

**New Milford Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2007
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Board Chairperson
	Mr. Joseph Failla
	Mrs. Elizabeth Finney
	Mrs. Dian Marandola
	Mr. David A. Lawson
	Mr. William McLachlan
	Mr. Thomas McSherry
	Mr. Robin Ruggiero
	Dr. Lawrence Stillman
	Mrs. Julie Turk
	Mr. Joseph Vita

Also Present	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent
	Mr. Thomas Corbett, Director of Operations
	Mr. John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services
	Mr. John Calhoun, Facilities' Manager
	Mr. Leo Rogoza, Assistant Facilities' Manager

1.	The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	There was no public comment.	Public Comment
3.	Report presented by representative of PTO.	PTO report
4.	Student representatives' report	Student report.
5.	<p>Motion made and withdrawn by Robin Ruggiero to approve minutes of special meeting from June 14, 2007, special meeting June 19, 2007, special meeting June 26, 2007 and special meeting August 13, 2007.</p> <p>Second made and withdrawn by Dr. Stillman to approve minutes of special meeting from June 14, 2007, special meeting June 19, 2007, special meeting June 26, 2007 and special meeting August 13, 2007.</p> <p>Minutes of June 14, 2007 approved by motion of David Lawson, seconded by Thomas McSherry. Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Failla, Mrs. Finney, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita. Nay. Abstain: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Ruggiero.</p>	Motions made and passed to approve special meeting minutes for June 14, 2007, June 19, 2007, June 26, 2007 and August 13, 2007.

	<p>Minutes of June 19, 2007 approved by motion of Mr. McLachlan, seconded by Mr. Ruggiero. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Minutes of June 26, 2007 approved by motion of Mr. McSherry, seconded by Dr. Stillman. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Minutes of August 13, 2007 approved by motion of Thomas McSherry, seconded by Robin Ruggiero. Motion passed. Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Failla, Mrs. Finney, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk and Mr. Vita. Nay: Abstain: Mrs. Marandola. Mr. McLachlan noted the minutes of June 26th should reflect his presence at the meeting.</p>	
6.	<p>Superintendent's report presented. Mr. Greg Holmes was named the 2008 Teacher of the year at the all staff welcome back meeting held this morning at NMHS. Four positions to be filled—guidance at SMS, Spanish at SMS, Athletic Director at NMHS, and English at NMHS. The English vacancy is due to a late resignation.</p>	Superintendent's report
7.	<p>Board Chairman's report. Future dates called to Board members' attention. Some may change; members will be contacted. The Mayor's office has requested the email addresses of Board members. Those Board members who would like to receive emails from her office, should contact her directly with their email addresses.</p>	Board Chairman's report.
8.	Committee reports	No reports
9A.	<p>Discussion and possible action on revised Exhibit A. Personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. William McLachlan moved approval of revised Exhibit A, seconded by Thomas McSherry. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Corbett stated that any costs or benefits would be incurred with leave of absences. Mr. Lawson noted that 6 of the 10 resignations were to take positions elsewhere. The strategic plan should be supported to</p>	Motion made and approved unanimously on revised Exhibit A personnel as recommended by the Superintendent.

	remedy this situation.	
9B.	Monthly reports-budget position as of 7/31/07. Mrs. Marandola moved approval of the monthly report budget position as of 7/31/07. Motion seconded by Mr. McSherry and passed unanimously.	Motion made and approved unanimously for monthly report-budget position as of 7/31/07.
9C.	Motion to award the Milk Bid to Marcus Dairy and the Frozen Dessert Bid to Guida Milk & Ice Cream and M&R Frozen Foods, Inc. bids made by Mrs. Marandola, seconded by Mr. McSherry. Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Mrs. Finney, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita. Nay: Mr. Failla. Abstain: Motion passed: 9-1-0 Mr. Failla expressed concern about the student milk price since the contract price is .235 cents and the cost to students is at fifty cents.	Motion made and approved to award Milk Bid to Marcus Dairy and the Frozen Dessert Bid to Guida Milk & Ice Cream and M&R Frozen Foods, Inc.
9D	Student tuition rates: Motion to approve student tuition rates by Mrs. Marandola, seconded by Mr. McSherry. Motion passed unanimously. Rates have dropped at Schaghticoke as a result of bond indebtedness. When asked about the number of students expected from Sherman this year, Mr. Mulvihill answered that the number freshman is approximately 4 more than expected. Mrs. Turk questioned the cost of expelled students of \$85,000 per year. Other items are included in that line item, i.e. after school services for detention.	Motion made and approved for student tuition rates.
9E.	Motheread/Fatheread Grant. Motion to approve the Motheread/Fatheread Grant by Mr. McSherry, seconded by Mr. Lawson. Motion passed unanimously.	Motion made and approved for Motheread/Fatheread Grant.
9F.	Mrs. Marandola moved approval of Exhibit B to add Mr. Turk as a signatory on the school district accounts. Motion seconded by Mr. McSherry and passed unanimously. Mr. Corbett explained that attempts are being made to close out treasury note; he will remain as signatory on that account during the transition.	Motion made and approved to add Mr. Turk as signatory on school district accounts.
9G.	Mrs. Marandola moved approval of the request to move the 2006-07 End-of-Year Balance into the	Motion made and approved to move 2006-07 End-of-

	Capital Reserve Account. Motion seconded by Mr. McSherry and approved unanimously.	Year Balance into the Capital Reserve Account.
9H.	Textbook approvals. Mrs. Marandola moved to approve textbooks in grades 9 and 12; motion seconded by Mr. McSherry and passed unanimously.	Motion made and approved for textbooks in grades 9 and 12.
10A.	Textbook previews. No action required.	No action/textbook previews.
10B.	Field trips – August 2007. Trip is to Orlando, FL. Fifty students are selected by lottery and are encouraged to pay at least part of the cost of the trip. Last year MVP SOS made a donation. Mrs. Marandola commented on the learner objectives and the positive reports from the trip and suggested it should be revisited next month for new Board members. It was noted that the BOE does not approve field trips, but is provided information for discussion. Mr. Lawson expressed concern that there is no guarantee of scholarships for the economically disadvantaged.	Field trips –August 2007. No action required. Revisit next month.
11.	Mr. Ruggiero moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Mr. McSherry.	Motion to adjourn made and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dian Traisci-Marandola
 Secretary