

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

Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Board Chairperson
	Dr. Lisa Diamond
	Mr. Joseph Failla
	Mrs. Elizabeth Finney
	Mr. David Lawson
	Mrs. Dian Marandola
	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. John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services
	Mr. John Calhoun, Facilities Manager
	Mr. David Elmore

1.	The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Faulenbach. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	Call to Order
2.	Mr. Joseph Failla, as a member of the public, complimented the Board and staff of the school system for their courteous and professional attitude. Mr. Gerald Nabozny, 5 Joey's Lane, asked that the Board not eliminate or cut back on field trips which he feels are an important facet of the educational process.	Public Comment
3.A.B.	Student recognition. Mr. Shaffer recognized ten students on the math team at the high school. The Western Connecticut math league has been in existence for 30 years; this league allows as many students to participate as are interested. New Milford limits the number of seniors and juniors on each team. This is the first time in the history of the league that a team has had a perfect score. The ten recipients were individually called forward to receive certificates from Mrs. Faulenbach and	Student recognition. Ten members of the math team. Humanitarian awards.

	Dr. Paddyfote. Dr. Paddyfote acknowledged the humanitarian efforts of Mallory Lee and Elizabeth Terlizzi when a member of the maintenance staff collapsed on the school grounds.	
	7:47 p.m. break for reception – meeting resumed 8:05 p.m.	Reception
4.	PTO report. Thanks were given to Board members who are not continuing their service.	PTO report
5.	Student representatives report.	Student representatives report.

6.	Dr. Stillman moved acceptance of minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting held October 9, 2007. Mr. McSherry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.	Motion passed unanimously to approve minutes from October 9, 2007 Board meeting.
8.	Board Chairman's Report. Mrs. Faulenbach highlighted the accomplishments from the Annual Report for the Board	Board Chairman's Report.
7.	Superintendent's Report. Dr. Paddyfote presented plaques to the five departing Board members: Mr. Vita, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. Failla, Dr. Stillman and Mrs. Marandola.	Superintendent's Report
9.A.B.C. & D.	Mr. McSherry reported for the Facilities subcommittee; Dr. Diamond reported for the Operations subcommittee; Mrs. Marandola reported for Policy subcommittee. Mr. McLachlan was not present representing the Committee on Learning.	Committee reports
10.A.	Mrs. Marandola moved to approve Revised Exhibit A, motion seconded by Mr. McSherry, passed unanimously. Mr. Lawson asked that candidates from last year be considered for those early retirement positions.	Revised Exhibit A approved unanimously.
10.B.	Mr. McSherry moved to approve the monthly budget reports: Request for Budget Transfers, Purchase Resolution D-604 and the Budget Position as of 10/31/07, seconded by Mrs. Finney; passed unanimously.	Monthly budget reports passed unanimously.
10.C.	Dr. Stillman moved to approve the Title III Grant: Immigrant Children & Youth Education, Dr. Diamond seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.	Title III Grant: Immigrant Children & Youth Education passed unanimously.
10.D.	Mr. McSherry moved to accept Exhibit B: PTO Donations. Mrs. Finney seconded the motion,	Exhibit B: PTO Donations unanimously approved.

	which passed unanimously. Mr. Lawson and Mrs. Marandola expressed thanks to the PTO for their continued support.	
10.E.	Mr. McSherry moved to suspend Policy 9311 to approve Policy 5141.6 – Emergency Preparedness and Policy 5114 – Removal/Suspension/Expulsion. Dr. Stillman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.	Unanimous approval of suspending Policy 9311 to approve Policy 5141.6 and Policy 5114.
10.F.	Mrs. Marandola moved to approve Policy 5141.6 – Emergency Preparedness as recommended by the Policy Sub-committee. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.	Unanimous approval for Policy 5141.6.
10.F.	Mrs. Marandola moved to approve Policy 5114 – Removal/Suspension/Expulsion as recommended by the Policy Sub-committee. Dr. Stillman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.	Motion unanimously passed to approve Policy 5114.
10.G.	Mr. McSherry moved to approve the following curriculum as recommended by the Committee on Learning: a.) Modern and Contemporary Poetry; b.) Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition; c.) Advanced Placement U.S. History; d.) Conversational Spanish; e.) Spanish III, IV and V; f.) Advanced Placement Spanish 5; g.) Honors Geometry. Mrs. Marandola seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.	Unanimous approval for curriculum recommended by the Committee on Learning.
10.H.	Dr. Stillman moved to approve textbooks for grades 3 and 11/12. Mrs. Finney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.	Motion approved unanimously for textbooks for grades 3 and 11/12.
10.I.	Mr. McSherry moved to not allow 90-24 transfers of 403(b) funds. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Lawson and Mrs. Turk commented that this reduced the risk of liability. Mr. Lawson noted that IRS would mandate a deadline. Dr. Paddyfote added that a provider will make a presentation at the December Board meeting.	Unanimous approval to not allow 90-24 transfers of 403(b) funds.
10.J.	Mr. Lawson moved to approve 325 hours of tutoring, not to exceed \$4,550.00; Mrs. Finney seconded the motion which passed with Mrs. Turk opposing.	Motion to approve 325 hours of tutoring, not to exceed \$4,550.00 passed by a 10-1 vote.
10.K.	Dr. Stillman moved to establish the Paraeducator Substitute Rate at \$9.00 effective November 14, 2007. Mrs. Marandola seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.	Motion passed unanimously to establish the Paraeducator Substitute Rate at \$9.00 effective

		November 14, 2007.
10.L.	Mr. Ruggiero moved to enter into an agreement with DemandDirect and to authorize the Superintendent to sign the agreement. Dr. Stillman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.	Unanimous approval to enter into an agreement with DemandDirect and to authorize the Superintendent to sign the agreement.
11.	Items for discussion: A. Textbook previews; B. Field Trip Report and C. Strategic School Profile. Mr. Lawson commented that he has no intention of cutting back on field trips.	Items for Discussion
12.	Items of information – minutes of subcommittee meetings October 16, 23, November 6.	Items of information
13.	Mrs. Faulenbach thanked all Board members. Mrs. Marandola moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. seconded by Dr. Stillman. Motion passed unanimously.	Adjourn 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dian Traisci-Marandola,
 Board Secretary