

**New Milford Board of Education  
 Special Meeting Minutes  
 December 8, 2020  
 By Zoom Virtual Meeting**

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<b>Present:</b>	Mrs. Angela C. Chastain Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Pete Helmus Mr. Brian McCauley Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mrs. Cynthia Nabozny
<b>Absent:</b>	Mr. Joseph Failla Mrs. Eileen P. Monaghan Mrs. Olga I. Rella

<b>Also Present:</b>	Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Interim Superintendent of Schools Mr. Brandon Rush, Director of Technology
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>  The special meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Mrs. Chastain via Zoom.	<b>Call to Order</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. McCauley read a statement from Jill Ross, resident and teacher. Ms. Ross asked that the Board not shuffle existing administrator assignments which she said will cause additional social emotional stress to students and requested that the Board instead hire an additional administrator for the open position.</li> </ul>	<b>Public Comment</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Discussion and Possible Action</b>  <b>A. Discussion of MOU between the New Milford Board of Education and the New Milford School Administrators Association. Executive session is anticipated. The Board may take action when it returns to public session.</b>  Motion made by Mr. Helmus that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss a proposed memorandum	<b>Discussion and Possible Action</b>  <b>A. Discussion of MOU between the New Milford Board of Education and the New Milford School Administrators Association. Executive session is anticipated. The Board may take action when it returns to public session.</b>  <b>Motion made and passed unanimously that the Board enter</b>

<p>of understanding between the New Milford Board of Education and the New Milford School Administrators Association regarding administrator reassignment, and to invite into the session Ms. Alisha DiCorpo.</p> <p>Motion seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Board entered executive session at 4:08 p.m.</p> <p>The Board returned to public session at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Motion made by Mr. Helmus that the Board execute the proposed memorandum of understanding between the New Milford Board of Education and the New Milford School Administrators Association and to authorize the Chairperson of the Board to sign the memorandum of understanding pending further legal review.</p> <p>Motion seconded by Mrs. Nabozny.</p> <p>Motion passed 5-1-0, with Mr. McCauley opposed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. DiCorpo recommended to the Board that, in accordance with the terms of the memorandum of understanding, Catherine Calabrese be appointed Interim Assistant Superintendent of Schools.</li></ul> <p>Motion made by Mrs. McInerney that, consistent with the memorandum of understanding between the New Milford Board of Education and the New Milford School Administrators Association, the Board appoint Catherine Calabrese as Interim Assistant Superintendent of Schools and authorize the Board Chair and/or the Board's legal counsel to negotiate the Interim Assistant Superintendent's contract on behalf of the Board.</p> <p>Motion seconded by Mrs. Nabozny.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>into Executive Session to discuss a proposed memorandum of understanding between the New Milford Board of Education and the New Milford School Administrators Association regarding administrator reassignment, and to invite into the session Ms. Alisha DiCorpo.</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed that the Board execute the proposed memorandum of understanding between the New Milford Board of Education and the New Milford School Administrators Association and to authorize the Chairperson of the Board to sign the memorandum of understanding pending further legal review.</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously that, consistent with the memorandum of understanding between the New Milford Board of Education and the New Milford School Administrators Association, the Board appoint Catherine Calabrese as Interim Assistant Superintendent of Schools and authorize the Board Chair and/or the Board's legal counsel to negotiate the Interim Assistant Superintendent's contract on behalf of the Board.</b></p>
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<b>4.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>  Mrs. McInerney moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Nabozny and passed unanimously.	<b>Adjourn</b>  <b>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m.</b>
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Respectfully submitted:



Wendy Faulenbach

Secretary

New Milford Board of Education