

**New Milford Board of Education
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 November 18, 2008
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

Present:	Dr. Lisa Diamond, Board Chairperson Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. David Lawson Mrs. Amy Llerena Mr. Thomas McSherry Mrs. Julie Turk Mr. William Wellman Mrs. Elizabeth Finney
Absent:	Mrs. Alexandra Thomas

Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent Mr. John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services Mr. John Calhoun, Facilities Manager Mr. David Elmore, Director of Information Technology Mrs. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources Mr. Greg Shugrue, New Milford High School Principal
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1.	The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Staff & Student Recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Paddyfote noted that 8 students and Mr. Schemm at New Milford High School took part in the Yale Olympics for 2008 for Physics. • Dr. Paddyfote recognized Ernie Hill who was retiring after 43 years of service to the school district. Mr. Calhoun noted that he started on July 1, 1966. • Dr. Paddyfote congratulated David Gasser for organizing a Red Cross Blood Drive. 	Staff & Student Recognition
	A short break from 7:39 pm until 7:53 pm was held for refreshments.	
3.	Public Participation There was none	Public Comment
4.	PTO Report There was none	PTO Report

5.	<p>Student Representative Report Mr. Holland and Mr. Partelow reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teacher conferences will be held December 2, 4, 9 and 11th • Math team will host a competition on December 1st • Talent show will be held November 21st at NMHS 	Student Report
6.	<p>Approval of Minutes Mrs. Llerena moved to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting held October 14, 2008, seconded by Mr. McSherry and passed unanimously.</p>	Motion made and passed to approve regular meeting minutes for October 14, 2008
7.	<p>Superintendent's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Paddyfote stated that the interviews for the Northville Elementary School principal were well underway. Eleven candidates had originally been interviewed and 7 were sent on to the next step. There are 2 more rounds of interviewing before the candidates will meet the Board. • On November 14th, Mr. McSherry, Mrs. Turk and Dr. Paddyfote attended the Connecticut Board of Education forum as well as the Superintendent Association forum. • The enrollment report for November 1, 2008 was distributed. • There will be a Committee on Learning meeting Tuesday, November 25th. • Mr. Wellman said there had been quite a bit of information recently about a young homeless teenager in New Milford and he wondered what the school's legal obligations were, as well as general obligations. Dr. Paddyfote said the school did have certain legal obligations and Mr. Mulvihill said one of the obligations is to provide transportation to New Milford schools. This item will be brought to a future committee or Board meeting. 	Superintendent's Report

8.	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairwoman Diamond noted that the Capital Reserve request had been, for the most part, approved by the Town Council and the Board of Finance. If the securities grant gets approved, a further Capital Reserve request can be made. 	Board Chairman's Report
9.	<p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities: Mr. McSherry reported that the McCarthy Observatory has a project ongoing to install Gallileo's Garden; more energy saving ideas had been presented; and the Creative Playground site transfer to the Town had been discussed. Operations: Mrs. Faulenbach reported that the committee discussed monthly reports, personnel, gifts and donations and the Capital Reserve; the magnet school tuition rate increase; the budget for next year was discussed, as was the idea of encouraging the public to come to the December 9th Board meeting to discuss concerns and issues for the 2009-2010 school budget. Policy Committee: Mrs. Finney said the Policy Committee reviewed several policies and policy changes, which were on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Committee on Learning: Mr. Lawson said the Committee on Learning discussed curricula which meet the strategic plan and will be discussed this evening; the next meeting scheduled for November 25th will include a discussion of the Five Year Plan. 	Committee Reports
10A.	<p>Revised Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence</p> <p>Mrs. Finney moved to approve Revised Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified and Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence as recommended by the Superintendent, seconded by Mr. McSherry and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion made to approve Revised Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified and Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence</p>

10E.	<p>Second Review of Policy 6172.6 – Virtual Online Courses/College/University Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Turk said she had attended the Virtual Learning workshop at the forum she had attended in November, and noted that to get a degree from New Milford High School, students would have to follow the criteria established by the Board.• Mr. McSherry said he felt this policy was a good start and, if necessary, it can grow from here.• Mr. Wellman said he felt the Board was dragging its heels. Online courses have been around for decades and Mr. Wellman had difficulty understanding why this Board was restricting the educational opportunities for students.• Mr. McSherry responded that a student can go online and take as many courses as they would like, but if they want a diploma from New Milford High School, then the Board needed to be in control of what they are doing.• Dr. Diamond said she did not feel that the Board was dragging its feet at all, but rather was putting a policy in place to encourage online courses rather than discouraging them. The only limit was the number of online credits a student could take towards graduation requirements, but not on the number of online courses a student could take.• Mr. Wellman said we are required to take students from out of the school district and give full credit for the courses taken and these online courses must be accredited so he did not see the difference.• Mr. Lawson said the Board needed to be prudent in its approach to online courses but the policy can be changed if needed.• Mrs. Faulenbach said in a discussion with a	<p>Second Review of Policy 6172.6 – Virtual Online Courses/College/University Courses</p>
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	<p>CABE representative that many districts are looking at policies because of technology. This was not a restrictive policy. For a diploma from New Milford, the Board approves curricula, text books and has certified staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Llerena said she did not feel the policy was restrictive but wondered how many students were taking online courses to which Mr. Mulvihill said he did not have an exact number. <p>Dr. Diamond said this policy will go back to the Policy Committee and then finally for approval to the Board.</p>	
<p>10F.</p>	<p>Suspend Policy 9311 to approve the following policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5131.911 Bullying 2. 5114 – Removals/Suspension/Expulsions 3. 5141 – Student Health Services – Regular Health Assessments 4. 4152.6/4252.6 – Family & Medical Leave Act 5. 4115.1/4215.1 – Athletic Coaches Evaluation and Termination <p>Mr. McSherry moved to suspend policy 9311 to approve the following policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5131.911 Bullying 2. 5114 – Removals/Suspension/Expulsions 3. 5141 – Student Health Services – Regular Health Assessments 4. 4152.6/4252.6 – Family & Medical Leave Act 5. 4115.1/4215.1 – Athletic Coaches Evaluation and Termination, <p>Seconded by Mr. Lawson and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion made and approved to suspend policy 9311 to approve the following policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5131.911 Bullying 2. 5114 - Removals/Suspension/Expulsions 3. 5141 – Student Health Services – Regular Health Assessments 4. 4152.6/4252.6 – Family & Medical Leave Act 5. 4115.1/4215.1 – Athletic Coaches Evaluation and Termination
<p>10G.</p>	<p>Approve the following policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5131.911 Bullying 2. 5114 – Removals/Suspension/Expulsions 3. 5141 – Student Health Services – Regular Health Assessments 	<p>Motion made and approved to approve the following policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5131.911 Bullying 2. 5114 – Removals/Suspension/Expulsions

	<p>4. 4152.6/4252.6 – Family & Medical Leave Act 5. 4115.1/4215.1 – Athletic Coaches Evaluation and Termination</p> <p>Mr. McSherry moved to approve the following policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5131.911 Bullying 2. 5114 – Removals/Suspension/Expulsions 3. 5141 – Student Health Services – Regular Health Assessments 4. 4152.6/4252.6 – Family & Medical Leave Act 5. 4115.1/4215.1 – Athletic Coaches Evaluation and Termination, <p>Seconded by Mrs. Llerena and passed unanimously.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. 5141 – Student Health Services – Regular Health Assessments 4. 4152.6/4252.6 – Family & Medical Leave Act 5. 4115.1/4215.1 – Athletic Coaches Evaluation and Termination
<p>10H.</p>	<p>Approval of the following curricula:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Speaking 2. Academic Algebra I 3. A.P. Calculus 4. French I French II <p>Mr. Lawson moved to approve the curricula, seconded by Mrs. Finney</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lawson said these are following the Five Year Plan. <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion made and approved for the following curricula:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Speaking 2. Academic Algebra I 3. A.P. Calculus 4. French I French II
<p>10I.</p>	<p>Creative Playground site</p> <p>Mr. McSherry moved that the Board of Education turn the Creative Playground property over to the Town of New Milford by January 1, 2009, at which time the town will be responsible for the maintenance of the Creative Playground property, seconded by Mrs. Llerena.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Wellman asked if the motion should be subject to the criteria the Board had established prior. Mr. Calhoun said the 	<p>Motion made and approved that the Board of Education turn the Creative Playground property over to the Town of New Milford by January 1, 2009, at which time the town will be responsible for the maintenance of the Creative Playground property subject to the requirement that the plaques from the Creative Playground be incorporated into any successor playground</p>

	<p>plaques have been taken care of for the future playground and the tic-tac-toe piece was returned to Mrs. Savaran.</p> <p>After a brief discussion Mr. McSherry withdrew his motion and Mrs. Llerena withdrew her second.</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach moved that the Board of Education turn the Creative Playground property over to the Town of New Milford by January 1, 2009, at which time the town will be responsible for the maintenance of the Creative Playground property subject to the requirement that the plaques from the Creative Playground be incorporated into any successor playground, seconded by Mrs. Turk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Faulenbach noted that some of the steps had already been taken and communication sent to the original committee. <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	
10J.	<p>Textbook Approvals for Grade 9 through 11</p> <p>Mr. McSherry moved to approve the textbooks for grades 9 through 11, seconded by Mr. Lawson and unanimously approved.</p>	<p>Motion made and approved to approve the textbooks for grades 9 through 11</p>
10K.	<p>Magnet School Tuition Rate Increase for 2009-2010</p> <p>Mrs. Llerena moved to approve the increase of the Magnet School tuition rate to \$1,500 per student for the 2009-2010 school year, seconded by Mrs. Finney.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lawson asked if there was any indication the tuition would continue to increase to which Dr. Paddyfote replied she thought it would since it had not increased in 3 years. She said Danbury has lost money on this program - \$1 million year one, and \$70,000 this year. • Mr. McSherry said the Board had no choice but to approve the increase. 	<p>Motion made and approved to approve the increase of the Magnet School tuition rate to \$1,500 per student for the 2009-2010 school year</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Turk said it was still a fraction of the cost of educating students in this district to which Mr. Lawson said he did not agree. <p>Motion passed 7-1. Aye: Llerena, Finney, Diamond, McSherry, Faulenbach, Turk, Wellman No: Lawson</p>	
11.	<p>Items for discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Textbook Previews B. Field Trips – November 2008 C. Strategic School Profile 2007-08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Wellman asked that the Strategic School Profile be put on the website, to which Mr. Mulvihill said there is a link to the State Education Department which has the Strategic School Profile. 	Items for discussion
12.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Mr. McSherry moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by Mrs. Llerena and passed unanimously.</p>	Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Lawson
 Secretary, Board of Education

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEW MILFORD, CONNECTICUT 06776**

**MEETING
AGENDA**

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Sarah Noble Intermediate School - LMC

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
2. **STAFF & STUDENT RECOGNITION**
 - A. Ernie Hill – Maintenance Man II – Retiring after 43 years
 - B. Eight New Milford High School Students – Yale Olympic Events 2008
 - C. High School Student, David Gasser – Red Cross Blood Drive
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board welcomes Public Participation and asks that speakers please limit their comments to 3 minutes. Speakers may offer objective comments of school operations and programs that concern them. The Board will not permit any expression of personal or defamatory comments about Board of Education personnel and students, nor against any person connected with the New Milford Public School System.
4. **PTO REPORT**
5. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT**
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes
 1. Regular Meeting Minutes October 14, 2008
7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
8. **BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. Facilities Sub-Committee – Mr. McSherry
 - B. Operations Sub-Committee – Mrs. Faulenbach
 - C. Policy Sub-Committee – Mrs. Finney
 - D. Committee on Learning – Mr. Lawson
10. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - A. Revised Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence
 - B. Monthly Reports
 1. Request for Budget Transfers
 2. Purchase Resolution D-613
 3. Revised Budget Position as of 10/31/08
 - C. Gifts & Donations
 1. Exhibit B: PTO
 2. Exhibit C: MVP~SOS
 - D. First Review of Policy 5157 – Use of Physical Force and Seclusion
 - E. Second Review of Policy 6172.6 – Virtual Online Courses/College/University Courses
 - F. Suspend Policy 9311 to approve the following policies:
 1. 5131.911 – Bullying
 2. 5114 – Removals/Suspensions/Expulsions

3. 5141 – Student Health Services – Regular Health Assessments
 4. 4152.6/4252.6 – Family & Medical Leave Act
 5. 4115.1/4215.1 – Athletic Coaches Evaluation and Termination
- G. Approve the following policies:
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 3. 5141 – Student Health Services – Regular Health Assessments
 4. 4152.6/4252.6 – Family & Medical Leave Act
 5. 4115.1/4215.1 – Athletic Coaches Evaluation and Termination
- H. Approval of the following curricula:
1. Public Speaking
 2. Academic Algebra I
 3. A.P. Calculus
 4. French I
French II
- I. Creative Playground Site
- J. Textbook Approvals for Grade 9 through 11
- K. Magnet School Tuition Rate Increase for 2009-2010

11. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Textbook Previews
- B. Field Trips – November 2008
- C. Strategic School Profile 2007-08

12. ADJOURN

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Policy Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2008
 Committee on Learning Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2008
 Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2008
 Operations Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2008

FUTURE DATES

Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting Tuesday, December 2, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. Lillis Administration Bldg., Rm. 2	Board of Education Meeting Tuesday, December 9, 2008 – 7:30 p.m. Sarah Noble Intermediate School – LMC
Operations Sub-Committee Meeting Tuesday, December 2, 2008 – 7:30 p.m. Lillis Administration Bldg., Rm. 2	There is no Policy Sub-Committee meeting scheduled for December.
Board of Education Annual Meeting Tuesday, December 9, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. Sarah Noble Intermediate School – LMC	There is no Committee on Learning Meeting scheduled for December.