

NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
New Milford Public Schools  
50 East Street  
New Milford, Connecticut 06776

FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE  
MEETING NOTICE

DATE: May 3, 2011  
TIME: 6:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Lillis Administration Building—Room 2

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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. Update on Hill & Plain Parking Lot
  - B. School Perimeter Security
4. Adjourn

Sub-Committee Members: Mr. Daniel W. Nichols, Chairman  
Mr. Tom McSherry  
Mr. Bill Wellman  
Mr. Rod Weinberg

Alternates: Mrs. Alexandra Thomas  
Mr. David A. Lawson

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<b>Present:</b>	Mr. Daniel Nichols, Sub-Committee chairman
	Mr. Thomas McSherry
	Mr. Rodney Weinberg
	Mr. William Wellman

<b>Also Present:</b>	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
	Dr. Maureen McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. John Calhoun, Facilities Manager
	Mr. Leo Rogoza, Assistant Facilities Manager

<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order</b> The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Facilities Sub-Committee was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Nichols.	<b>Call to Order</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<b>Public Comment</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Discussion and Possible Action</b>	<b>Discussion and Possible Action</b>
<b>3.A.</b>	<b>Update on Hill &amp; Plain Parking Lot</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Calhoun commented on the delays caused by the permitting process and winter storms. Currently, the new playground site has been excavated and by the end of May two – three pieces of playground equipment will be relocated along with new equipment stored on site. Unsafe playground equipment will be scrapped. During the summer, the pine trees will be removed, replaced by hardier maples, etc. Asphalt will be removed; detention ponds (rain gardens) will be installed; subsurface will be prepared for asphalt. All work will be completed prior to the start of new school year.</li> </ul>	<b>Update on Hill &amp; Plain Parking Lot</b>
<b>3.B.</b>	<b>School Perimeter Security</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A security assessment done in 2007 is the basis for the security recommendations. Mr. Calhoun reported the following (no dollar amount is included; costs would be included in capital improvements.</li> </ul>	<b>School Perimeter Security</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A video entry system on all buildings to control unknown persons entering. The electronic visitor management system would be a video system with the capacity to scan an identifying document and photo. The system builds a data base. The access control system allows persons to have access back into the building using their access code.</li><li>• Mr. McSherry expressed ‘where do we draw the line’ on security.</li><li>• (2) Perimeter security system: high school and Sarah Noble have perimeter security systems – door sensors at each door. When the door is opened an alarm sounds; the recommendation is for all schools to have the system tying in with security cameras.</li><li>• Mr. Wellman inquired if an individual mans the security panel. Mr. Calhoun replied during the day this is an internal system, but after hours it is manned by an outside monitoring service.</li><li>• (3) Limited video surveillance accomplished by adding more cameras and upgrading digital recording devices.</li><li>• (4) Access controls have been installed on a few doors, the high school has access controls on every door; access controls on exterior doors at all schools and some interior doors is recommended.</li><li>• (5) Exterior perimeter lighting especially in the rear of some of the buildings; attempts will be made to combine high efficient lighting on areas that were not sufficiently lit in the past. Also being researched is motion sensor lighting.</li><li>• (6) Fencing has been added or repaired at many of the schools. Next budget year fencing is proposed for Sarah Noble. Will continue to look at fencing as a deterrent for vehicles and/or to keep students from running into unsafe areas.</li><li>• (7) Perimeter door ID – this could be done at a low cost. Exterior doors on all buildings should have a standardized ID system, i.e.</li></ul>	
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	<p>numbering the doors around the buildings; particularly useful in case of emergencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Calhoun suggested these items could be talked about and included in the next years' budgets.</li> <li>• Mr. McSherry urged prioritizing recommendations; he felt sensors on lights is sensible; perimeter security can be reduced if lighting is adequate.</li> <li>• Mr. Calhoun and staff work in conjunction with fire and police with alarm systems. Interior security is required especially when outside groups use buildings after hours.</li> <li>• Mr. Wellman inquired if the 2007 study tied in with local experiences. Mr. Calhoun and Mr. Rogozza both commented the report was based on national security issues.</li> <li>• Mr. Nichols noted numbering exterior doors for emergency use could be done at a low cost and could be a starting point for other security needs.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b>          Mr. McSherry moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m., seconded by Mr. Weinberg. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b>          Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. passed unanimously.</p>

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Mr. Daniel W. Nichols, Chairman  
 Facilities Sub-Committee**