

New Milford Board of Education
 Regular Meeting
 March 13, 2007
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library/Media Center

Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chairman	
	Dr. Lisa Diamond	
	Mr. Joseph Failla	
	Mrs. Dian Traisci-Marandola	
	Mr. William McLachlan	
	Mr. Thomas McSherry	
	Mr. Robin Ruggiero	
	Dr. Lawrence Stillman	
	Mrs. Julie Turk	
	Mr. Joseph Vita	
Absent:	Mr. David Lawson	
	Ms. Jennifer Oliveira	

Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent	
	Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent	
	Mr. Thomas Corbett, Director of Operations	
	Mr. John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services	
	Mrs. Adele Johnson, Supervisor of Special Education	
	Mr. David Elmore, Director of Technology	
	Mr. John Calhoun, Director of Fiscal Services	
	Mrs. Dana Ford, Principal of Schaghticoke	
	Dr. Eileen Cooper, Teacher of the Gifted & Talented	
	Mr. Michael McKeon, Board Counsel	
	Ms. Danielle Pelillo, Student Representative	
	Ms. Amy Holland, Student Representative	

1.	The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.	Call to order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Public Comment There was no public comment.	Public Comment
3.	A. Student Recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thirteen eighth grade students from Schaghticoke Middle School were honored for placing second in the Connecticut Mock Trial Finals in New Britain, CT. 	Student Recognition
4.	PTO Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The PTO has been active in supporting our schools thus far this year. ▪ The PTO actively supports the budget process and encourages the public to support it as well. 	PTO Report

5.	<p>Student Representatives' Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CAPT testing has begun for Freshman and Sophmores. ▪ "Guys and Dolls", as performed by members of the New Milford High School student body, opens on March 16th, with performances scheduled for March 17, 23, and 24. ▪ SADD will hold a dance on March 31st. ▪ Spring evening conferences will be in April. ▪ Math Team goes to state-level competition on March 26th. ▪ On February 24th, NMHS chapter of Best Buddies held a very successful Hop-a-thon. This group will be raising funds by selling lunches to faculty during the upcoming Professional Development Day. ▪ Debate Team has done well in recent competition, especially Blair Ward. Along with a male partner, Blair placed 5th in a state level competition. ▪ Music students Tim Alexander and Jessica Allison have both been named to All State with Jessica being named All Eastern, a very rare honor. ▪ All the winter sports' teams excelled in SWCs this year. 	Student Representatives' Report
6.	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Motion made by Mr. Ruggiero: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2007. Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay: Abstain: Mrs. Marandola Motion: Passed 9-0-1</p>	Approval of Minutes Motion made and passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the New Milford Board of Education of February 13, 2007.
7.	<p>Superintendent's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Superintendent distributed an enrollment report for March. A drop in enrollment was noted for the High School, a fairly normal occurrence at this time of the year taking into 	Superintendent's Report

	<p>account early graduations, moves, and drops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Paddyfote complimented the student representatives for their report and also noted that the tickets for the all school musical, “Guys and Dolls”, are going very quickly. They are \$8.00 each and their is a Sunday matinee scheduled. ▪ The Superintendent noted that the Boys Hockey Team took the SWC title and was playing in the Division III State finals during tonight’s BOE meeting. ▪ A new website will be launched by the end of the month. 	
8.	<p>Board Chairman’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mrs. Faulenbach noted that negotiations with the Secretarial union will soon commence soon, and negotiations with the Administrators will be scheduled to begin in the summertime. Mrs. Faulenbach asked any BOE members who wished to volunteer to serve on negotiation committees to see her after tonight’s meeting. ▪ Town Council will be deliberating on the BOE budget on Wednesday evening of this week. 	Board Chairman’s Report
9.	<p>Committee Reports</p>	Committee Reports
	<p>A. Facilities Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. McSherry reported that the Facilities Committee was updated on the Kimberly Clark power plant project. ▪ There is a Recycling Program in existence in each of our schools. ▪ Results on Radon testing in our schools were presented. All of our buildings were acceptable and testing will not have to be repeated for 5 years. ▪ Requirements for Security and Vulnerability Proposals were discussed. 	Facilities Sub-Committee Report
	<p>B. Operations Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Diamond reported that the Operations Committee discussed the report of Exhibit A – Personnel, and the usual monthly budget reports. ▪ The Alert Now program was discussed and seemed to be an interesting idea. 	Operations Sub-Committee Report

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The contract between New Milford and Sherman was also discussed. 	
	<p>C. Policy Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Policy Committee’s focus will be the Administration – 5000 Series. ▪ A Policy Sub-Committee meeting is scheduled for 6:15 pm on April 10th, just prior to the regular BOE meeting. 	Policy Sub-Committee Report
	<p>D. Committee on Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. McLachlan reported that the Committee on Learning discussed an Economics course curriculum and approved it for inclusion on the BOE agenda. ▪ A SAT Preparation course proposal was also discussed and brought to the full BOE for approval. ▪ A Web Design course proposal was also discussed and was approved to be brought to the full Board for approval. 	Committee on Learning
10.	Discussion and Possible Action Items	Discussion and Possible Action Items
10.A	<p>Revised Exhibit A</p> <p>Motion by Dr. Stillman: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve Revised Exhibit A as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by: Mr. McLachlan</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0</p>	<p>Revised Exhibit A</p> <p>Motion made and passed to approve Revised Exhibit A as recommended by the Superintendent.</p>

<p>10.B</p>	<p>B. Monthly Reports</p> <p>Motion by Mr. McSherry: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve the financial reports: Request for Budget Transfers, Purchase Resolution D-598, and Budget Position as of 2/28/07. Seconded: Mrs. Marandola</p> <p>Dr. Diamond recused herself from this vote.</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Failla, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay: Abstain: Mrs. Turk Motion: Passed 8-0-1</p>	<p>Monthly Reports</p> <p>Motion made and passed to approve the Monthly Reports: Request for Budget Transfers, Purchase Resolution D-598, and Budget Position as of 2/28/07.</p>
<p>10.C</p>	<p>C. Letter to Mr. Megin regarding property abutting Hill and Plain Elementary School</p> <p>Motion by Mr. Ruggiero: Move that the New Milford Board of Education authorize the Chairman of the Board, Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, to sign a letter to Mr. Megin on behalf of the Board of Education. Seconded by: Mr. McSherry</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0</p>	<p>Letter regarding property abutting Hill and Plain School</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE authorize the Chairman of the Board, Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, to sign a letter to Mr. Megin on behalf of the Board of Education.</p>
<p>10. D</p>	<p>D. Hot Water Heater at Sarah Noble Intermediate School</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The boiler at SNIS needs replacing. It is not leaking yet but has become problematic. ▪ The cause of this failure is unclear. The water goes through a softener before entering the boiler but is not chemically treated. The boiler is inspected annually. An acid wash was recommended to clean out build up inside the boiler but it is not recommended to be used in 	<p>Hot water heater at SNIS</p>

	<p>all the pipes as it may cause damage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Milford Water Company does our testing. New Milford Foundry does the inspection. A suggestion was made to contract with someone to test to insure a greater than 5-year life for a \$50,000 piece of equipment. ▪ There is a limited number of vendors for this type of manufactured low pressure boiler. This purchase will be put out to bid, although it was suggested that this may be a case where the bid should not be awarded based solely on price, at the cost of a reliable boiler. ▪ Mr. Corbett stated that this expenditure would meet the requirements for approval for use of the Capital Reserve. The Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance Company has been contacted for an independent evaluation. ▪ Mr. Calhoun understood the BOE's mandate that he explore several alternatives in this process. He will check on any extended warranty that may be applicable and approach the boiler manufacturer to investigate the possibility of replacement/repair cost rebates/discount, as the boiler just barely outlived its 5-year warranty. ▪ Mr. Calhoun will also investigate the possibility and cost effectiveness of making modifications to the existing system. ▪ Mr. McSherry noted that a favorable vote to replace the boiler will put this process into motion. <p>Motion by Mr. Ruggiero: Move that the New Milford Board of Education authorize the purchase of a replacement hot water heater for Sarah Noble Intermediate School. Seconded: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education authorize the purchase of a replacement hot water heater at Sarah Noble Intermediate School.</p>
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10.E	Approval of the following curriculum/course proposals:	
10.E.	<p>1. Economics—Grade 12</p> <p>Motion by Mr. McLachlan: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve the Economics Curriculum for Grade 12 Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0</p>	<p>Economics—Grade 12</p> <p>Motion by the NMBOE approve the Economics Curriculum for Grade 12</p>
	<p>2. SAT Prep Course Proposal</p> <p>Motion by Mrs. Marandola: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve the SAT Prep Course proposal. Seconded by: Mr. McLachlan</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0</p>	<p>SAT Prep Course Proposal</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE approve the SAT Prep Course proposal</p>
	<p>3. Website Design</p> <p>Motion by Mr. McLachlan: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve the Website Design curriculum. Seconded by: Mrs. Turk</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0</p>	<p>Website Design</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE approve the Website Design curriculum</p>
10.F	F. Textbook Approvals	Textbook Approval

	<p>Motion by Mr. Failla: Move that the New Milford Board of Education approve textbooks for Grades 2, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Failla commented that he was very impressed by the caliber of literature that we are making available as part of our curriculum. <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0</p>	<p>Move that the NMBOE approve textbooks for Grades 2, 9, 10, 11, and 12</p>
<p>10.G.</p>	<p>Gifts and Donations:</p> <p>Motion by Mr. McSherry: Move that the New Milford Board of Education accept the PTO gift/donations as presented on Exhibit B. Seconded by: Dr. Diamond</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0</p>	<p>Gifts and Donations</p> <p>Motion made and passes that the NMBOE accept the PTO gift/donations as presented on Exhibit B.</p>
<p>10.H</p>	<p>Request from the Capital Reserve Account</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ During NM Town Council budget deliberations, the subject of the BOE's Capital Reserve came up. Some comments were made about how/when/and where the Reserve is used. An observation was made that perhaps the BOE should send requests for Capital Reserve projects to the Town Council and Board of Finance during budget season. ▪ Dr. Paddyfote stated that the "rules" of project eligibility for Capital Reserve funds were formulated sometime around December 1995 and state that a project should be a one 	<p>Request from the Capital Reserve Account</p>

	<p>time emergent expense, but not necessarily an emergency expense.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Corbett stated that although the expenditure is not necessarily an emergency expense, they often could become an emergency, for example roof repairs or septic system failures. ▪ The Board Chair offered the Board members an opportunity to re-visit Capital Reserve requests prior to final budget adoption by Town Council and Board of Finance. There were no requests. 	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Items for discussion</p> <p>A. Field Trips—March 2007 Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Failla asked what ratio of adult to student is used to determine how many chaperones escort a field trip. ▪ Mr. Mulvihill stated that the number of chaperones is determined by the physical setting of the field trip, the number of students and the planned activities. <p>B. Textbook Previews</p>	<p>Items for discussion</p> <p>Field Trips</p> <p>Textbook Previews</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Executive Session</p> <p>Motion by Dr. Stillman: Move that the New Milford Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter involving the possible resolution of the employment status of a teacher at Sarah Noble Intermediate School and further that the Superintendent of Schools and the Board’s attorney, Michael P. McKeon be invited into Executive Session.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mrs. Marandola</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay: Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0</p>	<p>Executive Session</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter involving the possible resolution of the employment status of a teacher at SNIS and that the Superintendent of Schools and Board’s Attorney, Michael P. McKeon be invited into Executive Session</p>

	<p>The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:47 pm.</p> <p>Mrs. Marandola left Executive Session at 9:25 pm.</p> <p>The Board entered Public Session at 9:28 pm.</p> <p>Motion by Dr. Stillman: Move that the NMBOE approve the agreement involving a teacher at Sarah Noble Intermediate School on the terms discussed in Executive Session, and further that the Board authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the final Agreement on behalf of the Board.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Diamond</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay: Mrs. Turk</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed 8-1-0</p>	<p>Executive Session</p> <p>Public Session</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE approve the agreement involving a teacher at SNIS on the terms discussed in Executive Session, and further that the Board authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the final Agreement on behalf of the Board</p>
13.	<p>Motion by: Dr. Diamond: Move that the New Milford Board of Education adjourn.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mr. McSherry</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed Unanimously 9-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the NMBOE adjourn.</p>
	<p>The Meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was adjourned at 9:30 pm.</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Dian Traisci-Marandola
 Secretary