

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**New Milford Public Schools  
50 East Street  
New Milford, Connecticut 06776**

**FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE  
MEETING NOTICE**

GEORGE C. BUCKBEE  
TOWN CLERK

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NEW MILFORD, CT

**DATE:** April 3, 2012  
**TIME:** 6:30 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 three 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 personnel and students, nor against any person connected with the New Milford Public School System.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action**

- A. Booster Club Presentation - Turf Field Feasibility
- B. Off-Site Athletic Practices
- C. Lighting Retrofits at New Milford High School and Sarah Noble Intermediate School
- D. Hill & Plain Boiler Update

**4. Adjourn**

**Sub-Committee Members:** Mr. Daniel Nichols, Chairperson  
Mr. Thomas McSherry  
Mrs. Lynette Celli Rigdon  
Mr. William Wellman

**Alternates:** Mr. David Lawson  
Mr. David Shaffer

**New Milford Board of Education  
Facilities Sub-Committee Minutes  
April 3, 2012  
Lillis Administration Building, Room 2**

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NEW MILFORD, CT

Present: Mr. Daniel Nichols, Chairperson  
Mr. Thomas McSherry  
Mrs. Lynette Celli Rigdon  
Mr. William Wellman

Also Present: Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources  
Mr. Gregg Miller, Director of Fiscal Services  
Mr. Daniel DiVito, Director of Technology  
Mr. John Calhoun, Facilities Manager  
Mr. Leo Rogoza, Assistant Facilities Manager  
Mr. Greg Shugrue, New Milford High School Principal  
Mr. Lance Pliego, New Milford High School Athletic Director

1.	<p><b>Call to Order</b> The special meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Facilities Sub-Committee was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Nichols.</p>	<p><b>Call to Order</b></p>
2.	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>
3.	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action</b></p> <p>A. <b>Booster Club Presentation – Turf Field Feasibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Nichols recognized Mr. Martin Monteiro of the Booster Club who stated he was there to get initial approval for preliminary testing for improvements to convert the NMHS stadium and one other practice field to turf, and for resurfacing of the track and tennis court surfaces. He said this project was needed as the high school is now over ten years old. Costs for this project, while initially high, will lead to much lower costs over time. Benefits include safety and utilization factors. With turf, there is no watering, fertilizing or mowing required and the field can be greater utilized by school and community groups. Use by community groups would allow other town fields to rehab due to lower utilization. The high school would be able to host SWC tournaments with a turf field, a surface the</li> </ul>	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action</b></p> <p><b>Booster Club Presentation – Turf Field Feasibility</b></p>

	<p>SWC requires. The band would be able to practice on the field, instead of in the parking lot as they do now. Safety would improve with a turf field which has a consistent surface. The group will seek both private and public funding. The site analysis would start price discussion. The Booster Club has funding to cover the analysis and for publicity going forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Nichols stated that he favored the site analysis idea and invited the Booster Club to come back to future meetings to update the Committee.</li> <li>• Mrs. Celli Rigdon asked if on-field locker rooms were required to host tournaments. Mr. Pliego said they just had to be “in proximity”.</li> <li>• Mr. Wellman stated that when artificial turf first came out there were concerns about injuries. He asked for studies that compare turf to grass and also about the impact on insurance rates. Mr. Monteiro said he would provide those at the next meeting as well as statements by local orthopedic and pediatric doctors.</li> <li>• Mr. McSherry asked about studies regarding vapors that artificial turf may give off. Mr. Monteiro said that was more a factor for indoor fields, but that he would bring studies on that as well.</li> <li>• Mr. McSherry said he viewed financing as the biggest issue. The Board of Education budget was just cut and he is not sure of the Town’s position.</li> <li>• Mr. Monteiro said they are hoping to tap the Waste Management Fund which is earmarked for recreation.</li> <li>• Mrs. Celli Rigdon asked about the timeline for the project. Mr. Monteiro stated it depended on funding, but anywhere from three months to three years.</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Off-Site Athletic Practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Calhoun stated that this year in order to try and preserve fields, for athlete safety, and to provide venues NMHS athletes need, the high school is having some off-site athletic</li> </ul>	<p><b>Off-Site Athletic Practices</b></p>
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	<p>They have been given the assignment to do the specs, drawings and asbestos sampling. They will work with his department on bid specs, attend pre-bid meetings with vendors, and help evaluate bids, prepare contracts, report to the state on asbestos, and coordinate with Seimens to connect to existing digital controls. The pre-bid documents will be ready in the next few weeks.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p>Mr. McSherry moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Celli Rigdon and passed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.</b></p>

Respectfully submitted:



Daniel Nichols, Chairperson  
Facilities Sub-Committee