

**New Milford Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
Sarah Noble Intermediate School – LMC
February 13, 2007**

Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chairperson
	Dr. Lisa Diamond
	Mr. David A. Lawson
	Mr. William McLachlan
	Mr. Thomas McSherry
	Mr. Robin Ruggiero
	Dr. Lawrence Stillman
	Mrs. Julie Turk
	Mr. Joseph Vita
	Mr. Joseph Failla
Absent:	Mrs. Dian Marandola
	Ms. Jennifer Oliveira

Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent
	Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
	Mr. Thomas Corbett, Director of Operations
	Mr. John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services
	Mr. David Elmore, Director of Technology
	Mr. John Calhoun, Director of Facilities
	Mr. Michael McKeon, Attorney for NMBOE

1.	Mrs. Faulenbach called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There was no Public Comment 	Public Comment
3.	Student Recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Recognition was postponed until the March 13, 2007 meeting. 	Student Recognition
4.	PTO Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There was no PTO Report. 	PTO Report
5.	Student Representative's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There was no Student Representative Report. 	Student Representative's Report

<p>6.</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Motion by Mr. Lawson: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of December 12, 2007, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2007. Seconded by: Mr. Ruggiero</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0</p> <p>Motion by Dr. Stillman: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing/Adoption Meetings of January 16, 17, 23, and 24, 2007. Seconded by: Dr. Diamond</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0</p>	<p>Approval of Min.</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of December 12, 2007, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2007.</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing/Adoption Meetings of January 16, 17, 23, and 24, 2007.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Superintendent's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Shugrue, Principal of New Milford High School has been invited to visit China through the <i>Shandong Project</i>. New Milford participates in this program, sending two teachers to China in the past as well as hosting visiting Chinese teachers. ▪ This exchange is scheduled over April break and Mr. Shugrue will use professional days and vacation days to accommodate the time away. ▪ The inclusion of an elective s on China is part of New Milford's 5-year Curriculum Plan. ▪ The cost of this trip will be underwritten in part by a donation by the New Milford Rotary (\$600.) and in part through a grant from the CAS (<i>Connecticut Association_of Schools</i>) Grant award. 	<p>Superintendent's Report</p>

<p>8.</p>	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mrs. Faulenbach, on the Board's behalf, thanked the Rotary for their contribution to this exchange program. ▪ Mrs. Faulenbach commented that she had attended the Darfur Assembly at New Milford High School and was very impressed by the subject matter as well as the presentation. ▪ Mrs. Faulenbach gave the Board an update on the Action Teams that are meeting, and will continue to meet periodically until April, at which time the Teams will present their Action Plans to the Strategic Planning Committee. Eighty-three participants are currently working on seven strategies. ▪ The approved Board of Education proposed budget will be delivered to the town within the next two days. There is no set date yet for presentation to the BOF. Mrs. Faulenbach assured the BOE that she will keep them informed of any new information regarding scheduling of this presentation. 	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. McSherry reported that athletic field condition, and steps to maintain and improve their present condition were discussed. ▪ Mr. McSherry reported that his committee was also updated about ongoing capital projects such as the roof at JPS. <p>B. Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Diamond reported that a brief meeting included discussions of Exhibit A and the Monthly Financial Reports as well as the adjustment to the Energy Education Line Item that will be before the Board later on tonight's agenda. ▪ Dr. Diamond reported that the energy projections that Mr. Turk used for the budget were in line with what Mr. Turk and Mr. Calhoun heard at a recent symposium sponsored by CL & P. <p>C. Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mrs. Faulenbach reported for Mrs. Marandola that there has been no Policy meeting held as yet but tentative dates are under discussion. 	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Facilities Committee</p> <p>Operations Committee</p> <p>Policy Committee</p>

	<p>D. Committee on Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. McLachlan reported that there has been no COL meeting held yet but the first meeting is scheduled for February 27 at 7:00 pm, with the next meeting scheduled for March 27, also at 7:00 pm. 	<p>Committee on Learning</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>A. Revised Exhibit A</p> <p>Motion by Mr. McSherry: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve Revised Exhibit A as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by: Dr. Diamond</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0</p> <p>B. Monthly Reports</p> <p>Motion by Dr. Stillman: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve the Financial Reports: Request for Budget Transfers, Purchase Resolution D-597, and Budget Position as of 1/31/07. Seconded by: Mr. McSherry</p> <p>Ay: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0</p> <p>Mr. Vita left the meeting at 7:45 pm.</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action Revised Exhibit A</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education approve Revised Exhibit A as recommended by the Superintendent.</p> <p>Monthly Reports</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education approve the Financial Reports: Request for Budget Transfers, Purchase Resolution D-597, and Budget Position as of 1/31/07.</p>
	<p>C. Energy Education Adjustment – 2007-2008 Budget</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Failla questioned why this adjustment has come up now, after the budget deliberations. ▪ Mr. Turk stated that, in the original contract, it is stated that there would be no out of pocket expense. It was an oversight on his part that 	<p>Energy Education Adjustment -- 2007-2008 Budget</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">this offset was not included to zero out the cost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. McLachlan reminded Mr. Turk that he had specifically questioned this line item during budget discussion and questioned if we had realized any savings. ▪ Mr. Turk responded that no savings have been realized yet. However, an Energy Education representative will be meeting with us on February 26th to look into our program and the way it is currently working. <p>Motion by Mr. McSherry: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve an amendment to reduce the 2007-2008 Budget in the amount of \$143,700. in the area of Energy Education, Cost Center 13. Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 9-0-0</p> <p>D. Text Approval</p> <p>Motion by Dr. Diamond: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve textbooks for Grade 8. Seconded by: Mr. Lawson</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 9-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education approve an amendment to reduce the 2007-2008 Budget in the amount of \$143,700. in the area of Energy Education, Cost Center 13.</p> <p>Text Approval</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education approve textbooks for Grade 8.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Items for Discussion</p> <p>A. Field Trips – There was no discussion.</p> <p>B. Textbook Previews Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Failla asked where he could see the books on preview. Mr. Mulvihill stated that all books for approval are available in his office. 	<p>Items for Discussion</p>

<p>12.</p>	<p>Executive Session</p> <p>Motion by Dr. Diamond: Move that the New Milford Board of Education move into Executive Session, inviting in Dr. Paddyfote and BOE Attorney Mr. Michael McKeon. Seconded by: Mr. McSherry</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk</p> <p>Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 9-0-0</p> <p>The New Milford Board of Education moved into Executive Session at 7:46 pm.</p> <p>Mr. Vita returned to the meeting at 7:54 p.m.</p> <p>The New Milford Board of Education re-entered Public Session at 9:05 p.m.</p>	<p>Executive Session</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education move into Executive Session, inviting in Dr. Paddyfote and BOE Attorney Mr. Michael McKeon.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion by Dr. Stillman Move that the NMBOE adjourn.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Diamond</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0</p> <p>The NMBOE meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE adjourn.</p> <p>Adjournment</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Lisa Diamond
 Assistant Secretary