NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

New Milford Public Schools 50 East Street

New Milford, Connecticut 06776

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOTICE

DATE:

November 12, 2013

TIME:

7:30 P.M.

PLACE:

Sarah Noble Intermediate School - Library Media Center

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. RECOGNITION

- A. Commended Students 2014 National Merit Program: NMHS students Maren Harcken, Dennis Scheglov, and Hugh Sichel
- B. NMPS Retirees: Mrs. Sharon Arciola and Mrs. Nancy Carlson

3. 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.

4. PTO REPORT

5. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Meeting October 8, 2013
 - 2. Special Meeting October 22, 2013

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

8. BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Facilities Sub-Committee Mrs. Celli Rigdon
- B. Operations Sub-Committee Mr. McSherry
- C. Policy Sub-Committee Mrs. Faulenbach
- D. Committee on Learning Mr. Lawson
- E. Education Connection Mrs. Celli Rigdon
- F. Connecticut Boards of Education (CABE) Mrs. Faulenbach
- G. Negotiations Committee Mrs. Faulenbach

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Exhibit A: Personnel Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated November 12, 2013
- B. Monthly Reports
 - 1. Purchase Resolution D-659
 - 2. Budget Position as of October 31, 2013
 - 3. Request for Budget Transfers
- C. Gifts & Donations
 - 1. PTO Exhibit B
- D. Approval of the Following Curricula
 - 1. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
 - 2. Medical Technology
- E. Policy for Approval
 - 1. 1140 Distribution of Materials to and by Students
- F. Policies for First Review
 - 1. 1250 Visits to the Schools
 - 2. 5131.111 Conduct: Camera Surveillance
- G. Policy for Second Review
 - 1. 3541 Transportation Services
- H. CSDE District Choice Form for 2013-14
- I. Vote to terminate the contract of employment of Dean Roberts

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. Field Trip Report
- B. 2011-12 Strategic School Profile

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (anticipated)

- A. Discussion of records, reports and statements pertaining to the collective bargaining negotiations with Teamster's Local 677- Custodians and Maintainers
- B. Discussion of records, reports and statements pertaining to the collective bargaining negotiations with Teamster's Local 677- Food and Nutrition Services Employees

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Approval of successor collective bargaining agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the Teamster's Local 677- Custodians and Maintainers
- B. Approval of successor collective bargaining agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the Teamster's Local 677- Food and Nutrition Services Employees

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ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Policy Sub-Committee Minutes - October 15, 2013

Committee on Learning Minutes - October 15, 2013

Facilities Sub-Committee Minutes – November 5, 2013

Operations Sub-Committee Minutes – November 5, 2013

Policy Sub-Committee Meeting	Board of Education Annual Meeting
November 19, 2013 – 6:45 p.m.	December 10, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Lillis Administration Building, Room 2	Sarah Noble Intermediate School, LMC
Committee on Learning	Board of Education Meeting
November 19, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.	December 10, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.
Lillis Administration Building, Room 2	Sarah Noble Intermediate School, LMC
Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting	
December 3, 2013 – 6:45 p.m.	
Lillis Administration Building, Room 2	
Operations Sub-Committee Meeting	
December 3, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.	
Lillis Administration Building, Room 2	

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New Milford Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes October 8, 2013 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center

1.

Call to Order

Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chairperson Mr. David A. Lawson	H. H
	Mr. Thomas McSherry	9E 0
	Mrs. Lynette Celli Rigdon	C. 5
	Mr. David R. Shaffer	0 = -
	Mrs. Daniele Shook	병증 양
	Mr. John W. Spatola	EOR 2013
	Mr. William Wellman	25
Absent:	Mrs. Angela C. Chastain	

Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. Joshua Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
	Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources
	Mr. Gregg Miller, Director of Fiscal Services
	Mr. John Calhoun, Director of Facilities
	Ms. Roberta Pratt, Director of Technology
	Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services
	Dr. Len Tomasello, Principal, Sarah Noble Intermediate School
	Mrs. Paula Kelleher, Principal, John Pettibone Elementary School
	Mrs. Susan Murray, Northville Elementary School
	Ms. Tess Harkin, Student Representative
	Mr. John Vazquez, Student Representative

30000	A. Pledge of Allegiance The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	Pledge of Allegiance
2. A.	Instructional Coaching Academy (DESICA) Graduates: Carrie Allen, Carol Allison, Susan Brofford, Cynthia Cotter, Megan Schoonmaker • Dr. Paddyfote recognized the five teachers for taking part in a professional development program in which 24 teachers in three school districts participated.	Recognition A. 2010-2013 Danbury-Area Elementary STEM Instructional Coaching Academy (DESICA) Graduates: Carrie Allen, Carol Allison, Susan Brofford, Cynthia Cotter, Megan Schoonmaker
	The meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m. for a brief reception	

Call to Order

3.	Public Comment	Public Comment
	 Roseann Petruso asked if the information about the question and answers from the public hearing would be available and if there was a timeline to hear the public, have the discussion and to vote. She suggested perhaps a survey could be done on-line to get feedback. Mr. Lawson reminded the Board that this was a meeting held in public and not a public meeting. Mrs. Faulenbach noted the information would be discussed in the Superintendent's report. Lisa Reichin commended the Board for looking at all the options. She was concerned about Title I funding considerations. She noted that she moved her family to this area for the school system and the lower taxes and costs. She wondered what the trends were versus the enrollment numbers. She suggested the Board get union feedback, administration, parent and student feedback through a survey. She also thought the Route 7 bypass had not yet had a full impact on the community Bob Coppola said he felt the Board did an excellent job with the hearing and the subcommittee did a good job of explaining about the space needs. He felt now the Board needs to explain to the public why it is beneficial to the town for the school to be closed. He asked the Board to consider what is best for the children. 	
4.	PTO Report	PTO Report
	 Mrs. Romaniello said the fall fundraisers are winding down but are not doing as well as expected. The discount card is available. There will be a variety of Halloween parties at the schools. 	

5.	Student Representatives Report	Student Representatives Report
	 October 10th is the Senior Guidance Night at 7 p.m. in the theater. October 15th – 19th is Spirit Week with a dance on Saturday. October 21st is the National Honor Society induction. October 23rd is the underclassmen photo retake. October 24th is the wind ensemble chorus concert. November 6th is the Financial Aid Night presentation. 	
6. A.	Approval of Minutes Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes 1. Regular Meeting September 10, 2013 2. Special Meeting September 24, 2013	Approval of Minutes A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes 1. Regular Meeting September 10, 2013 2. Special Meeting September 24, 2013
	Mr. McSherry moved to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting minutes of September 10, 2013 and Special Meeting minutes of September 24, 2013, seconded by Mrs. Shook and passed unanimously.	Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting minutes of September 10, 2013 and Special Meeting minutes of September 24, 2013.
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7.	Superintendent's Report	Superintendent's Report

e yelo	submit questions ahead of time through the district's website to be addressed that night.	
8.	Mrs. Faulenbach noted the annual report for the 2012-13 school year had been placed on the table for each Board member. The Board accomplished much including recognizing 227 students and 37 staff members; full day kindergarten was now in its second year; the PTO donated over \$144,000; and the Board approved over \$1.3 million in grants.	Board Chairman's Report
9.	Committee Reports	Committee Reports
Α.	 Facilities Sub-Committee Mrs. Celli Rigdon said everything from the Facilities Committee was for information only. 	A. Facilities Sub-Committee
В.	Operations Sub-Committee • Mr. McSherry noted all the items were on the	B. Operations Sub-Committee
	agenda tonight for approval.	
C.	Mrs. Faulenbach said there were policies for approval and one for first review on tonight's agenda.	C. Policy Sub-Committee
D.	Committee on Learning	D. Committee on Learning
	 Mr. Lawson said there are two curricula for approval tonight and the Committee is keeping on top of the SEED requirements and Common Core requirements. 	
E.	Education Connection	E. Education Connection
	 Mrs. Celli Rigdon said the discussion included the agency's Annual Report and a discussion of the government shutdown in terms of Headstart and the Affordable Care Act. 	

F.	Connecticut Boards of Education	F. Connecticut Boards of Education
	 Mrs. Faulenbach said the conference for November 15th requires an RSVP by October 11th. She said New Milford will receive awards for communications for the Annual Report and NMHS student handbook/planner. 	
G.	Negotiations Committee	G. Negotiations Committee
	 Mrs. Faulenbach said the administrators unit will be heading to arbitration. 	
10.	DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION	
Α.	Exhibit A: Personnel — Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated October 8, 2013	A. Exhibit A: Personnel — Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated October 8, 2013
	Mr. McSherry moved to approve Exhibit A: Personnel - Certified, Non-Certified, Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated October 8, 2013, seconded by Mrs. Shook.	Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Exhibit A: Personnel — Certified, Non- Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence
	 Mrs. Celli Rigdon asked if the part-time special education teacher at Faith Academy who was also a substitute teacher in New Milford schools would then be eligible for health insurance and Ms. Baldelli said the person only works seven hours at Faith Academy. Mr. McSherry said he was impressed with the credentials of the substitutes. 	dated October 8, 2013.
	The motion passed unanimously.	
В.	Monthly Reports 1. Purchase Resolution D-658 2. Budget Position as of September 30, 2013 3. Request for Budget Transfers	B. Monthly Reports 1. Purchase Resolution D-658 2. Budget Position as of September 30, 2013 3. Request for Budget Transfers
	Mrs. Shook made a motion to approve monthly	Motion made and passed

> reports: Purchase Resolution D-658, Budget Position as of September 30, 2013 and Request for Budget Transfers, seconded by Mr. McSherry.

- Mr. Lawson asked if anything had changed on the report and Mr. Miller said it had not, that the district is a little ahead of last year in this point in time and he did not have any concern accounts yet. He said the substitute account is a little over already at this point.
- Mr. Lawson asked about the reasons for substitutes and Ms. Baldelli said the reasons vary including leaves of absence and there were more leaves this early in the year than last year.

The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Gifts & Donations
 - 1. PTO Exhibit B
 - 2. Goldring Family Foundation Exhibit C

Mr. Lawson moved to accept Gifts and Donations: PTO – Exhibit B in the amount of \$8,900.00 and Goldring Family Foundation – Exhibit C in the amount of \$32,795.18, seconded by Mr. McSherry.

 Mr. Lawson thanked the PTO for their donation as well as the new donor for his contribution to the engineering program.

The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Grant Approvals
 - 1. District Consolidated Grant

Mr. McSherry moved to approve the District Consolidated Grant in the amount of \$276,814.00, seconded by Mrs. Shook.

 Mr. Lawson asked why the grant went up from last year and Mr. Smith said the grant is formulaic and based on free and reduced lunch rates which the principals have been unanimously to approve monthly reports: Purchase Resolution D-658, Budget Position as of September 30, 2013, and request for budget transfers.

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encouraging parents to apply for.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Title III Grant

Mrs. Shook moved to approve the Title III grant in the amount of \$19,009.00, seconded by Mr. McSherry and passed unanimously.

E. | Approval of the Following Curricula

- 1. Grade 7 Art
- 2. History through Film

Mr. Lawson moved to approve the following Curricula: Grade 7 Art and History through Film, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and passed unanimously.

F. Policies for Approval

- 1. 3160 Budget and Transfer of Funds
- 2. 5000 Equal Employment Opportunity
- 3. 5113 Truancy
- 4. 6142.1 Exemption from Instruction
- 5. 6142.2 Student Nutrition and Physical Activity (Student Wellness)
- 6. 6146 Graduation Requirements
- 7. 6200 Adult Education

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6. 6146 Graduation Requirements7. 6200 Adult EducationSeconded by Mrs. Shook and passed unanimously.

G. Policy for First Review 1. 3541 Transportation Services

- Mrs. Celli Rigdon asked for an explanation of the transportation services policy. Mr. Miller said this policy basically cleans up the old policy based on counsel's recommendation. He said the roads in New Milford can be somewhat difficult to traverse with the dirt roads and narrow roads. He said sometimes they are not navigable for buses.
- Mrs. Celli Rigdon asked if the cul-de-sac deadends was a change in the policy and Mr. Miller said this would now comply with the walking distances policies.
- Mrs. Celli Rigdon asked if the bus routes would be affected and Mr. Miller said some would probably be affected.
- Mrs. Celli Rigdon said she had a problem with the wording "will not enter" in the policy as perhaps too strong. Mrs. Faulenbach said this would go back to the Policy Committee for further discussion.
- Mrs. Celli Rigdon said she did not understand why the change from K-8 to K-6 for walking to school 30 minutes before sunrise. She felt 6th graders were still young to walk to school 30 minutes before sunrise. Dr. Paddyfote said this was in compliance with the school accommodations policy and noted that in some cases the difference was one minute.
- Mr. Spatola noted there are lake communities with private roads and Mr. Miller said per state statute the buses don't go on private roads unless there is a special needs child or a 504 accommodation.

- 4. 6142.1 Exemption from Instruction
- 5. 6142.2 Student Nutrition and Physical Activity (Student Wellness)
- 6. 6146 Graduation Requirements
- 7. 6200 Adult Education
- G. Policy for First Review
 1. 3541 Transportation Services

H. Textbook Approvals for Grade 9

Mr. McSherry moved to approve the following textbooks for Grade 9: Warriors Don't Cry and Persepolis, seconded by Mrs. Shook.

- Mr. Spatola said he felt the Persepolis book might be more appropriate for middle school due to the cartoonish nature of the drawings.
- Mr. Lawson noted that the book was chosen for a variety of reasons including the parallels to the ninth grade curriculum.
- Mr. Smith said the author left Tehran during the revolution, ended up at art school and wrote this biography of life in Tehran during that time. He noted it is similar to what is happening in Syria at this time.

The motion passed unanimously.

I. Request for Additional Teacher

Mr. McSherry moved to approve an additional teacher for Hill and Plain School, seconded by Mr. Lawson.

- Mr. Wellman said there were 22 students at Hill and Plain that do not speak English and was wondering if another half ESL teacher should be added for minimal disruption. Dr. Paddyfote said the idea is to have another section and not isolate these students.
- Mr. Wellman said the children at this level need to be firmly grounded in the basics of learning and not distractions from other students. Dr. Paddyfote said the kindergarten population needs another section; there are currently two at 22 students and three at 21. She also noted that an ELL or bilingual speaker cannot teach a self contained class. She noted the magnet school tried to fill positions with cross-endorsed elementary/bilingual or world language teachers and could not fill the positions.
- Mrs. Celli Rigdon asked if Mr. Wellman was

H. Textbook Approvals for Grade 9

Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the following textbooks for Grade 9: Warriors Don't Cry and Persepolis.

I. Request for Additional Teacher

Motion made and passed to approve an additional teacher for Hill and Plain School. suggesting adding an ELL teacher to assist kindergarten also. Mr. Wellman said one or the other

- Mr. Lawson said he was in favor of this motion.
- Mr. Spatola noted there are distractions throughout the year such as resignations and maternity leaves, he also felt this could be done without adding additional staff and he was not in favor of this motion.
- Mr. Shaffer asked if this savings of \$102,000
 was in addition to the \$85,000 from the last
 meeting and Dr. Paddyfote said this was in
 addition and was due to a reduced work force
 of eight positions, seven of whom found jobs
 and therefore are not collecting unemployment.
- Mrs. Shook said speaking as a teacher she would be in favor of hiring an additional teacher.
- Mr. McSherry felt this would be the least disruptive and therefore better for the children.

The motion passed 5-2-1.

Aye: Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Shook, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mrs. Celli Rigdon, Mr. Shaffer

No: Mr. Wellman, Mr. Spatola

Abstain: Mr. McSherry

J. Update on Adult Education

- Mrs. Faulenbach opened the Adult Education issue up for discussion.
- Mr. Smith said due to staff changes this summer he began looking into the Adult Education program. The position has been posted since July with limited interest. He began to look into the program and how other DRG D districts handled their Adult Education program. He said some run it through the school and some run it outside the school.
- Mrs. Celli Rigdon asked if it would be possible for this person to do part of the SEED evaluations and Mr. Smith said he could explore this position doing other roles.

J. Update on Adult Education

- Mr. Shaffer asked how many GED or HSD students had not graduated and Mr. Smith said there are 70 total at some stage in the program.
- Mr. Shaffer asked if the state requires an 092 for HSD, GED and enrichment. Mr. Smith said the GED and HSD require a certified teacher and to be evaluated and managed by an 092.
- Mr. Shaffer asked if the 092 could take care of the two programs and someone else could manage the rest and Mr. Smith said he did not know the answer to that question.
- Mr. Smith said there were three options he was suggesting, the first option was for a full-time director for Adult Education requiring an extra \$10,000 allocation. The second option was the status quo but to increase the stipend to \$30,000 which would reduce the operations allocations by \$5,000. The third option would be to outsource the Adult Education program which required an operations allocation of \$10,000 to bring the total to \$92,000.
- Mr. Spatola said he had a conversation with Ms. Baldelli about the \$18.51 per hour for an administrator, with him feeling it was low. He said he was more in favor of an increased stipend to \$30,000.
- Mr. Wellman asked what the approximately 400 students were enrolled in other than the GED and HSD programs. Mr. Smith said they were enrolled in enrichment programs such as citizenship classes, ballroom dancing, cooking, art, workforce development and technology. He noted the enrichment portion was self sustaining. The HSD and GED are mandated and must run whether there are one or twelve participants.
- Mr. Wellman asked how the needs of the community were determined for Adult Education and Mr. Smith said the need is really determined by enrollment in classes and members of the community signing up for the offerings. He felt a director could spend more time creating programming that the community would want or use.
- Mr. Wellman asked if the costs were fully

> loaded including an allocation for administration and Mr. Smith said often there are additional fees but he did not know if the cost included administrative costs.

 Mr. Shaffer asked what would happen if nothing changed and Mr. Smith said he would continue running the program and conducting the evaluation.

Mr. McSherry moved to accept the recommendation of adding \$13,000 to increase the Adult Education position stipend to \$30,000, seconded by Mr. Spatola and passed 6-0-2.

Aye: Mr. Spatola, Mr. McSherry, Mrs. Shook, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mrs. Celli Rigdon, Mr. Shaffer Abstain: Mr. Wellman, Mr. Lawson

Motion made and passed to accept the recommendation of adding \$13,000 to increase the adult education position stipend to \$30,000.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Field Trip Report

B. Substitute Rates

- Mr. Miller said he quantified the impact of increasing the substitute rates and said it would increase the line by about \$38,000 for the 2014-15 budget.
- Mr. Lawson said he had no opposition to the pay raise; he felt that the need for substitutes should be reduced perhaps by looking at the inservice programs.
- Ms. Baldelli said the reasons for absences include not just in-service but leaves of absences which are for the whole year and must be counted as such, field trips, unpaid days, etc. She said the fill rate for the school is over 90% which is up compared to other districts. She said there are a variety of ways to work on the professional development including after the school day, early dismissals, and extending the teachers' work day which all would incur additional costs. She said she could look at options when building the budget.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION A. Field Trip Report

B. Substitute Rates

12.	Adjourn	Adjourn
	Mrs. Shook moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m., seconded by Mr. McSherry and passed unanimously.	Motion made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Secretary

New Milford Board of Education

New Milford Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes October 22, 2013

Sarah Noble Intermediate	School Library	Media	Center
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Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. Joshua Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. Gregg Miller, Director of Fiscal Services
	Mr. John Calhoun, Facilities Manager
	Mrs. Roberta Pratt, Director of Technology
	Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services

1.	A. Pledge of Allegiance The special meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Faulenbach. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	Call to Order A. Pledge of Allegiance		
2.	 Mrs. Faulenbach introduced Mr. Michael Zuba, Senior Planner for Milone and MacBroom, Inc. who will present information concerning enrollment projections. Mr. Zuba said he spent eight months working with the School Facility and Utilization Study Committee and enrollment projections were a key piece of the study. Since then, Mr. Zuba has added the actual October 1, 2013 enrollment to the projections. He uses the Cohort Survival method to project. This is the most widely accepted method and looks at the overall community. Among the factors considered are census data by age group, fertility rates, women of child bearing age, school age population trends, changes in household size, total housing 	Presentation		

unit change and housing sales. Since 2007-08
New Milford enrollment has declined by
10.75% overall. The Cohort Survival method
relies on observed data from past and trends
going forward. The first five years are most
accurate when making projections. Milone and
MacBroom did three models: probable,
optimistic and pessimistic; all three are close
and show steady decline in enrollment. Mr.
Zuba invited questions from the Board. There
were none.

3. Public Hearing

- Mrs. Faulenbach thanked Mr. Zuba for the information provided. She said the public session would begin. She asked speakers to identify themselves by name and address and to try to limit their comments to five minutes so that all speakers would have an opportunity to be heard. She said the purpose of the evening is for the Board to receive public comments regarding the possible closing of a school due to declining enrollment. Questions would be noted so that answers could be gathered and addressed on the district website.
- Adrienne Aurichio said projections have proven wrong in the past and what is to say that these projections won't be wrong too. She is concerned the projections don't take into account movement to New Milford from Danbury. She says what happens in the long range future when enrollment comes back up; how much will a new school cost then to build?
- Bob Coppola thanked Mr. Zuba for the update but said he is an historian not a mathematician and he remembers when the new high school was built there was talk that additional land should be purchased for expansion based on projections at the time. Those projections were wrong. Statistics might work for the moment but what is going to happen in the future? What will we do if people move in from Danbury? He said that Ridgefield had closed two schools and since reopened at least one. When they reopened

Public Hearing

the school it had to be done under current state and federal requirements which were an added expense. Is the money saved by closing a school worth it since there will be expenses for adding buses and moving? Mr. Coppola said several people at the last meeting were opposed to moving the sixth grade to SMS. He said the Board needed to tell people more about the change. Why is the suggested realignment best? Why is it good to move the sixth grade and the third grade?

- Amy Davis said she has a first grader with 22 children in class now and a kindergartener with 17 in class and that these numbers do not match the projections.
- Eunice Crowley asked what can be done by the Board of Education to keep the school open? How can they work with the community to attract young families to New Milford? She suggested teaching an additional language or rebalancing the three schools but keeping them all open. She thanked the JPS staff for the education her children have received.
- Jill Olejniczak begged the Board not to move the sixth grade to SMS. She said she went there over 30 years ago and she was forced to grow up too fast. She said the students need recess, snack time still. She said she was not satisfied with the answer given so far on how many staff members will lose their jobs and go on unemployment if the school is closed.
- Allison Sidel said she appreciated the statistical update on enrollment. She said she wished there were statistics that measured the developmental, emotional and social impact on students of this decision. She said she was aware that a new kindergarten class was added yesterday at HPS and they are using what was the Nurse's room. Students were pulled out from other sections to start with a new teacher. That has an emotional impact on the students. She said we should think about the long term needs of the children and the cost to the community if predictions don't play out. She asked with the elections coming up and new Board members coming on, how is

- the process going to be handled going forward? Walter Bayer said he was on the School Facility and Utilization Committee. He said at the beginning he viewed the schools as assets to the community and didn't think closing was what the community should do. After participating in the several month process he decided closing might make sense with the reality of the economy. In his final decision he is back to thinking that the school should not close. He asked if the community can live with not closing JPS? He said it is a decision that should be made in concert with the PTO, Town Council and other groups and that the decision should be sent to referendum. He asked what is going to happen with spillover from Danbury? He said he was opposed to moving the sixth grade to SMS; these students are still elementary. He said the relatively small cost savings over time do not make sense if in the end we need to build a new school. What about the impact of these changes on students?
- Joan Kick said she was a taxpayer, educator and administrator in New Milford. She asked if the projections took into account the impact of low income housing coming to town? She responded to the comment about the additional kindergarten class at HPS. She said the Nurse's room that the class is using was originally a classroom and using it had less of an impact on students. The Nurse was moved back to the room that was the original Nurse's office at HPS. She said an additional first grade section was added at the last minute this year too. Mrs. Kick said JPS is used after hours by lots of groups and the fields are also used. Where will all these groups go?
- Diana Beddows said she was a taxpayer and teacher in New Milford. She asked that whatever the Board decides they do it for the benefit of K-12 students. She said if the Board gave concrete reasons why keeping the school open would help students that she was hopeful taxpayers would support it. As an example she talked about using extra rooms for combined

- class activities or as a dedicated science room. She said the Board should think of this as an opportunity to give more to students.
- Lisa Reichin said she was not satisfied with the answer on how many people would lose their jobs. How many jobs would be lost in a worst case scenario where nothing happened to help keep those jobs? What is the number? Is there a way to determine the rental/lease data for movement while doing enrollment projections? What is the impact of the Route 7 Bypass? What is the cost vs. savings to build a new school if projections are wrong and you have closed a school? She said she heard class size numbers above what are quoted in projections. What is the impact of class size on test scores? She said she thought parent and student feedback was needed still. She asked what are the next steps?
- Sue Sullivan, taxpayer and art teacher for over 30 years, said she remembers pushing a cart for many years when she was at NES. If children are split between only two schools, will there be art on a cart again? She said she thought that 17 to 18 children per class was an ideal number given the new evaluation process. She said thinking about the children's benefit is most important. What can we do to draw people with children into town?
- Amy Eliason said she had a friend who was considering New Milford but did not like the test score numbers. She is concerned about the data the statistics are based on. She does not think \$600,000 in savings warrants closing a school. She said her daughter's pre-K class has 30 students in it and that the bus ride for before and after care is over 50 minutes now.
- Mrs. Faulenbach asked if there was anyone else
 who wished to speak during the public hearing
 and seeing none thanked the public for giving
 input and closed that portion of the meeting at
 8:20 p.m. She said there would be no action by
 the Board at this time, that no decision has been
 made and that this is all still part of the process.

4.	Adjourn	Adjourn
	Mr. McSherry moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Shook and passed unanimously.	Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Daniele Shook

Secretary

New Milford Board of Education

NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EXHIBIT A

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Sarah Noble Intermediate School New Milford, Connecticut November 12, 2013 Released as of November 12, 2013

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Personnel
 - 1. CERTIFIED STAFF
 - a. RESIGNATIONS
 - 1. None currently
 - 2. CERTIFIED STAFF
 - **b. APPOINTMENTS**
 - 1. Ms. Barbara Giannettino, Kindergarten Teacher, Hill and

Move that the Board of Education appoint Ms. Barbara Giannettino as Kindergarten Teacher at Hill and Plain School effective October 18, 2013.

2013-14 salary - \$50,379 (Step 1F) pro-rated to start date

2. Mrs. Bethany Raymond, Part-time (.49) Special Education Teacher, New Milford High School Move that the Board of Education appoint Mrs. Bethany Raymond as Part-time (.49) Special Education Teacher at New Milford High School effective November 13, 2013. 2013-14 salary - \$24,686 (Step 1F – 49% of \$50,379) pro-rated to start date

3. Ms. Jessica Seewald, English Teacher, Schaghticoke Middle School

Move that the Board of Education appoint Ms. Jessica Seewald as English Teacher at Schaghticoke Middle School effective November 13, 2013.

2013-14 salary - \$50,379 (Step 1F) pro-rated to start date

3. NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

a. RESIGNATIONS

1. Mrs. Pamela Knipe-Beckman, Accounting Manager, Central Office

Move that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Mrs. Pamela Knipe-Beckman as Accounting Manager at Central Office effective October 21, 2013.

Education History:

BA: SCSU

Major: Psychology MS: Univ. of Bridgeport Major: Elementary Education

Work Experience:

Long term substitute Newtown

New budgeted position

Education History:

BA: East Stroudsburg Univ.

Major: History

MA: East Stroudsburg Univ.

Major: Special Ed

Work Experience

Long term substitute Windsor

Locks

Replacing: J. Lopriore

Education History:

BA: Quinnipiac Univ.

Major: English

MA: Quinnipiac Univ.

Major: Secondary Education

Work Experience:

Long term substitute Region 5

Replacing: S. Clark

Personal Reasons

4. NON-CERTIFIED STAFF b. APPOINTMENTS

1. Mr. Arthur Benedict, Custodian, Northville Elementary School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Arthur Benedict** as Custodian at Northville Elementary School effective November 18, 2013.

2. **Mrs. Kathleen Sanders, Accounting Manager, Central Office

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint Mrs. Kathleen Sanders as Accounting Manager at Central Office effective on or about December 16, 2013.

2013-14 salary - \$59,000 pro-rated to start date

\$20.10 per hour

Replace M. Nelson

Education History:

BS: West Virginia University

Major: Accounting

MBA: Fairleigh Dickinson

University Major: Finance

Work Experience:
11 yrs. New Milford PS
7 yrs. Novartis Pharmaceuticals,
NJ, Dir. of Budgets &
Reporting/Mgr. Cost Analysis
& Reporting
3 yrs. Ilford Photo Corp.
Inventory & Cost Accounting
Mgr.
4 yrs. Misc. accounting exp.
Senior Cost Accountant, Cost
Accounting Mgr.

Rep. D. Socotch

5. SUBSTITUTES/INTERNS

a. APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Toni Bentley, Substitute Teacher
 <u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint Mrs. Toni Bentley as a Substitute Teacher effective November 13, 2013.

Mr. Gregory Chamberlin, Substitute Teacher
 <u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Gregory
 Chamberlin as a Substitute Teacher effective November 13, 2013.

Mrs. Kristan Giroux, Substitute Teacher
 Move that the Board of Education appoint Mrs. Kristan
 Giroux as a Substitute Teacher effective November 13, 2013.

4. Ms. Victoria Green, Substitute Teacher **Move** that the Board of Education appoint **Ms. Victoria Green** as a Substitute Teacher effective November 13, 2013.

Education History:

BA: Manhattanville College

Major: Sociology

Education History: BA: WCSU Major: Biology

Education History:
BA: CCSU
Major: Sociology
MSW: Fordham University
Major: Social Work

Education History: BS: CCSU

Major: French Education

Mrs. Kristeen Kaczka, Substitute Teacher
 Move that the Board of Education appoint Mrs. Kristeen
 Kaczka as a Substitute Teacher effective November 13, 2013.

6. Ms. April McKnight, Substitute Teacher Move that the Board of Education appoint Ms. April McKnight as a Substitute Teacher effective November 13, 2013.

Mrs. Melinda McMahon, Substitute Teacher
 Move that the Board of Education appoint Mrs. Melinda
 McMahon as a Substitute Teacher effective November 13,
 2013.

8. Ms. Catherine Monroe, Substitute Teacher
<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint Ms. Catherine
Monroe as a Substitute Teacher effective November 13, 2013.

Mrs. Nannette Pelletier, Substitute Teacher
 Move that the Board of Education appoint Mrs. Nannette
 Pelletier as a Substitute Teacher effective November 13, 2013.

10. Mrs. Suzanne Puglisi, Substitute Teacher
 Move that the Board of Education appoint Mrs. Suzanne
 Puglisi as a Substitute Teacher effective November 13, 2013

11. Ms. Reesa Roccapriore, Substitute Teacher Move that the Board of Education appoint Ms. Reesa Roccapriore as a Substitute Teacher effective November 13, 2013.

12. Mr. Andrew Tammero, Substitute Teacher Move that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Andrew Tammero as a Substitute Teacher effective November 13, 2013. Education History:
BS: WCSU
Major: Health
MS: CCSU
Major: Technology Ed.

Education History:

BA: Univ. of AL Birmingham

Major: English

MA: Univ. of AL Birmingham

Major: Secondary Ed.

MA: So. New Hampshire Univ.

Major: English

Education History: BA: WCSU

Major: Graphic Design

Education History:

BA: WCSU

Major: Secondary Education

MA: WCSU

Major: English Literature

Education History:

BS: Univ. of New Hampshire Major: Nutritional Sciences

Education History:

BA: Clemson University Major: Elementary Education

MS:WCSU Major: Curriculum

Education History: BS: CCSU Major: Management

MS: St. Joseph's University Major: Secondary Education

Education History:

BS: WCSU

Major: Health Education

6. ADULT EDUCATION STAFF a. RESIGNATIONS

1. None currently

7. ADULT EDUCATION STAFF

b. APPOINTMENTS

1. **Dr. Joanne Brogis,** Director of Adult Education, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Dr. Joanne Brogis** as Adult Education Director at New Milford High School effective November 13, 2013.

2013-14 salary - \$30,000 pro-rated to start date

Education History: BA: CCSU

Major: Psychology/Acctng.

MS: CCSU Major: Counseling 6th Yr.: SCSU

Major: Counselor Education

Ph.D.: UConn

Major: Educational Leadership

Work Experience: 14 yrs. Guidance Dir. & 7 yrs. Asst. Principal – Torrington 1 yr. Adult Ed Director –

Danbury

Replace: D. Duggan

8. BAND STAFF

a. RESIGNATIONS

1. None currently

9. BAND STAFF

b. APPOINTMENTS

1. Ms. Katelyn Russo, Volunteer Guard Tech-Winter, Band, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Ms. Katelyn Russo** as a Volunteer Guard Tech –Winter for Band at New Milford High School effective November 13, 2013.

Volunteer

10. COACHING STAFF

a. RESIGNATIONS

1. Mr. Thomas Cronin, Boys' JV Soccer Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education accept the resignation of **Mr. Thomas Cronin** as Boys' JV Soccer Coach at New Milford High School effective October 31, 2013.

2. Mr. Thomas Cronin, Boys' Varsity Tennis Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education accept the resignation of **Mr. Thomas Cronin** as Boys' Varsity Tennis Coach at New Milford High School effective October 31, 2013.

Personal reasons

Personal reasons

3. Ms. Bethany Mihaly, Boys' Diving Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education accept the resignation of **Ms. Bethany Mihaly** as Boys' Diving Coach at New Milford High School effective October 4, 2013.

4. Ms. Bethany Mihaly, Girls Diving Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education accept the resignation of **Ms. Bethany Mihaly** as Girls' Diving Coach at New Milford High School effective October 4, 2013.

Personal reasons

Personal reasons

11. COACHING STAFF

b. APPOINTMENTS

1. Mr. Steven Botelho, Volunteer Boys' Wrestling Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Steven Botelho** as Volunteer Boys' Wrestling Coach at New Milford High School effective December 2, 2013.

Volunteer

2. Ms. Tricia Blood, Girls' Interscholastic Basketball Coach, Schaghticoke Middle School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Ms. Tricia Blood** as Girls' Interscholastic Basketball Coach at Schaghticoke Middle School effective November 13, 2013.

2013-2014 stipend: \$1,895

3. Ms. Tricia Blood, Girls' Intramural Basketball Coach, Schaghticoke Middle School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Ms. Tricia Blood** as Girls' Intramural Basketball Coach at Schaghticoke Middle School effective November 13, 2013.

2013-2014 stipend: \$947

4. Ms. Tricia Blood, Girls' and Boys' Intramural Volleyball Coach, Schaghticoke Middle School **Move** that the Board of Education appoint **Ms. Tricia Blood**

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Ms. Tricia Blood** as Girls' and Boys' Intramural Volleyball Coach at Schaghticoke Middle School effective February 1, 2014.

2013-2014 stipend: \$947

5. Mr. Enrico (Rick) Casagrande, Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Enrico** (**Rick**) **Casagrande** as Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach at New Milford High School effective December 2, 2013, pending receipt of coaching permit.

Volunteer

6. Mr. Daryl Daniels, Boys' Assistant Wrestling Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Daryl Daniels** as Boys' Assistant Wrestling Coach at New Milford High School effective December 2, 2013.

7. Ms. Carrie DeMilio, Girls' Dance Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Ms. Carrie DeMilio** as Girls' Dance Coach at New Milford High School effective November 13, 2013.

8. Mr. Andrew DePalma, Boys' Assistant Ice Hockey Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Andrew DePalma** as Boys' Assistant Ice Hockey Coach at New Milford High School effective December 2, 2013.

9. Mr. Ryan Fitzsimmons, Boys' Assistant Wrestling Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Ryan Fitzsimmons** as Boys' Assistant Wrestling Coach at New Milford High School effective December 2, 2013.

10. Mr. Rob Hibbard, Boys' Intramural Basketball Coach, Schaghticoke Middle School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Rob Hibbard** as Boys' Intramural Basketball Coach at Schaghticoke Middle School effective November 13, 2013.

11. Mr. Daryl James, Girls' Freshman Basketball Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Daryl James** as Girls' Freshman Basketball Coach at New Milford High School effective November 25, 2013, pending receipt of coaching permit.

12. Mr. William Kersten, Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach at New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. William Kersten** as Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach at New Milford High School effective November 25, 2013. 2013-2014 stipend: \$3,006

2013-2014 stipend: \$1,419

2013-2014 stipend: \$2,428

2013-2014 stipend: \$3,006

2013-2014 stipend: \$947

2013-2014 stipend: \$2,813

2013-2014 stipend: \$5,626

13. Mr. Greg McMahon, Boys' Assistant Ice Hockey Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Greg McMahon** as Boys' Assistant Ice Hockey Coach at New
Milford High School effective December 2, 2013.

2013-2014 stipend: \$2,428

14. Ms. Bethany Mihaly, Girls' Gymnastics Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Ms. Bethany Mihaly** as Girls' Gymnastics Coach at New Milford High
School effective December 2, 2013, pending receipt of coaching permit.

2013-2014 stipend: \$3,859

15. Mr. Daniel Moore, Boys' Varsity Ice Hockey Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Daniel Moore** as Boys' Varsity Ice Hockey Coach at New Milford High School effective December 2, 2013, pending receipt of coaching permit.

2013-2014 stipend: \$3,739

16. Mr. David Mumma, Interscholastic Boys' Basketball Coach, Schaghticoke Middle School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. David Mumma** as Boys' Interscholastic Basketball Coach at Schaghticoke Middle School effective November 13, 2013.

2013-2014 stipend: \$1,895

17. Mr. Tony Nocera, Volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Tony Nocera** as Volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach at New Milford High School effective November 25, 2013.

Volunteer

18. Mr. Cody Norlander, Boys' Freshman Basketball Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Cody Norlander** as Boys' Freshman Basketball Coach at New Milford High School effective November 25, 2013. 2013-2014 stipend: \$2,813

19. Ms. Mary O'Connor, Girls' Assistant Gymnastics Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Ms. Mary O'Connor** as Girls' Assistant Gymnastics Coach at New Milford High School effective December 2, 2013.

2013-2014 stipend: \$2,508

20. Mr. Chris Piel, Boys' Varsity Wrestling Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Chris Piel** as Boys' Varsity Wrestling Coach at New Milford High School effective December 2, 2013.

21. Mr. Ryan Rebstock, Boys' Varsity Indoor Track Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Ryan Rebstock** as Boys' Varsity Indoor Track Coach at New Milford High School effective December 2, 2013.

22. Ms. Gina Silva, Volunteer Girls' Dance Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Ms. Gina Silva** as Volunteer Girls' Dance Coach at New Milford High School effective November 13, 2013.

23. **Mr. Shawn Stanco, Boys' JV Basketball Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Shawn Stanco** as Boys' JV Basketball Coach at New Milford High School effective December 2, 2013.

24. Mr. Joseph Tarantello, Girls' Varsity Indoor Track Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Joseph Tarantello** as Girls' Varsity Indoor Track Coach at New Milford High School effective December 2, 2013.

25. Mr. Wayne Thrall, Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Wayne Thrall** as Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach at New Milford High School effective November 13, 2013.

26. Mr. Giles Vaughan, Girls' JV Basketball Coach, New Milford High School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Giles Vaughan** as Girls' JV Basketball Coach at New Milford High School effective November 13, 2013.

2013-2014 stipend: \$4,626

2013-2014 stipend: \$2,777

Volunteer

2013-2014 stipend: \$3,657

2013-2014 stipend: \$2,777

2013-2014 stipend: \$5,626

2013-2014 stipend: \$3,657

27. Mr. Matt Wall, Girls' and Boys' Intramural Volleyball Coach, Schaghticoke Middle School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Matt Wall** as Girls' and Boys' Intramural Volleyball Coach at Schaghticoke Middle School effective February 1, 2014.

2013-2014 stipend: \$947

12. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

1. **Mrs. Samantha Gati-Tisi, Elementary Teacher, Sarah Noble Intermediate School

<u>Move</u> that the Board of Education approve a maternity leave of absence for **Mrs. Samantha Gati-Tisi** effective approximately January 10, 2014 through April 4, 2014.

2. **Mrs. Kathleen Sanders, Secretary to Food Services Director Move that the Board of Education approve a leave of absence for Mrs. Kathleen Sanders effective on or about December 16, 2013 for sixty (60) days.

Paid leave: 1/10/14-2/21/14 Unpaid leave: 2/24/14-4/4/14

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE OPERATIONS WEB PAGE UNDER NOVEMBER 5, 2013

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Exhibit A: Personnel Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated November 12, 2013
- B. Monthly Reports
 - 1. Purchase Resolution D-659
 - 2. Budget Position as of October 31, 2013
 - 3. Request for Budget Transfers
- C. Gifts & Donations
 - 1. PTO Exhibit B
- H. CSDE District Choice Form for 2013-2014

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

B. 2011-12 Strategic School Profile

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE POLICY WEB PAGE UNDER OCTOBER 15, 2013

- E. Policy for Approval
 - 1. 1140 Distribution of Materials to and by Students
- F. Policies for First Review
 - 1. 1250 Visits to the Schools
 - 2. 5131.111 Conduct: Camera Surveillance
- G. Policy for Second Review
 - 1. 3541 Transportation Services

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAN BE PREVIEWED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

- D. Approval of the Following Curricula
 - 1. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
 - 2. Medical Technology

APPROVED FIELD TRIPS November 2013

School	Grade/Dept.	Trip Date	Day(s) of the Wee	# of Students	# of Adults	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Subs</u>	Student Cost
NMHS	Band/9-12	10/19/13	Saturday	101	8	Band Competition @ Southington High School - Southington, CT	No	\$0
NMHS	Science/11-12	10/19/13	Saturday	5	1	Yale - New Haven, CT	No	\$0
NMHS	Band/9-12	10/26/13	Saturday	101	8	Band Competition @ John F. Kennedy Stadium - Bridgeport, CT	No	\$0
NMHS	Cut, Paste & Copy/11-12	10/29/13	Tuesday	14	1	Full Circle Promotions - New Milford, CT	No	\$0
NMHS	Band/9-12	11/2/13	Saturday	101	8	Band Competition @ MetLife Stadium - East Rutherford, NJ	No	\$0
NMHS	Business/11-12	11/13/13	Wednesday	25	1	Bantam Superior Court - Bantam, CT	Yes-1	\$15
NMHS	Band/9-12	11/23/13	Saturday	50	4	Northern Region Music Auditions @ Avon High School - Avon, CT	No	\$25
NMHS	9-12	11/23/13	Saturday	12	1	Irvington High School - Irvington, NY	No	\$0
NMHS	Social Studies/12	12/3/13	Tuesday	20	4	Chinatown/Metropolitan Museum of Art - New York, NY	Yes-1	\$56
JPS	3	12/3/13	Tuesday	100	17	Institute for American Indian Studies - Washington, CT	No	\$19
NMHS	Business/11-12	12/11/13	Wednesday	25	1	Bantam Superior Court - Bantam, CT	Yes-1	\$15
NMHS	English/12	12/17/13	Tuesday	24	1	Hill & Plain Elementary School - New Milford, CT	Yes-1	\$0
NMHS	English/12	1/10/14	Friday	25	1	Northville Elementary School - New Milford, CT	Yes-1	\$0
NMHS	Band/9-12	1/17-18/14	Friday-Saturday	30	4	CMEA Northern Regionals @ New Britain High School - New Britain, CT	No	\$0
NMHS	9-12	1/18/14	Saturday	12	1	Irvington High School - Irvington, NY	No	\$0
NMHS	Business/11-12	2/26/14	Wednesday	30	2	DECA State Conference - Planstsville, CT	Yes-2	\$65
NMHS	Band/9-12	4/10-13/14	Thursday-Sunday	101	8	Festivals of Music - Washington, DC	Yes-1	\$568

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Present:

Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach

Mr. David A. Lawson Mr. David R. Shaffer Mrs. Daniele Shook

Also Present:

Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Joshua Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Gregg Miller, Director of Fiscal Services

Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources

1.	Call to Order The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Policy Sub-Committee was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mrs. Faulenbach acting as chairperson.	Public Comment Discussion and Possible Action A. Policies Recommended for Revision and Approval at Initial Board Presentation: 1. Policy 1140 Distribution of Materials to and by Students		
2.	Public Comment None			
3.	Discussion and Possible Action			
Α.	Policies Recommended for Revision and Approval at Initial Board Presentation:			
1.	Policy 1140 Distribution of Materials to and by Students			
	 Mrs. Faulenbach stated this policy had been revised recently. The new revision is for compliance with recent legislation only. Dr. Paddyfote said that is why the policy can be approved at the initial Board presentation. Mrs. Shook asked if she was reading the revision correctly and that paper flyers were still allowed [when a budget referendum was set] but not electronic mailings and Dr. Paddyfote said that was correct. Mrs. Shook said she found it a waste of paper. Mr. Shaffer asked if persons could still post signs in the teacher lounge or other areas of the school and Dr. Paddyfote said it was not 			

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recommended.

Mrs. Shook moved to bring Policy 1140 to the full Board for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Policies Recommended for Revision:

1. Policy 1250 Visits to the Schools

 Mrs. Faulenbach said the policy changes are being recommended by legal counsel.

2. Policy 5131.111 Conduct: Camera Surveillance

- Dr. Paddyfote said the new language was added due to a case currently before the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) where there was testimony given that administration had looked at a recording. Administration had viewed the recording but did not keep a record of it as it did not show anything helpful. In discussion with the Board counsel, it was suggested that any recording that is viewed should be saved as sometimes what is not seen is as important for the record as what is seen.
- Mrs. Shook asked for clarification of the State of Connecticut Record Retention Law and Dr. Paddyfote said it governed what records needed to be kept and for how long and the recordkeeping associated with it.

Mrs. Shook moved to bring Policies 1250 and 5131.111 to the full Board for first review. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Policy Recommended for Revision after Full Board First Review:

1. Policy 3541 Transportation

Motion made and passed unanimously to bring Policy1140 to the full Board for approval.

- B. Policies Recommended for Revision:
- 1. Policy 1250 Visits to the Schools
- 2. Policy 5131.111 Conduct: Camera Surveillance

Motion made and passed unanimously to bring Policies 1250 and 5131.111 to the full Board for first review.

- C. Policy Recommended for Revision after Full Board First Review:
- 1. Policy 3541 Transportation

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- Mrs. Faulenbach said this policy was back at sub-committee after questions during first review at the Board. Mrs. Celli Rigdon had questions in two areas. The first question was on page 3541(e) regarding why the change in grades for when walking is considered hazardous. Mr. Miller said this was because of the way the buses run. The middle school buses run on the same early schedule as the high school buses and at certain times of the year may not make the half hour before sunrise requirement by a minute or two. He said the only way to fix this was either a change to the policy or to change the middle school start time.
- Dr. Paddyfote asked if there were any accommodation requirements and Mr. Miller said there were not. He said state guidelines also vary by local Board configurations.
- The consensus of the sub-committee was to leave the change as recommended.
- Mrs. Faulenbach said the other question was on 3541(c) regarding cul-de-sacs. Mr. Miller said if the sentence is read in its entirety, the additional language conforms to the walking distances listed on 3541(b). It clarifies actual practice.
- Mr. Lawson suggested the phrase "as referenced in Provision of Transportation" be added at the end to clarify.
- The sub-committee consensus was to add the phrase.
- Mr. Shaffer asked if many high schoolers walk a mile and a half or if that was just a top limit.
 Mr. Miller said not many do and that the distance is on the low side in comparison to other districts which may go up to two miles.

Mrs. Shook moved to bring Policy 3541 to the full Board for second review. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made and passed unanimously to bring Policy 3541 to the full Board for second review.

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D.	Policies Reviewed with No Revision Recommended:	D. Policies Reviewed with No
		Revision Recommended:
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1.	Policy 1000 Concepts, Goals and Roles	1. Policy 1000 Concepts, Goals and
2.	Policy 1110 Administration and School Relations	Roles
	with Board	2. Policy 1110 Administration and
3.	Policy 1110.1 Communications with the Public:	School Relations with Board
	Parent Involvement	3. Policy 1110.1 Communications
4.	Policy 1112 News Media Relationships	with the Public: Parent
5.	Policy 1112.5 Media Access to Students	Involvement
6.	Policy 1120 Public Participation at Board of	4. Policy 1112 News Media
	Education Meetings	Relationships
7.	Policy 1146 Recognition of Students, Citizens, Staff	5. Policy 1112.5 Media Access to
	Members	Students
8.	Policy 1150/1160 Communications with the Public	6. Policy 1120 Public Participation
9.	Policy 1212 School Volunteers	at Board of Education Meetings
10.	Policy 1251 Loitering or Causing Disturbance	7. Policy 1146 Recognition of
11.	Policy 1312 Public Complaints	Students, Citizens, Staff
12.	Policy 1313 Gifts to School Personnel	Members
13. 14.	Policy 1321 Public Performances by Students	8. Policy 1150/1160
15.	Policy 1322 Contests for Students Policy 1323 Gifts to Students	Communications with the Public
16.	Policy 1324 Fund-Raising by Students	9. Policy 1212 School Volunteers
17.	Policy 1325 Advertising and Promotion	10. Policy 1251 Loitering or
18.	Policy 1326 Solicitations by Staff Members	Causing Disturbance 11. Policy 1312 Public Complaints
19.	Policy 1330 Use of School Facilities	12. Policy 1313 Gifts to School
20.	Policy 1331 Smoking	Personnel
21.	Policy 1350 Senior Citizens' Benefits	13. Policy 1321 Public
22.	Policy 1411 Relations with Police Authorities	Performances by Students
23.	Policy 1412 Fire Department	14. Policy 1322 Contests for
24.	Policy 1430/1440 State and Federal Aid	Students
25.	Policy 1620/1640 Relations with Private Schools,	15. Policy 1323 Gifts to Students
	Colleges and Universities	16. Policy 1324 Fund-Raising by
26.	Policy 1700 Otherwise Lawful Possession of	Students
	Firearms on School Property	17. Policy 1325 Advertising and
	SV 359	Promotion
	 Mrs. Faulenbach said counsel had reviewed 	18. Policy 1326 Solicitations by Staff
	these policies and did not suggest any	Members
	revisions. The review date would be noted on	19. Policy 1330 Use of School
	the policies for distribution for reference	Facilities
	purposes. She said she would reference each	20. Policy 1331 Smoking
	policy in order in case of questions and for	21. Policy 1350 Senior Citizens'
	discussion.	Benefits
	Mr. Shaffer had a question on Policy 1110	22. Policy 1411 Relations with
	Administration and School Relations with	Police Authorities
		23. Policy 1412 Fire Department

- Board. He said many times when he is at an event people will approach him to talk about district personnel. Should he walk away or is he allowed to listen but not comment.
- Mr. Lawson said the intent of the policy was to prevent issues with a Board quorum.
- Dr. Paddyfote said caution should be shown when personnel are being discussed especially if a Board member is on a hearing subcommittee where impartiality must be maintained.
- Mrs. Faulenbach said Policy 1150/1160
 Communications with the Public is also covered under the roles of a Board member.
- Mrs. Faulenbach said Policy 1312 Public Complaints details the chain of command that the Board tries to follow.
- Mr. Shaffer asked for clarification regarding Policy 1313 Gifts to School Personnel. Dr. Paddyfote referred to the last sentence of the policy which says that certified staff should decline gifts etc. which might be construed to "impair or influence professional decisions or actions".
- Mr. Shaffer asked if the criteria listed in Policy 1322 Contests for Students was considered for ban or approval and Mrs. Faulenbach said yes they were for both.
- Mr. Shaffer said Policy 1324 Fund-Raising for Students states the Superintendent will furnish the Board with an up to date listing of fundraisers. Dr. Paddyfote said Mr. Miller's office tracks this and that it will be provided for next month's Operations meeting.
- Mr. Shaffer referenced the phrase that an item should not supplant the normal operating budget. He asked about the gift of a SmartBoard last year. Dr. Paddyfote said it was for an Excel classroom at HPS and it was not a budgeted item.
- Mr. Lawson said Policy 1325 Advertising and Promotion had been looked at very thoroughly a short time ago.
- Mr. Lawson asked if Policy 1326 Solicitations by Staff Members was impacted by the new

- 24. Policy 1430/1440 State and Federal Aid
- 25. Policy 1620/1640 Relations with Private Schools, Colleges and Universities
- 26. Policy 1700 Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property

- HIPPA regulations in regards to distribution of student information. Dr. Paddyfote said this information is considered directory in nature and was not prohibited.
- Dr. Paddyfote said Policy 1330 Use of School Facilities has an accompanying regulation with a fee schedule which is reviewed annually by the Board.
- Mr. Shaffer asked for clarification on Policy 1331 Smoking. Does it mean that that a student cannot smoke on school grounds at any time?
 Dr. Paddyfote said that is correct but the issue is with enforcement which is not always easy.
- Mr. Shaffer said Policy 1350 Senior Citizens'
 Benefits states that the pass is available at
 central administration offices and asked if it
 could be available at the senior center as well.
 Dr. Paddyfote said the staff at the senior center
 requests passes regularly for distribution and it
 is coordinated through her office.
- Mr. Lawson asked if the pass was for all school events and Dr. Paddyfote said it was.
- Mr. Shaffer said Policy 1411 Relations with Police Authorities states that students will be treated in a way to minimize embarrassment and that he was aware of cases where students were handcuffed etc. Mr. Lawson said that law enforcement officials have their own procedures to follow.
- Mrs. Shook asked why there were multiple numbers for Policy 1620/1640 Relations with Private Schools, Colleges and Universities. Dr. Paddyfote said one number refers to private schools, one to colleges and universities. Mrs. Faulenbach said it was similar to Policy 1430/1440 State and Federal Aid where one number refers to state and one to federal.
- Mr. Lawson asked if the state statute referenced in Policy 1700 Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property had changed due to the new gun law. Dr. Paddyfote said she would double check with counsel.

4.	Adjourn	Adjourn
	Mrs. Shook moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. seconded by Mr. Lawson and passed unanimously.	Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Wendy Faulenbach, Chairperson Board of Education

Present:

Mr. David A. Lawson, Chairperson

Mrs. Angela C. Chastain Mr. David R. Shaffer Mrs. Daniele Shook

Also Present:

Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools Mr. Joshua Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Denise Duggan, Teacher, New Milford High School

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1.	Call to Order The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Committee on Learning was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Lawson.	Call to Order
2.	Public Comment None	Public Comment
3.	Discussion and Possible Action	Discussion and Possible Action
A.	Review and Approval of Curriculum: • Mr. Lawson said the Committee would hear overviews of two curricula this evening as well as continue ongoing discussions of initiatives and hear answers to questions previously raised.	Review and Approval of Curriculum:
1.	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
2.	 Medical Technology Mrs. Duggan said she is most proud of the number of students who have continued in the field following high school instruction. She said three to four students are now EMTs. Two more will graduate paramedic school in December. Several students are nurses and Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs). Mr. Shaffer asked what the guidelines are for students in ambulances for training and if they are sheltered in any way. Mrs. Duggan said they follow the protocol of the ambulance crew. Mrs. Duggan said the Health Department 	Medical Technology

and Transportation Department guidelines are followed as well. Students are required to have ten "contact" hours and see everything that the ambulance crew does; that is part of the training.

- Mrs. Shook said this curriculum is very inclusive. She said the order of training was a little confusing to her. Mrs. Duggan said the order follows regular CNA and clinical training.
- Mr. Shaffer asked for clarification regarding the audience referenced in the curriculum. Mrs. Duggan said the audience is fellow students who role play within the class before they go out into the field.
- Mr. Lawson asked how long the EMT class had been in existence and Mrs. Duggan said five or six years. She said the Medical Technology class had run for at least 15 years.

Mrs. Shook moved to bring the following curricula to the full Board for approval: Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Medical Technology seconded by Mr. Shaffer and passed unanimously.

Motion made and passed unanimously to bring the following curricula to the full Board for approval: Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Medical Technology.

4. Items for Information and Discussion

A. Update on AP Results

- Mr. Smith distributed a breakdown of the number of AP students who took each test vs. number of students in the class.
- Mr. Smith said that a previous meeting had detailed low AP Calculus scores this year. Following subsequent conversations with Mr. Shaffer, it was decided to request that tests of any student who received a score of three or lower be re-scored in case of error. The request must come from the parent and all parents of these students have been sent a form letter for that purpose. The fee of \$25 per test submitted will be paid by the district. The district has until October 31, 2013 to submit the request.

Technician (EMT) and Medic Technology. Items for Information and Discussion

Update on AP Results

- Mr. Shaffer said he was aware of a previous student who had made the request and eight errors were found and his score increased.
- Mr. Lawson said the written portion was not all scored by the same person; scorers work in eight hour shifts. He said it doesn't hurt to ask for a review.
- Mr. Smith said they also would continue to reflect internally on how future instruction can be improved.

B. SAT Writing Data

- Mr. Smith said he had been asked to provide the writing number; it was 506. Trend data was not available for the meeting but would be provided.
- Mr. Lawson asked for comparisons to state and national data.
- Mr. Shaffer asked for data on the ACT for the last three to four years.
- Mr. Lawson asked if there was any recommendation for adding or deleting advanced placement classes. Mr. Smith said they would be discussing possible additions at the November COL meeting.

C. Measures of Academic Performance Assessment Parent Reports

- Mr. Smith said the district has completed its second full assessment. He distributed a sample parent report to the committee.
- Mr. Lawson asked if the report was required and Mr. Smith said it was not; it was the district's choice to provide.
- Mr. Shaffer asked who would get the report.
 Mr. Smith said every parent of a K-10 student who took the assessment.
- Mrs. Chastain asked when the report would be distributed. Mr. Smith said that has yet to be determined.
- Mr. Lawson asked if this was a growth report vs. an achievement report and Mr. Smith said it was a growth report. It does not show mastery but instead measures instructional level. Mr. Lawson suggested that the information may be

SAT Writing Data

Measures of Academic Performance Assessment Parent Reports

	Mrs. Shook moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. seconded by Mr. Shaffer and passed unanimously.	Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.
5.	Adjourn	Adjourn
D.	 Mr. Smith said this area continues to be fluid. The district needs to complete a new form for the state to solidify changes from last spring when we last submitted. Dr. Paddyfote said the new form required will go to the Operations Committee on November 5th then to the full Board. Mr. Lawson said the new process of teacher and administrator evaluation seems to be based solely on statistics. He asked if there was any place for a narrative accompaniment. Mr. Smith said there was not, but there are instructional rubrics in addition to the statistics. Mrs. Chastain asked about the number of evaluations required. Mr. Smith said for nontenured, there are three formal and three informal. For tenured, it is two formal and two informal. Mrs. Chastain asked if that was set by the district or the state and Mr. Smith said it was a district choice for tenured staff, within state guidelines. Non-tenured staff are state mandated. Mr. Lawson said there were 46 other states doing some variation of this evaluation process and that more change was certainly coming. 	Teacher Evaluation Update
	difficult for parents to understand. Mr. Smith said a cover letter would accompany the report to help clarify this for parents.	

Respectfully submitted:

David Lawson, Chairperson Committee on Learning

New Milford Board of Education Facilities Sub-Committee Minutes November 5, 2013

Lillis Administration Building, Room 2

Present:

Mrs. Lynette Celli Rigdon, Chairperson

Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Thomas McSherry Mr. William Wellman

Absent:

Mr. John W. Spatola

Also Present:

Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Joshua Smith, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Gregg Miller, Director of Fiscal Services

Mr. John Calhoun, Facilities Manager

Mr. Joseph Olenik, Assistant Facilities Manager Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources

Ms. Roberta Pratt, Director of Technology





1.	Call to Order	Call to Order
	The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Facilities Sub-Committee was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mrs. Celli Rigdon. Mrs. Faulenbach was seated in the absence of Mr. Spatola.	
2.	Public Comment None	Public Comment
3.	Discussion and Possible Action	Discussion and Possible Action
A.	Fire Marshal Walk-Through	Fire Marshal Walk-Through
	 Mr. Calhoun said this is an annual event. The Fire Marshal inspects all district facilities for code compliance and reviews fire drill logs. They have reviewed four facilities so far and should finish up within the next week or two. So far there have been no major compliance issues. 	
В.	Upcoming Repairs/Replacements	Upcoming Repairs / Replacements
	 Mr. Calhoun said he wanted to give the Board 	

information on some upcoming issues. The hot water heater at the high school needs to be replaced. Presently there are two 200 gallon units. They will be replaced by an 85 gallon direct fire system to gain maximum efficiency. This would cost \$8200 and use natural gas. Usage has shown that the 85 gallon unit will be sufficient because the two main users of hot water, Food Services and Athletics, utilize the hot water on different schedules. Mr. Calhoun says he expects a 50% energy saving.

- Mrs. Celli Rigdon asked if this purchase was in the five year capital plan. Mr. Calhoun said it was not; this is a repair that came faster than anticipated due to the effect of hard water.
- Mr. Calhoun said the boiler for the farmhouse is over 25 years old and showing its age. A new boiler would cost \$3900 and would have an energy efficiency rating of 87% versus the old boiler rating of 75%.
- Mr. Calhoun said he is looking to install variable frequency drives on the big chiller at the high school; these drives will adjust motor speed etc. The install would cost \$160,000 but would show an energy savings of \$84,000 in electric costs one year alone. An incentive is available which would provide a 40% to 50% rebate on the install. With the rebate, the project would have a nine to ten month payback. The financing would be handled through the district's utility bill; no outlay of cash is required.
- In terms of vehicle repair, Mr. Calhoun is looking at a cost of \$2500 to add a flatbed on a pickup truck. This would extend the truck's life a few more years and allow its use for sanding, plowing, and moving materials. There is a new truck requested in the capital budget which would be used by the district's plumber during the day and by Grounds for snow removal.
- There is a problem with the air conditioning unit in the SNIS server room. A replacement will cost \$5500. Mr. Calhoun is looking at

- lighting enhancements to that building which should help offset the cost.
- Concrete repairs and line painting have been done at SMS. Mr. Calhoun is planning to include this area in the upcoming budget so as to continue this process at other buildings in an attempt to prolong the overall life of the parking areas.
- The final repair has been made to the gas distribution system at the high school at a cost of \$6500. The entire gas system has been certified safe and complete.
- In the area of security, Mr. Calhoun said they continue to replace classroom blinds with new shades as needed. A contractor is evaluating all exterior doors.

C. Preliminary Forecast of 2014-2015 Budget Needs

- Mr. Calhoun said how the Board plans to handle the SMS roof replacement project is the main focus since it will continue to get worse over time. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.75 million.
- Mrs. Faulenbach asked what the timeframe is if the project is done in stages. Mr. Calhoun said it could be broken up into a five, six or seven year plan. Contractors are flexible and would work over the summer, in the evening or on weekends to accommodate a school. The largest piece that would need to be done at one time is the center section and its estimated cost is \$800,000 to \$900,000.
- Mr. McSherry asked if the center piece was in the worst shape and Mr. Calhoun said no, that it was in the middle.
- Mr. Calhoun said his budget request for repaying and resealing next year would focus on Northville Elementary School.
- At the high school, the arena ceiling is flaking and is an aesthetic issue more than a structural or safety issue. The cost to remove the paint

Preliminary Forecast of 2014-2015 Budget Needs

and resurface is \$75,000. The arena floor surface has never been re-sanded or resurfaced. The cost to do that is estimated at over \$10,000. Also at the high school, Mr. Calhoun is looking to upgrade the water softener system.

- Mr. Calhoun plans to budget for continued security enhancements to cameras, doors, access controls and perimeter alarm systems as well as fencing. He is also investigating portable metal detectors and a district-wide radio system that would tie in with the town's Police Department.
- In the five year capital plan, Mr. Calhoun plans
 to start the process of looking at a master key
 system district-wide, master clock replacement
 for the older buildings and an upgrade to the
 intercom system district-wide that would
 utilize the newer technologies available. The
 two chillers at the high school are reaching end
 of life. Replacement cost is estimated at
 \$140,000 to \$160,000.

D. Update on Victor Software

- Mr. Calhoun said this is the software we use for our camera system. Presently we have limited licenses and he would like to purchase additional licenses so there would be greater access to view cameras at various locations.
- Mrs. Faulenbach asked if remote access was
 possible now and Mr. Calhoun said it was not;
 viewers had to be at the building. Mr. Calhoun
 said the cost is \$8000 and was encumbered last
 year along with additional cameras at the
 elementary level.
- Mr. McSherry asked if this was an annual fee and Mr. Calhoun said it was a one-time cost and includes training.
- Mr. McSherry asked about current storage capacity. Mr. Calhoun said it was about a month presently but under the new system it would be much longer.

Update on Victor Software

4.	Adjourn	Adjourn
	Mr. McSherry moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach and passed unanimously.	Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lynette Celli Rigdon, Chairperson Facilities Sub-Committee

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New Milford Board of Education Operations Sub-Committee Minutes November 5, 2013

Lillis Administration Building, Room 2

Present:

Mr. Thomas McSherry, Chairperson

Mr. David A. Lawson Mrs. Lynette Celli Rigdon Mr. William Wellman

Also Present:

Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Joshua Smith, Assistant Superintendent

Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources

Mr. Gregg Miller, Director of Fiscal Services Ms. Roberta Pratt, Director of Technology

Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services

Mrs. Sandra Sullivan, Director of Food Services

Mr. John Calhoun, Facilities Manager

Mr. Joseph Olenik, Assistant Facilities Manager

1.	Call to Order The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Operations Sub-Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. McSherry.	Call to Order
2.	Public Comment None	Public Comment
	 Mr. McSherry moved Items of Information 4.A and 4.B to the beginning of the meeting as a courtesy to Mrs. Sullivan who was in attendance. 	
4.	Items of Information	Items of Information
A.	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance to Department of Consumer Protection of the State of Connecticut by Marcus Dairy, Inc.	
	• Mrs. Sullivan said that the approximately \$2700 referenced in this document came about due to a difference in bid pricing from 2007 to the present. The district did not use Marcus Dairy for that entire time frame. Wade Dairy was used for a few of the years. Mrs. Sullivan is very satisfied with the outcome and with an additional credit of approximately \$10,000 that	

Marcus Dairy provided in 2009/10 resulting from a clerical error.

B. Food Service Health Inspection

Mrs. Sullivan said the New Milford Health
Department does an inspection of all kitchens
within the school district three times annually.
The scores are usually in the high ninetieth
percentile historically. SNIS received a score of
100% this last inspection.

3. Discussion and Possible Action

A. Exhibit A: Personnel — Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence

 Ms. Baldelli said she may have a revised exhibit for next Tuesday's Board meeting as the district is in the process of interviewing for the Accounting Manager opening. A previous candidate had accepted the position then withdrew due to personal reasons. The Exhibit fills some teacher vacancies, the Adult Education director position, substitutes, band and coaching positions. The coaching positions are primarily for the winter season.

Mrs. Celli Rigdon moved to bring Exhibit A: Personnel - Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence to the full Board for approval.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lawson.

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Monthly Reports

- 1. Purchase Resolution D-659
- 2. Budget Position as of October 31, 2013
- 3. Request for Budget Transfers
 - Mr. Miller said that the district is running

Food Service Health Inspection

Discussion and Possible Action

Exhibit A: Personnel — Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence

Motion made and passed unanimously to bring Exhibit A: Personnel - Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence to the full Board for approval.

Monthly Reports

- 1. Purchase Resolution D-659
- 2. Budget Position as of October 31, 2013
- 3. Request for Budget Transfers

about \$170,000 ahead of this time last year which is a good sign. One account, the teacher sub account, is tracking unfavorably.

- Ms. Baldelli said there are 14 leaves of absence already this year, some unexpected medical leaves.
- Mr. Lawson asked about the length of the leaves. Ms. Baldelli said three of them are for the remainder of the year and two are undetermined at this time.

Mrs. Celli Rigdon moved to bring the monthly reports: Purchase Resolution D-659, Budget Position as of October 31, 2013 and Request for Budget Transfers to the full Board for approval.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lawson.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Gifts & Donations 1. PTO – Exhibit B

 Mr. McSherry thanked the PTO for the donation.

Mr. Lawson moved to bring Gifts & Donations: PTO – Exhibit B to the full Board for approval.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Celli Rigdon.

Motion passed unanimously.

D. CSDE District Choice Form for 2013-14

 Dr. Paddyfote said this is an amendment required by the state because the district is using the Smarter Balanced assessment and that data will not be available prior to completing teacher evaluation ratings. The amendment says that the district will not be using state assessment results as part of the evaluation plan next year. Motion made and passed unanimously to bring the monthly reports: Purchase Resolution D-659, Budget Position as of October 31, 2013 and Request for Budget Transfers to the full Board for approval.

Gifts & Donations
1. PTO – Exhibit B

Motion made and passed unanimously to bring Gifts & Donations: PTO – Exhibit B to the full Board for approval.

CSDE District Choice Form for 2013-14

- Mr. McSherry asked Dr. Paddyfote to clarify that the Board had already approved the process and was now modifying that approval because the data will not be available and Dr. Paddyfote said that is correct.
- Mrs. Celli Rigdon asked if this was universal throughout the state and Dr. Paddyfote said for any district using the Smarter Balanced assessment.
- Mr. Wellman asked why we are using that assessment. Dr. Paddyfote said it is more aligned with the common core and it makes sense to transition to it in 2014 before it is required.
- Mr. Lawson asked when results would be available and Dr. Paddyfote said next November. Evaluations are due by June 30th.
- Mr. Lawson asked what data would be used for evaluations. Mr. Smith said it will be local data not tied to state or national assessments.
- Mr. Wellman asked where the local data will come from. Mr. Smith said it could be portfolios, pre and post tests, MAP assessments; anything created by more than one teacher.
- Mrs. Celli Rigdon asked how it will be handled administratively. Dr. Paddyfote said the teachers are specifying the data in their Student Learning Objectives which the principal must approve.

Mr. Lawson moved to bring the CSDE District Choice Form for 2013-14 as amended to the full Board for discussion and possible action.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Celli Rigdon.

Motion passed 3-0-1.

Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. McSherry, Mrs. Celli Rigdon Abstain: Mr. Wellman Motion made and passed to bring the CSDE District Choice Form for 2013-14 as amended to the full Board for discussion and possible action.

4.	Items of Information	Items of Information
C.	Status of Phone System	Status of Phone System
	 Mr. McSherry said this is another expense going forward that will need to be addressed in the budget process. Mr. Lawson asked when the last time a significant expenditure was made on the phones. Mr. Miller said he believed it was over ten years but he would research it further. Mrs. Celli Rigdon asked for more detail as to the issues. Ms. Pratt said there are three separate vendors and systems, handsets and servers are old and are at or nearing end of life. In addition, the phones work differently from school to school. For example, at HPS a person trying to call 911 would need to hit a series of seven keys. Mrs. Celli Rigdon said that this was a major concern for her since in a crisis people are drilled to call 911, not hit seven keys first. Mr. Wellman asked if end of life meant parts were not available. Ms. Pratt said they were either not available or used. Mr. McSherry asked if this would be put in the capital budget request and Ms. Pratt said yes. 	
D.	Update on Network Infrastructure	Update on Network Infrastructure
	 Ms. Pratt said the network is aging. A few small servers may need to be replaced. Mr. Wellman said he had heard there was a problem with the computers when students were taking the online assessment. Mr. Smith said that was an external problem with NWEA and the State CEN network at the time, not with the district's internal resources. The issues have since been resolved. 	
E.	DMV Inspection Report	DMV Inspection Report
	Dr. Paddyfote said that the DMV does an	

annual inspection of bus fleets and she was pleased that All-Star received 100%.

· Mr. McSherry gave kudos to All-Star.

F. 2011-12 Strategic School Profile

- Dr. Paddyfote said this was just sent from the State. She highlighted a few areas. Free and reduced was at 17.5% in 2011-12 and had gone up to 19% last year. The ethnicity of the community has changed as well. Hours of instruction are below DRG and state averages at all levels. This is affected by the number of instructional days and the length of the school day. Dr. Paddyfote said elementary time had gone up but she would like to see the middle school and high school time go up as well. To make changes would require collective bargaining.
- Mr. Wellman asked about the drop off in gifted and talented at the elementary level.
- Mrs. Celli Rigdon said she believed it was because students are not typically tested until third grade.
- Dr. Paddyfote suggested that Mrs. Cooper, the teacher for the Talented and Gifted program, speak to this topic at Committee on Learning.

G. Preliminary Forecast of Budget Drivers for Fiscal Year 2014-15

• Mr. Miller said the percentages of preliminary foundation costs are based on contracts in place, recently settled or pending. Wage increases are an average of 2%, medical is estimated at 10%, worker's compensation and pension numbers come from the town but he is expecting increases to both, and transportation is at 4%. Munis will cost \$62,000 this year but the old AS 400 system will need to be carried for one year at a cost of \$14,000 before it can be used as an offset. Capital is based on no increase from last year. Using all those factors,

2011-12 Strategic School Profile

Preliminary Forecast of Budget Drivers for Fiscal Year 2014-15

Mr. Miller said his very preliminary projection, one that is sure to change, is \$1.9 million or a 3.2% increase.

 Dr. Paddyfote noted that the district has just finished arbitration with the administrators' union where the district proposed a 2.0% increase in salary and the administrators proposed a 2.75% increase. The outcome is not yet known.

5. Executive Session (anticipated)

A. Discussion regarding the records, reports and statements pertaining to the strategy and negotiations with Teamster's Local 677 - Custodians and Maintenance

Mrs. Celli Rigdon moved that the Board Committee enter into executive session in order to discuss the records, reports and statements pertaining to the strategy and negotiations with Teamster's Local 677 - Custodians and Maintenance and invite into the session Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lawson.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Committee and Dr. Paddyfote entered Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

The Committee and Dr. Paddyfote returned to Public Session at 8:38 p.m.

Mr. Lawson moved to bring the new Teamster's Local 677 - Custodians and Maintenance contract to the full Board for approval.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Celli Rigdon.

Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session (anticipated)

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Motion made and passed unanimously that the Board Committee enter into executive session in order to discuss the records, reports and statements pertaining to the strategy and negotiations with Teamster's Local 677 - Custodians and Maintenance and invite into the session Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote.

Motion made and passed unanimously to bring the new Teamster's Local 677 - Custodians and Maintenance contract to the full Board for approval.

6.	Adjourn	Adjourn
	Mr. Lawson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Celli Rigdon and passed unanimously.	Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Thomas McSherry, Chairperson Operations Sub-Committee



Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chairperson Mrs. Angela C. Chastain Mr. David A. Lawson	BUCKBE	D %	
	Mr. Thomas McSherry Mrs. Lynette Celli Rigdon		11 70	
	Mr. David R. Shaffer Mrs. Daniele Shook Mr. John W. Spatola	GE OK	2013 NOV	
	Mr. William Wellman			

Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. Joshua Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
	Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources
	Mr. Gregg Miller, Director of Fiscal Services
	Mr. John Calhoun, Facilities Manager
	Ms. Roberta Pratt, Director of Technology
	Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services
	Mr. Greg Shugrue, Principal, New Milford High School

1.	A.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	A.	Recognition Commended Students - 2014 National Merit Program: NMHS students Maren Harcken, Dennis Scheglov, and Hugh Sichel	Recognition Commended Students - 2014 National Merit Program: NMHS students Maren Harcken, Dennis Scheglov, and Hugh Sichel
		 Dr. Paddyfote praised the students for their high achievement in the National Merit Program and invited NMHS Principal Greg Shugrue to assist with the award presentation. 	
	В.	NMPS Retirees: Mrs. Sharon Arciola and Mrs. Nancy Carlson	NMPS Retirees: Mrs. Sharon Arciola and Mrs. Nancy Carlson
		 Dr. Paddyfote recognized these retirees for their over 30 years of dedicated service to the New Milford Public Schools. 	

	The meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m. for a brief reception and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.	
3.	Public Comment There was none.	Public Comment
4.	PTO Report	PTO Report
	 Mrs. Romaniello said book fairs would take place next week and the week after in the schools. Fundraisers have not been as successful as in the past. PTO is trying to increase membership and sales of discount cards for scholarship presentations. 	
5.	Student Representatives Report	Student Representatives Report
	There was none.	5- 1
6. A.	Approval of Minutes Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes 1. Regular Meeting October 8, 2013 2. Special Meeting October 22, 2013 Mr. McSherry moved to approve the following	Approval of Minutes Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes 1. Regular Meeting October 8, 2013 2. Special Meeting October 22, 2013 Motion made and passed
	Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting minutes of October 8, 2013 and Special Meeting minutes of October 22, 2013, seconded by Mrs. Shook and passed unanimously.	unanimously to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting minutes of October 8, 2013 and Special Meeting minutes of October 22, 2013.
7.	Superintendent's Report	Superintendent's Report
,=	 Dr. Paddyfote and Mr. Calhoun attended a security symposium today. The Governor, Commissioner of Education, and Commissioners from Public Safety and Emergency Planning were in attendance. New Milford will be awarded a grant of \$264,864 which will have to be matched by a \$323,714 expenditure but that includes money already 	

	 spent through April and money spent on the town-side. November enrollment numbers are in and there are 4,473 students currently enrolled. Dr. Paddyfote thanked those Board members whose service was ending: Mr. McSherry, Mrs. Celli Rigdon, and Mr. Wellman. 	
8.	 Mrs. Faulenbach echoed the thanks and gratitude already expressed for the retiring Board members. The December meeting of the Board will be the annual organizational meeting and it will start at 7:00 p.m. 	Board Chairman's Report
9.	Committee Reports	Committee Reports
A.	Facilities Sub-Committee	A. Facilities Sub-Committee
	 Mrs. Celli Rigdon said Mr. Calhoun detailed upcoming repairs and presented the preliminary budget forecast which includes the Schaghticoke roof repair. 	
В.	Operations Sub-Committee	B. Operations Sub-Committee
	 Mr. McSherry said the standard items were discussed including the monthly exhibits and reports and items of information. Also discussed were the Food Services inspections for the schools, which were excellent, and the DMV inspections which were very impressive. Other items included some budgetary items such as the phone system status and update on the network infrastructure. The Strategic School Profile for 2011-12 was also discussed. Mr. Spatola asked a question about the fourteen leaves of absences. Mrs. Faulenbach told Mr. Spatola to ask that question under the Exhibit discussion and action. 	

C.	Policy Sub-Committee	C. Policy Sub-Committee
	 Mrs. Faulenbach said there is one policy for approval, two for first review and one for second review on tonight's agenda. 	
D.	Committee on Learning	D. Committee on Learning
	 Mr. Lawson said there are two curricula on the agenda for approval and drafts for the next meeting. They continue to review updates in the curriculum area. 	
Е.	Education Connection	E. Education Connection
	 Mrs. Celli Rigdon said the annual report and district annual report, including six pages of what Education Connection does for New Milford, were discussed at the last meeting. 	
F.	Connecticut Boards of Education	F. Connecticut Boards of Education
	 Mrs. Faulenbach said there is a conference in November and a new Board member orientation meeting on December 10th. 	
G.	Negotiations Committee	G. Negotiations Committee
	 Mrs. Faulenbach said there are two contracts on the agenda this evening for approval and the administrators' union went to arbitration last week. 	
10.	DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION	4
Α.	Exhibit A: Personnel — Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated November 12, 2013	A. Exhibit A: Personnel — Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated November 12, 2013
	Mr. McSherry moved to approve Exhibit A: Personnel - Certified, Non-Certified, Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated	Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Exhibit A: Personnel — Certified, Non-Certified Appointments,

November 12, 2013, seconded by Mrs. Shook.

- Mr. Spatola asked about the fourteen leaves of absence, what they were for, if that was part of the contract, if they were paid or unpaid, and the number of days expected to be out. He said there were a total of 6500 absentee days which he felt was a lot.
- Ms. Baldelli said not all fourteen were taken at the same time. For child rearing, teachers are asked to give two months notice in advance. Most of the leaves are for child rearing. Some are for serious medical issues. Some of the teachers will be paid, some unpaid, based on how much sick time was available to them. She noted the absences are for a variety of reasons including sick time, professional development and bereavement.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Monthly Reports

- 1. Purchase Resolution D-659
- 2. Budget Position as of October 31, 2013
- 3. Request for Budget Transfers

Mrs. Shook made a motion to approve monthly reports: Purchase Resolution D-659, Budget Position as of October 31, 2013 and Request for Budget Transfers, seconded by Mr. McSherry.

- Mr. Lawson asked how much oil was used today as the weather had turned colder. Mr. Miller said the comparison will be made once oil is delivered later this month.
- Mr. Spatola asked what Washington Cab Co. and Connecticut Transportation were used for and Mr. Miller said Washington Cab is used for Walker Brook transport and Connecticut Transport is the shuttle for Faith Academy.
- Mr. Spatola asked who wrote the specs for the hot water heater noting that the original hot water heater accommodated 400 gallons versus

Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated November 12, 2013.

- **B. Monthly Reports**
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 - 2. Budget Position as of October 31, 2013
 - 3. Request for Budget Transfers

Motion made and passed unanimously to approve monthly reports: Purchase Resolution D-659, Budget Position as of October 31, 2013, and request for budget transfers.

85 gallons. Mr. Calhoun said his staff wrote the specs based on usage – he noted that the majority of the hot water was used by Food Services during lunch and the Athletic Department after school.

- Mr. Spatola asked for more specifics including cold fire, recirculating line, who wrote the specs and the number of bidders to which Mr. Calhoun responded that the heater will be cold fire, it will be close to the kitchen and locker rooms, the Assistant Facilities Manager and district plumber wrote the specs and there was a request for quotes to which three companies responded.
- Mr. Spatola asked about the labor costs and Mr. Calhoun said this was a materials only bid as his staff will do the installation.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Gifts & Donations
1. PTO — Exhibit B

Mr. Lawson moved to accept Gifts and Donations: PTO – Exhibit B in the amount of \$4,475.00, seconded by Mr. McSherry.

 Mrs. Faulenbach and Mr. Lawson thanked the PTO for their contributions.

The motion passed unanimously.

- D. | Approval of the Following Curricula
 - 1. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
 - 2. Medical Technology

Mr. Lawson moved to approve the following Curricula:

- 1. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- 2. Medical Technology Seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

The motion passed unanimously.

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- D. Approval of the Following Curricula
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Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the following Curricula:

- 1. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- 2. Medical Technology

E. Policy for Approval
1. 1140 Distribution of Materials to and by Students

Mr. McSherry moved to approve the following policy: 1140 Distribution of Materials to and by Students

Seconded by Mrs. Shook and passed 8-0-1.

Yes: Mrs. Chastain, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McSherry, Mrs. Celli Rigdon, Mr. Shaffer, Mrs. Shook, Mr. Spatola Abstain: Mr. Wellman

- F. Policies for First Review
 1. 1250 Visits to the Schools
 2. 5131.111 Conduct: Camera Surveillance
- G. Policy for Second Review
 1. 3541 Transportation Services
- H. | CSDE District Choice Form for 2013-14

Mr. McSherry moved to amend the State's approved Educator Evaluation and Support Plan for 2013-14 by checking "no" under the Evaluation Choice section of the District Choice Form for 2013-14 and to authorize the Superintendent to sign it as the Board's representative, seconded by Mrs. Shook.

- Dr. Paddyfote said the reason for this change is because New Milford will be using the Smarter Balanced Assessment testing. The State has said the test results will not be available until November which is too late to be utilized as part of the State evaluation program. As a result, the district must use local data such as portfolios and pre- and post- tests, and/or MAP assessment for evaluation purposes.
- Mr. Spatola asked why New Milford would not be using the State assessment and Dr.Paddyfote

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Motion made and passed to approve the following policy: 1140 Distribution of Materials to and by Students

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- G. Policy for Second Review
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Motion made and passed to amend the State's approved Educator Evaluation and Support Plan for 2013-14 by checking "no" under the Evaluation Choice section of the District Choice Form for 2013-14 and to authorize the Superintendent to sign it as the Board's representative.

> said it was because the students will be taking the Smarter Balanced field test and the data would not be available on time to use.

- Mr. Spatola asked if this would just be for one school year and Dr. Paddyfote said that is the thought.
- Mr. Shaffer asked what the MAP assessment was and Mr. Smith said it was part of the Northwest Education Assessment program which is a diagnostic test using computer based achievement tests for K-10.
- Mr. Shaffer asked what would take the State so long to get the results out since it was computer based and Mr. Smith said the State will be looking at the data and checking alignments as this is the first time that almost all states will be doing nationwide testing of field tests.

The motion passed 8-1.

Yes: Mrs. Chastain, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McSherry, Mrs. Celli Rigdon, Mr. Shaffer,

Mrs. Shook, Mr. Spatola

No: Mr. Wellman

I. Vote to terminate the contract of employment of Dean Roberts

Mr. McSherry moved to terminate the contract of employment of teacher Dean Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Celli Rigdon.

 Dr. Paddyfote said this position was reassigned due to reduction in force and Mr. Roberts chose not to show up nor did he ever resign. He was notified by state marshal that his contract was under consideration for termination.

The motion passed 8-0-1.

Yes: Mrs. Chastain, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. McSherry, Mrs. Celli Rigdon, Mr. Shaffer, Mrs. Shook, Mr. Spatola, Mr. Wellman

Abstain: Mr. Lawson

I. Vote to terminate the contract of employment of Dean Roberts

Motion made and passed to terminate the contract of employment of teacher Dean Roberts.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Field Trip Report

 Mr. Spatola asked why some band trips cost money and some were free and Mr. Smith said the one that cost money was a trip to an audition for Northern Regionals and therefore was an elective.

B. 2011-12 Strategic School Profile

- Mr. Spatola expressed concern over the test scores which showed New Milford as below schools in the same DRG and suggested the Board needed to spend some time discussing why this was happening. Mr. Smith said there were a variety of reasons that this was the case including the shifting away from teaching for the CMTs, the fact that New Milford is only in the second year of implementing instructional coaches where other school districts have had them longer, the need to change the math curriculum which has been discussed at length previously, and that the teachers have said they have not had enough training yet on the new standards.
- Mr. Lawson suggested that the Board needed to look at everything and not just some of the numbers. He noted New Milford spends less per pupil than the other schools in the DRG and less than the state average.
- Mrs. Shook said the better comparison would be to compare growth in the cohort – in other words was there growth from seventh grade to eighth grade.
- Mr. Spatola said he also looked at the total number of instructional days and New Milford was down even by state averages. Mr.
 McSherry said this was a budgetary issue as the system could not keep having no increase in funding and have an increase in the number of instructional days.
- Dr. Paddyfote noted that New Milford had been at 182 days at one time, then dropped to 180 days and now is at 181 days.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION A. Field Trip Report

B. 2011-12 Strategic School Profile

12.	Executive Session	Executive Session
A.	Discussion of records, reports and statements pertaining to the collective bargaining negotiations with Teamster's Local 677- Custodians and Maintainers	A. Discussion of records, reports and statements pertaining to the collective bargaining negotiations with Teamster's Local 677- Custodians and Maintainers
В.	Discussion of records, reports and statements pertaining to the collective bargaining negotiations with Teamster's Local 677- Food and Nutrition Services Employees	B. Discussion of records, reports and statements pertaining to the collective bargaining negotiations with Teamster's Local 677- Food and Nutrition Services Employees
	Mrs. Shook moved that the Board enter into executive session in order to discuss the records, reports and statements pertaining to the collective bargaining negotiations with Teamster's Local 677-Custodians and Maintainers and with Teamster's Local 677-Food and Nutrition Services Employees and to invite into the session Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent, seconded by Mr. McSherry and passed unanimously. The Board and Dr. Paddyfote entered Executive Session at 8:34 p.m. The Board and Dr. Paddyfote returned to Public Session at 9:10 p.m.	Motion made and passed unanimously for the Board to enter into executive session in order to discuss the records, reports and statements pertaining to the collective bargaining negotiations with Teamster's Local 677-Custodians and Maintainers and with Teamster's Local 677-Food and Nutrition Services Employees and to invite into the session Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent.
13.	Discussion and Possible Action	Discussion and Possible Action
A.	Approval of successor collective bargaining agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the Teamster's Local 677-Custodians and Maintainers	A. Approval of successor collective bargaining agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the Teamster's Local 677- Custodians and Maintainers

Mrs. Shook moved that the Board approve the successor collective bargaining agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the Teamster's Local 677 - Custodians and Maintainers as discussed in executive session and to further move that the Board authorize the Board

Motion made and passed that the Board approve the successor collective bargaining agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the Teamster's Local 677 - Custodians and

Chair to sign the memorandum on its behalf, Maintainers as discussed in seconded by Mr. McSherry. executive session and to further move that the Board authorize the The motion passed 8-0-1. Board Chair to sign the Yes: Mrs. Chastain, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Lawson, memorandum on its behalf. Mr. McSherry, Mrs. Celli Rigdon, Mr. Shaffer, Mrs. Shook, Mr. Wellman Abstain: Mr. Spatola В. Approval of successor collective bargaining B. Approval of successor collective agreement between the New Milford Board of bargaining agreement between Education and the Teamster's Local 677- Food and the New Milford Board of **Nutrition Services Employees** Education and the Teamster's Local 677- Food and Nutrition Services Employees Mrs. Shook moved that the Board approve the Motion made and passed that the successor collective bargaining agreement between Board approve the successor the New Milford Board of Education and the collective bargaining agreement Teamster's Local 677 – Food and Nutrition between the New Milford Board of Services Employees as discussed in executive Education and the Teamster's session and to further move that the Board Local 677 - Food and Nutrition authorize the Board Chair to sign the Services Employees as discussed in memorandum on its behalf, seconded by Mr. executive session and to further McSherry. move that the Board authorize the Board Chair to sign the The motion passed 8-0-1. memorandum on its behalf. Yes: Mrs. Chastain, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McSherry, Mrs. Celli Rigdon, Mr. Shaffer, Mrs. Shook, Mr. Wellman Abstain: Mr. Spatola 14. Adjourn Adjourn Motion made and passed to adjourn Mr. McSherry moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Shook and passed the meeting at 9:12 p.m. unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Daniele Shook

Secretary

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