroom itself. • Mr. Shaffer asked where the course was listed in the <i>Program of Studies</i>, and Mrs. Fradette replied that it was in the health section. • Mrs. Shook stated that she is fascinated by the curriculum and sees a real need for this in schools in general. Mr. Lawson concurred. | |
| 2. | <p>Ecology I Ecology II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Eileen Reed presented for Ecology I and II. She stated that these courses have been science electives for many years, usually taken by seniors and some juniors. They are offered at the academic level, with students able to contract up for honors credit. The courses are usually taken together. A grade of C+ or better in both earns three Naugatuck Valley Community College credits. The revised curricula incorporate more reading, writing, and research in alignment with Common Core standards. • Mr. Shaffer suggested the curriculum should state that it is an academic course and note the Naugatuck Valley Community College credits. • Mr. Lawson stated that information is pointed out in the <i>Program of Studies</i>. • Mr. Shaffer noted that page seven refers to weeks and blocks and needs to be clarified. • Mr. Shaffer commented that the new format is a work of art and asked how many hours the revision required. Mrs. Reed estimated twenty hours maximum. | <p>Ecology I Ecology II</p> |

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| 3. | <p>Health II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Erica Keane presented Health II. The course is for students who failed or were unable to take Health I as freshmen. It is a semester course offered every other year. • Mr. Shaffer asked if Mrs. Keane ever gets feedback on the several standards and she replied that in her eight years teaching she has not. • Mrs. Shook said the introduction was very thorough and answered any questions she may have had. <p>Mr. Shaffer moved to bring the following curricula to the full Board for approval: Ecology I and Ecology II, with suggested revisions, Health II, and Social and Emotional Thinking, seconded by Mr. Brant and passed unanimously.</p> | <p>Health II</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to bring the following curricula to the full Board for approval: Ecology I and Ecology II, Health II, and Social and Emotional Thinking.</p> |
| 4. | <p>Items for Discussion</p> <p>Mr. Lawson noted that these items should be more properly called Items of Information.</p> <p>A. CMT/CAPT Schedules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. McLaughlin provided this year's CMT/CAPT schedules, with certain dates mandated by the state. The high school is doing two tests a day and 3-8 is doing one test per day. • Mr. Shaffer asked about the change in start time for CAPT this year and the split in the math testing over two days. Dr. McLaughlin will get back to the committee with answers. <p>B. Curriculum Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lawson confirmed that committee members had received the five-year plan. Some adjustments may be necessary due to budget. • Dr. McLaughlin stated there are five more curricula that should be ready for the March COL meeting. | <p>Items for Discussion</p> <p>CMT/CAPT Schedules</p> <p>Curriculum Update</p> |

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| C. | Tentative COL Meeting on April 24, 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Lawson and Dr. McLaughlin agreed that with the large number of curricula due, an additional Committee on Learning Meeting may be necessary in April. | Tentative COL Meeting on April 24, 2012 |
| 5. | Adjourn <p>Mr. Shaffer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Shook and passed unanimously.</p> | Adjourn <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.</p> |

Respectfully submitted,



David Lawson, Chairperson
Committee on Learning