

**New Milford Board of Education
Operations Sub-Committee
October 2, 2007
Lillis Administration Building, Room 2**

Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Board Chairperson
	*Mr. Joseph Failla
	*Mr. David A. Lawson
	*Mr. Thomas McSherry
	*Mrs. Julie Turk
	*Mr. Joseph Vita
	**Mrs. Dian Marandola

* Committee Members

**Alternate Member

Also Present	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent
	Mr. John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services
	Mr. David Elmore, Director of Technology
	Mrs. Adele Johnson, Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Services

1	The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Operations sub-committee was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mrs. Faulenbach. Mrs. Marandola was seated for absent Mrs. Diamond. A revised agenda was disseminated with item G added.	Call to Order
2	There was no public comment.	Public Comment
3.	Discussion and possible action	Exhibit A brought to full Board; motion unanimous.
3.A.	Exhibit A. Mr. McSherry moved to bring Exhibit A to the full Board for approval, seconded by Mrs. Marandola. Motion passed unanimously.	
3.B.1.	Monthly reports: 1. Purchase Resolution D-603. Mrs. Turk asked for back-up information and if competitive bids had been sought. Dr. Paddyfote commented that care has to be given with the type of information given out regarding the placement of special education students. The student and family's right to confidentiality have to be considered when reporting on these students who attend out-of-district facilities. Mrs. Turk inquired about transportation. Mrs. Adele Johnson noted that this resolution would encumber most funds for students placed out-of-district, transportation, and related services. Out of district placement is different with each provider; children have specific needs and some schools will not consider certain students. There is one school with	Purchase Resolution D-603.

	<p>shared transportation. Regarding the physical therapist, 15 different inquiries were made with 4 or 5 responses. Mrs. Turk noted the median income for therapists is \$70k and the proposal is paying \$98k. Mrs. Johnson noted that when the district contracts with an agency for an employee all of the insurance coverage is provided by that agency. In the past there have been two worker's compensation claims that were handled exclusively by the agencies.</p> <p>Mrs. Turk asked if any bidding had been sought; Mrs. Johnson answered affirmatively. Dr. Paddyfote and Mr. Corbett both noted that this issue was raised last year and that the committee was told that the district went out to bid for out-of-district transportation, OT and PT services, and student care workers. This is the second year of the bid award. Questions were raised about the reimbursement for excess costs; this year it is not known, last year it was about a million dollars. Mrs. Johnson commented that numbers for out of district are going down with consultants being brought into this district.</p> <p>Mr. Failla asked about the Danbury Public Schools program, which Mrs. Johnson explained is for super seniors –those students who require services to age 21 and have utilized all of the services available at NMHS. The Danbury program teaches students transition skills that enable our students to go into the working world. The resources in Danbury are conducive for this type of programming because of the availability of job sites and public transportation.</p>	
3.B.2.	Request for transfers. No questions.	Request for transfers.
3.B.3.	<p>Budget position as of 9/30/07</p> <p>Mr. Lawson moved to have monthly reports brought before the Board for approval. Mr. McSherry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Budget position 9/30/07. Monthly reports moved to Board for approval.</p>
C.	<p>Consolidated Grant Application</p> <p>Mr. Mulvihill reported changes in the grant application. Mrs. Turk moved to bring the grant application to the board for approval, seconded by Mr. Failla. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Consolidated Grant Motion approved unanimously to bring grant to board.</p>

<p>D.</p>	<p>Award computer bid.</p> <p>David Elmore received 4 bids; PC Net, Inc. was chosen. Dell computers will be supplied similar to ones purchased in June. Difference in bid pertains to installation and extras specified. Also, 4-year warranties are included. Majority of the computers will be for classroom use. The information center at the high school will accommodate 26 teacher work stations and 25 students. Mr. Elmore reported between 525-530 computers have been replaced out of 1200. The district is looking into an on-going lease program. Mrs. Marandola moved to bring computer bid to the full board for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Failla and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Award computer bid. Motion made and passed unanimously to bring bid to full board for approval.</p>
<p>E.</p>	<p>Award data networking bid. The Ergonomics Group was the low bidder. Mr. Elmore is considering purchasing Hewlett Packard data switches. Mr. McSherry moved to bring the awarding of the data-networking bid to the board for approval. Motion seconded by Mrs. Marandola and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Award data networking bid. Motion made and passed unanimously to bring bid to board for approval.</p>
<p>F.</p>	<p>Gift and donations.</p> <p>1. Exhibit B Thera-a-Kids LLC donation of therapy equipment, approximate value \$2500.00. This equipment will be going to SNIS. Mr. McSherry moved to bring this gift to the full board for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Failla and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion made and approved unanimously to bring gift to full board for approval.</p>
<p>G.</p>	<p>Transportation Update</p> <p>Dr. Paddyfote has received about 25 complaints regarding routes, load and length of routes. The bus company is doing as requested to consolidate routes. Backpacks and instruments have to be stored beneath seats. The bus to Nonnewaug has 23 riders (in the past there were 17); the bus company will add another vehicle at their expense for the 3 students from Gaylordsville. Sarah Noble had to put a moratorium on students obtaining bus passes. The length of the runs: 7-8 buses have 70 minute runs; 3-4, 60 minutes and 25 have 45 minute runs. Smaller buses might be used to resolve certain longer runs. There are extra charges for 70 minute runs.</p>	<p>Transportation Update</p>

H.	<p>Status of Negotiations – Food Service Collective Bargaining Agreement.</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach invited Mr. Wayne Wilson; Dr. Paddyfote and Mr. Corbett to the executive session. Mr. McSherry moved to go into executive session at 8:26 p.m., seconded by Mr. Failla. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Board returned to public session at 8:42 p.m.</p>	<p>Status of Negotiations – Food Service Collective Bargaining Agreement.</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to go into executive session 8:26 p.m.</p>
4.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion made by Mr. McSherry to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lawson. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Faulenbach, Board Chairperson