

New Milford Board of Education  
 Regular Meeting  
 April 10, 2007  
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library/Media Center

Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chairman	
	Dr. Lisa Diamond (7:40 pm)	
	Mr. Joseph Failla	
	Mr. David Lawson	
	Mrs. Dian Traisci-Marandola	
	Mr. William McLachlan	
	Mr. Thomas McSherry	
	Mr. Robin Ruggiero	
	Dr. Lawrence Stillman	
	Mrs. Julie Turk	
	Mr. Joseph Vita	

Also Present:	Dr. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools	
	Mr. Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent	
	Mr. Corbett, Director of Operations	
	Mr. Turk, Director of Fiscal Services	
	Mr. Elmore, Director of Technology	
	Mr. Calhoun, Director of Facilities	
	Mrs. Johnson, Supervisor of Special Education	
	Ms. Amy Holland, Student Representative	
	Mr. Pliego, Athletic Director	

1.	The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:31 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.	Call to order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Public Comment There was no public comment.	Public Comment
3.	Student Recognition A. New Milford Hockey Team – Division III State Finals B. Lauren Woodard – Al Neuharth Journalism Scholar  Mrs. Faulenbach invited the honorees and their families to a reception. The Board retired to the reception at 7:45 pm.  The New Milford Board of Education reconvened at 8:03 pm.	Student Recognition
4.	PTO Report There was no PTO report	PTO Report
5.	Student Representative's Report. ■ Mr. Shugrue left for China today– students are anxiously waiting for him to return and	Student Representative's Report

	<p>share his experiences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CAPT testing is over.</li> <li>▪ First German Honor Society induction is on April 24<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>▪ Spring break begins on Friday.</li> <li>▪ New Milford High School is celebrating National Poetry Week this week, culminating with a Poetry Slam on Friday from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, all BOE members are invited to attend.</li> </ul>	
6.	Approval of Minutes	Approval of Minutes
	<p>Motion by Dr. Diamond: Move that the NMBOE approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 13, 2007.          Seconded by: Mr. Ruggiero</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita          Nay:          Abstain: Mr. Lawson          Motion: Passed 10-0-1</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 13, 2007.</p>
	<p>Motion by Dr. Stillman: Move that the NMBOE approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 26, 2007, starting at 6:15 pm and the Special Meeting of March 26, 2007 starting at 6:30 pm.          Seconded by: Mr. Lawson</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita          Nay:          Abstain: Mr. McLachlan          Motion: Passed 10-0-1</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 26, 2007, starting at 6:15 pm and the Special Meeting of March 26, 2007 starting at 6:30 pm.</p>
7.	<p>Superintendent's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The April 1 enrollment report was distributed, and the overall enrollment is down by 13 since the audited enrollment of October 1.</li> <li>▪ Spring break is next week, April 16-20.</li> <li>▪ A World Languages Event was held on March 22nd at SMS with 450 parents participating.</li> <li>▪ On Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Walking Project kicks off at SNIS.</li> <li>▪ On Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, Hill and Plain School is</li> </ul>	<p>Superintendent's Report</p>

	<p>holding a 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration for New Milford. All of the elementary schools are participating in some way with New Milford's Tricentennial celebrations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Literature week at Northville Elementary begins April 23<sup>rd</sup>, BOE members who are interested would be welcome to be guest readers on Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There will be a Board of Finance meeting this Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, in the E. Paul Martin Room upstairs at Town Hall, at 7:45 pm.</li> <li>▪ The Chair thanked Mr. McSherry, Dr. Stillman, and Mr. Failla, for serving with her on the Negotiations Committee for the Secretaries Union contract, and for the Administrators' Union contract. She also thanked Mr. Lawson who will serve as alternate.</li> <li>▪ Strategic Planning Process Action Teams are winding up their work. There have been 85 members participating – thank you to all for their efforts. The final meeting is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, with presentation to the full Board of Education on June's agenda.</li> </ul>	Board Chairman's Report
9.	Committee Reports	Committee Reports
	<p>A. Facilities Sub-Committee – Mr. McSherry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. McSherry reported that Mr. Calhoun gave an update about the ongoing issue of the boiler at SNIS. He is reviewing reports and inspection results and will keep the Committee informed.</li> <li>▪ The Sevigny Architectural firm is still finishing up the proposed plans for the East Street Building renovations. They should be ready for presentation within a few weeks.</li> </ul>	Facilities Sub-Committee Report
	<p>B. Operations Sub-Committee – Mrs. Faulenbach gave the report because she chaired the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The monthly financial reports were reviewed.</li> <li>▪ Mrs. Marandola gave the Committee an overview of the School-Based Health Center program. The NMBOE members are invited to attend a tour of Danbury High School's School-Based Health Center on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.</li> </ul>	Operations Sub-Committee Report

	<p>C. Policy Sub-Committee – Mrs. Marandola</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There was a Policy Sub-Committee meeting prior to the BOE meeting tonight.</li> <li>▪ The first half of the 5000 Policy Series was reviewed. The second half of the 5000 Series will be discussed at May’s Committee meeting.</li> <li>▪ The proposed revisions will be brought to the full Board at June’s meeting.</li> </ul>	Policy Sub-Committee Report
	<p>D. Committee on Learning – Mr. McLachlan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There has been no meeting since the last BOE meeting.</li> <li>▪ There will not be a meeting as scheduled on April 24<sup>th</sup> – the new date has not yet been determined, but the BOE members will be informed as soon as a new date is set.</li> </ul>	Committee on Learning
10.	Discussion and Possible Action Items	Discussion and Possible Action Items
	A. Revised Exhibit A	Revised Exhibit A
	<p>Motion by Mrs. Marandola: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve Revised Exhibit A as recommended by the Superintendent.          Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita          Nay:          Abstain:          Motion: Passed Unanimously 11-0-0</p>	Motion made and passed to approve Revised Exhibit A as recommended by the Superintendent.
	B. Monthly Reports	Monthly Reports
	<p>Motion by Mr. McSherry: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve the Monthly Reports: Request for Budget Transfers, Purchase Resolution D-599, and Budget Position as of 3/31/07.          Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita          Nay:          Abstain:          Motion: Passed Unanimously 11-0-0</p>	Motion made and passed to approve the Monthly Reports: Request for Budget Transfers, Purchase Resolution D-599, and Budget Position as of 3/31/07.

	<p>C. Gifts and Donations          1. Exhibit B: PTO</p>	Gifts and Donations
	<p>Motion by Mr. McSherry: Move that the New Milford Board of Education accept Gifts and Donations of \$6,110 from the New Milford PTO as presented on Exhibit B.          Seconded by: Mr. Lawson</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita          Nay:          Abstain:          Motion: Passed Unanimously 11-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE accept gifts and donations of \$6,110 from the New Milford PTO as presented on Exhibit B.</p>
	<p>D. Textbook Approvals</p>	Textbook Approvals
	<p>Motion by Mr. McLachlan: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve textbooks for Grades 1, 3, and 7-12.          Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita          Nay:          Abstain:          Motion: Passed Unanimously 11-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education approve textbooks for Grades 1, 3, and 7-12.</p>
11.	<p>Items for discussion</p>	Items for Discussion
	<p>A. Field Trips – March 2007</p>	Field Trips – March 2007
12.	<p>Adjourn</p>	Adjourn
	<p>Motion by Mr. McLachlan: Move that the NMBOE adjourn.          Seconded by: Dr. Diamond</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:          Abstain:          Motion: Passed Unanimously 11-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education adjourn.</p>
	<p>The Meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was adjourned at 8:15 pm.</p>	Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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Dian Traisci-Marandola,  
Secretary