

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**New Milford Public Schools  
50 East Street  
New Milford, Connecticut 06776**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE: January 7, 2014  
TIME: 6:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Lillis Administration Building - Boardroom**

**AGENDA**

**New Milford Public Schools Mission Statement**

The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family, and community, is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Pledge of Allegiance

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board welcomes Public Participation and asks that speakers please limit their comments to three 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**

A. Presentation/discussion by Board of Education attorneys on Board members' roles and responsibilities and related legal issues.

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION (anticipated)**

A. Discussion of records, reports and statements pertaining to collective bargaining negotiations with New Milford Paraeducators Union, Chapter 136-09, Local 136, I.F.P.T.E., AFL-CIO

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

A. Approval of successor collective bargaining agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the New Milford Paraeducators Union, Chapter 136-09, Local 136, I.F.P.T.E., AFL-CIO

**6. ADJOURN**

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Present: Mrs. Daniele Shook, Chairperson  
Mrs. Angela C. Chastain  
Mr. Robert Coppola  
Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach  
Mr. David A. Lawson  
Mr. Dave Littlefield  
Mr. David R. Shaffer  
Mr. John W. Spatola  
Mrs. Theresa Volinski

Also Present: Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools  
Attorney William Connon, Pullman and Comley, LLC  
Attorney Michael McKeon, Pullman and Comley, LLC

1.	<p><b>Call to Order</b>  <b>A. Pledge of Allegiance</b>  The Special Meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mrs. Shook. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.</p>	<p><b>Call to Order</b>  <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b></p>
2.	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>
3.	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>A. Presentation/discussion by Board of Education attorneys on Board members' roles and responsibilities and related legal issues.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Shook introduced Board attorneys Michael McKeon and William Connon of Pullman and Comley, LLC, who were present to provide general information to the Board as well as answer any questions. Mrs. Shook suggested the members use the meeting as an informal workshop, so to speak.</li> <li>• Mr. McKeon and Mr. Connon distributed handouts to the Board designed to provide insight into the roles of the Board of Education and administration.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Presentation/discussion by Board of Education attorneys on Board members' roles and responsibilities and related legal issues.</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They described the scope of the legal services they provide to the Board, the scope of the Board's authority and possible liability issues that may arise over time.</li> <li>• Board members asked questions on various topics of interest.</li> <li>• Mr. McKeon and Mr. Connon stressed that they are here to support the Board in all ways.</li> <li>• Mrs. Shook thanked them on behalf of the Board for all the information they provided this evening.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. McKeon left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.          Mr. Connon left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.          Mr. Spatola left the meeting at 8:42 p.m. and returned at 8:47 p.m.</p> <p>The meeting recessed at 8:43 p.m. and reconvened at 8:47 p.m.</p>	
<p>4.</p> <p>A.</p>	<p><b>Executive Session</b></p> <p><b>Discussion of records, reports and statements pertaining to collective bargaining negotiations with New Milford Paraeducators Union, Chapter 136-09, Local 136, I.F.P.T.E., AFL-CIO</b></p> <p>Mr. Lawson moved that the Board enter into executive session in order to discuss the records, reports and statements pertaining to collective bargaining negotiations with New Milford Paraeducators Union, Chapter 136-09, Local 136, I.F.P.T.E., AFL-CIO and to invite into the session Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent, seconded by Mr. Littlefield and passed unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Shook asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There was none.</li> </ul> <p>The Board and Dr. Paddyfote entered Executive</p>	<p><b>Executive Session</b></p> <p><b>A. Discussion of records, reports and statements pertaining to collective bargaining negotiations with New Milford Paraeducators Union, Chapter 136-09, Local 136, I.F.P.T.E., AFL-CIO</b></p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously for the Board to enter into executive session in order to discuss the records, reports and statements pertaining to collective bargaining negotiations with New Milford Paraeducators Union, Chapter 136-09, Local 136, I.F.P.T.E., AFL-CIO and to invite into the session Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent.</p>

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	<p>Session at 8:48 p.m.</p> <p>The Board and Dr. Paddyfote returned to Public Session at 9:28 p.m.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action</b></p> <p>A. Approval of successor collective bargaining agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and New Milford Paraeducators Union, Chapter 136-09, Local 136, I.F.P.T.E., AFL-CIO</p> <p>Mr. Coppola moved that the Board approve the successor collective bargaining agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and New Milford Paraeducators Union, Chapter 136-09, Local 136, I.F.P.T.E., AFL-CIO as discussed in executive session and to further move that the Board authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement on its behalf, seconded by Mrs. Volinski.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action</b></p> <p>A. Approval of successor collective bargaining agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and New Milford Paraeducators Union, Chapter 136-09, Local 136, I.F.P.T.E., AFL-CIO</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously that the Board approve the successor collective bargaining agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and New Milford Paraeducators Union, Chapter 136-09, Local 136, I.F.P.T.E., AFL-CIO as discussed in executive session and to further move that the Board authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement on its behalf.</p>
6.	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p>Mr. Coppola moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. seconded by Mr. Littlefield and passed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted:



Angela C. Chastain, Secretary  
 New Milford Board of Education