

**New Milford Board of Education
Operations Sub-Committee
December 2, 2008
Lillis Administration Building, Room 2**

Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Subcommittee Chairperson
	Mrs. Amy Llerena*
	Mr. Thomas McSherry*
	Mrs. Julie Turk*
	Mrs. Alex Thomas
	Mr. William Wellman
	Dr. Lisa Diamond, ex-officio Board chairperson
	*Sub-Committee Members

Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. Gregg Miller, Accounting Manager
	Mrs. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources
	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 7:35p.m. by Mrs. Faulenbach.	Call to Order
2.	No public comment.	No public Comment
3.	Discussion and possible action:	
3A.	<p>Exhibit A Personnel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Thomas asked about the appointment of coaches for winter sports. Mrs. Baldelli will bring a revised Exhibit A to the full board; appointments are delayed due to the need for coaches to receive their permits from the State. <p>Mrs. Llerena moved to bring Exhibit A Personnel to the full board for discussion and possible action. Motion seconded by Mr. McSherry and passed unanimously.</p>	Motion passed unanimously to bring Exhibit A Personnel to the full Board for discussion and possible action.
3B 1,2,3	<p>Discussion and possible action</p> <p>Monthly Reports.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase Resolution; Request for Transfers; Budget position as of 11/30/08. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Wellman asked for an explanation on the difference in tuitions for American School for the Deaf; Mrs. Johnson explained there are extra services being provided for one student. Mr. Miller commented on the percentage utilized for the 2007-2008 vs. 2008-2009 budgets – 6.4% 	

	<p>less than the prior year, however, Mr. Miller explained the percentage is swayed due to the difference in accounting method for medical expenses to comply with the auditor's recommendation and to agree with the method used by Mr. Jankowski.</p> <p>Mr. McSherry moved to bring Monthly Reports to the full Board for discussion and possible action. Mrs. Turk seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously. to bring Monthly reports to full Board for discussion and possible action.</p>
3C.	<p>Gifts and Donations.</p> <p>Mrs. Llerena moved to bring Gifts and Donations, Exhibit B--PTO to the full Board for discussion and possible action. Motion seconded by Mr. McSherry and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously to bring Gifts and Donations—Exhibit B--PTO to the full Board for discussion and possible action.</p>
3D.	<p>Medco transition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Baldelli reported that the Board's Insurance Consultant recommended the district and town switch from Anthem to Medco to administer the employee prescription program. • There are no changes in employee benefits—the benefit design plan remains the same. Savings are anticipated for employees through premium cost sharing and for the Board. • Ms. Baldelli has met with the presidents of the employee unions to ensure a smooth transition to Medco on January 1, 2009. • No action is required by the Board as this item is for informational purposes. 	<p>Medco transition report. No action required.</p>
4.	<p>Item for discussion: homeless students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mulvihill is the district's liaison with the State Department of Education for homeless students. He noted the school system is assessing and trying to be supportive of homeless students as they are identified. • Mr. Mulvihill reported last year there were two families that became homeless. In one situation the family was living in Trumbull and the children were transported to New Milford every day to attend school. 	<p>Discussion of homeless students.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Wellman asked if the school system has a legal obligation to identify homeless students.• Mr. Mulvihill has done training on this topic with the school social workers, and guidance counselors. Principals are aware of the district's responsibilities. Sometimes the classroom teacher is the first person to know that a family is homeless. The district is in contact with the Town's Department of Social Services and the Town Social Worker regarding this matter. Also, other agencies like the Department of Children and Families are contacted when a child becomes homeless. The school system is in compliance and doing everything to be supportive and to provide services for students when required.• Mrs. Turk asked about the word 'comparable' referring to education in the policy statement; Mr. Mulvihill replied that each situation dictates how the education is offered.	
5.	Mr. McSherry moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Turk. Motion passed unanimously.	Motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy A. Faulenbach, Chairman
Operations Sub-Committee

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OPERATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTICE

DATE:	December 2, 2008
TIME:	7:30 P.M.
PLACE:	Lillis Administration Building – Room 2

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comment**

The Board welcomes Public Participation and asks that speakers please limit their comments to 3 minutes. Speakers may offer objective comments of items on this agenda. 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. Exhibit A: Personnel** – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence
 - B. Monthly Reports**
 1. Purchase Resolution D-614
 2. Request for Transfers
 3. Budget Position as of 11/30/08
 - C. Gifts & Donations**
 1. Exhibit B: PTO
 - D. Medco Transition**
- 4. Items for Discussion**
 - A. Homeless Students**
- 5. Adjourn**

Sub-Committee Members: Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chair
Mr. Tom McSherry
Mrs. Amy Llerena
Mrs. Julie Turk

Alternates: Mrs. Thomas
Mrs. Finney