

New Milford Board of Education
 Special Meeting
 November 14, 2006
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library/Media Center

Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chairman	
	Dr. Lisa Diamond	
	Mr. Joseph Failla	
	Mr. David Lawson	
	Mrs. Dian Traisci-Marandola	
	Mr. William McLachlan	
	Mr. Thomas McSherry	7:15 p.m.
	Ms. Jennifer Oliveira	
	Mr. Robin Ruggeiro	
	Dr. Lawrence Stillman	
	Mrs. Julie Turk	
	Mr. Joseph Vita	

Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent	
	Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Asst. Superintendent	
	Mr. John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services	
	Mr. Thomas Corbett, Director of Operations	
	Mr. John Calhoun, Director of Facilities	
	Mr. David Elmore, Director of Technology	7:30 p.m.
	Mr. Greg Shugrue, Principal, New Milford High School	
	Mrs. Dana Ford, Principal, Schaghticoke Middle School	
	Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Principal, Sarah Noble Intermediate School	
	Mr. Thomas Atticks, Principal, Northville Elementary School	
	Dr. Sandra Nadeau, Principal, Hill and Plain Elementary School	

1.	The Special Meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 pm. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.	Call to order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	<p>Student Recognition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Zachary Pitcher and Alexander Davlos were recognized for their writing, which will be published in the Anthology of Poems and Short Stories by Young Americans in December, 2006. Zachary and Alexander wrote their stories last year as second graders in Mrs. Masiulis' classroom. ▪ Zachary Ferguson and Steven Pet were recognized for performing the skills for a choking person in the high school cafeteria. ▪ The Boys' Cross Country Team of New Milford High School was recognized as the South West Conference Champions. 	Student Recognition
3.	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mrs. Lynn Nissenbaum, President of SMS PTO, thanked the Board for the reinstatement 	Public Comment

	<p>of programs such as summer school and intramural sports and urged the BOE to keep moving forward to fund programs such as Early Birds, Remedial Reading and tutoring services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Nadeau, Principal, Hill and Plain Elementary School, thanked the BOE for funding some of her building requests such as new carpeting, a new phone system and ceiling fans. 	
4.	<p>PTO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mrs. Denise Smith, President, New Milford PTO, reported that the PTO is maintaining the status quo, with November being a short, but very busy month. ▪ Mrs. Smith urged the BOE to disregard any premature suggestion of a percentage before all this year's budget information has been presented and considered. 	PTO Report
5.	<p>Student Representative's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First quarter ended on the 6th, with the 'real' school year's work beginning. ▪ NMHS Marching Band attended Championships in Bridgeport last week. ▪ The second edition of <i>The Chanticleer</i> has been published. ▪ Spanish Honor Society will hold their Talent Show on November 17th. ▪ Names Program training begins next week. ▪ The second Principal's Council will meet on November 16th. ▪ Powder Puff football game will be this week. ▪ National Honor Society will hold their induction on Monday at 7:00 pm. ▪ Thanksgiving break is coming up. ▪ Math Team has its first meet December 4th. ▪ Winter Sports begin after winter break. 	Student Representative's Report
6.	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>A. Motion made by Dr. Stillman: Move that the BOE approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes of September 12, 2006 and October 10, 2006 and the Special Meeting minutes of November 2, 2006.</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the BOE approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes of</p>

	<p>Seconded by: Mr. McSherry</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Rugeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	<p>September 12, 2006 and October 10, 2006 and the Special Meeting minutes of November 2, 2006.</p>
7.	<p>Superintendent's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Paddyfote reported that there was an overall variance of 30 students between our projected student enrollment and our actual enrollment. ▪ Dr. Paddyfote quoted figures of projection and actual enrollment in each of the six schools, as follows: NES 530-525 SNIS 1144-1157 JPS 515-504 SMS 781-780 H&P 489-492 NMHS 1560-1591 ▪ We have 24 people on our Strategic Planning Team from within and from outside. Four are parents, 1 is from the Board of Finance, 2 are from the business community. We are still waiting to hear from a number of people. 	<p>Superintendent's Report</p>
8.	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mrs. Faulenbach reported that a summary of the Board's accomplishments, in the form of an Annual Report is available for review. The BOE members were previously given one in their packet. ▪ The Board Chair offered the suggestion of a budget workshop prior to the budget review process. ▪ As we move into budget season, the BOE is reminded that some meeting times and dates are being modified. ▪ The next Board meeting is the Annual Meeting scheduled for December 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., followed by a Regular BOE meeting at 7:30. 	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p>
9.	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Facilities Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. McSherry reported that the JMOA 	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Facilities Sub-Committee Report</p>

	<p>Engineering firm spoke with the Committee about a master plan for the use and maintenance of our facilities. It will be brought to the Board for discussion at next month's Board meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ East Street building space and utilization issues are an ongoing project. Surveys have been completed and analyzed and discussion continues. ▪ The district's response to a major disaster clean up was discussed, but the Committee will not bring this issue to the Board at this time. 	
	<p>B. Operations Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Diamond reported that the Sub-Committee had a full agenda starting with the regular monthly reports. ▪ The Magnet School was discussed at length and discussion will continue. ▪ Ms. Baldelli again visited the Committee. Her staffing requests and the tutoring requests for NES are covered on the Revised Budget Transfers on tonight's agenda. ▪ The NMBOE contract with the Sherman BOE was discussed and will be covered by a motion later in this meeting. ▪ There is a motion on the agenda to waive tuition for a non-resident high school senior. 	<p>Operations Sub-Committee Report</p>
	<p>C. Policy Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mrs. Marandola reported that the Policy Committee has come to the final stages of its review and reworking of Health and Environmental Procedures for Asthma, AEDs, and Life-Threatening Food Allergies. ▪ Each school representative spoke of the climate that they promote in their school to encourage awareness. ▪ Next month the Committee will look into Emergency Preparedness Planning. ▪ Policy changes have been brought to the Board for their approval tonight. 	<p>Policy Sub-Committee Report</p>
	<p>D. Committee on Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. McLachlan reported that there is a motion on the agenda to approve the development of 	<p>Committee on Learning</p>

	<p>two courses for the High School.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All day kindergarten was discussed, and this discussion will continue. ▪ An online learning program is being piloted and appears to be very promising. ▪ The next COL meeting will be November 21st at 7:30 pm. 	
10.	Discussion and Possible Action Items	Discussion and Possible Action Items
	<p>A. Revised Exhibit A – Personnel</p> <p>Motion by Dr. Diamond: Move that the BOE approve Revised Exhibit A – Personnel, as recommended by the Superintendent.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mr. McSherry</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Rugeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed to approve Revised Exhibit A as recommended by the Superintendent.</p>
	B. Monthly Reports	Monthly Reports
	<p>Motion by: Mr. Rugeiro: Move that the BOE approve the Monthly Reports: Revised Request for Transfers, Revised Purchase Resolution D-595, and Budget position as of 10/31/06.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Rugeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed to approve the Monthly Reports: Revised Request for Budget Transfers, Revised Purchase Resolution D-595, and Budget Position as of 10/31/06.</p>

	<p>C. Strategic School Profile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. Paddyfote explained to the BOE that, although the Strategic School Profile usually goes to the Committee on Learning, it is presented to the Board for review. She highlighted some areas and pointed out some areas for concern.▪ Dr. Paddyfote pointed out that a significant fewer number of Juniors and Seniors are working more than 16 hours a week (15%), as compared to 2001 when 44% were working more than 16 hours.▪ 56.6% of our Juniors and Seniors are taking college level credit courses.▪ SAT and CAPT scores are positive.▪ The district has made positive gains in addressing class sizes at the high school in selected areas.▪ Physical fitness test scores are also rising.▪ Dr. Paddyfote also pointed out areas of concern for New Milford. More of our kindergarten age children are not attending pre-school programs.▪ Instructional hours at the elementary level are below state statistics.▪ Instead of meeting a state average of 28 subscriptions to periodicals, SMS has only two subscriptions.▪ Mr. Mulvihill, as liaison with Education Connection's Head Start program, stated that hopefully, after this first year of Head Start in New Milford, with 38 students, our numbers will rise.▪ The Harcourt Foundation funded a grant to Education Connection and the New Milford Public Schools in the amount of \$10,000. These funds will be used over the summer to define our benchmarks for students entering and leaving kindergarten. With established benchmarks, pre-school programs can incorporate this information into their programs.	<p>Strategic School Profile</p>
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	<p>D. Gifts and Donations</p> <p>Motion by Dr. Stillman: Move that the BOE accept the gift/donation of \$1,175 from the PTO to SNIS for Slapstick Science.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mr. McSherry</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the BOE accept the gift/donation of \$1,175 from the PTO to SNIS for Slapstick Science.</p>
	<p>E. Motion by Mr. McLachlan: Move that the BOE approve the development of the following: a poetry course for NMHS and Conversational Spanish I for NMHS.</p> <p>Seconded by: Ms. Olivera</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the BOE approve the development of the following: a poetry course for NMHS and Conversational Spanish I for NMHS.</p>
	<p>F. Motion by Mrs. Marandola: Move that the BOE suspend Policy 9311 to approve Policies 9005, 9010, 9012, 9115, 9123, 9130, 9132, 9133, 9230, 9320, 9322, 9323, 9324, 9325.2, 9325.4, 9400.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mr. McSherry</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the BOE suspend Policy 9311 to approve Policies 9005, 9010, 9012, 9115, 9123, 9130, 9132, 9133, 9230, 9320, 9322, 9323, 9324, 9325.2, 9325.4, 9400.</p>

	<p>G. Motion by Mrs. Marandola: Move that the BOE approve Policies 9005, 9010, 9012, 9115, 9123, 9130, 9132, 9133, 9230, 9320, 9322, 9323, 9324, 9325.2, 9325.4, 9400.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Rugeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the BOE approve Policies 9005, 9010, 9012, 9115, 9123, 9130, 9132, 9133, 9230, 9320, 9322, 9323, 9324, 9325.2, 9325.4, 9400.</p>
	<p>H. Motion by Mr. McLachlan: Move that the BOE grant a tuition waiver for a non-resident Senior enrolled at New Milford High School.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mr. McSherry</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Rugeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay: Mrs. Turk</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed 11-1-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the BOE grant a tuition waiver for a non-resident Senior enrolled at New Milford High School.</p>
	<p>I. Motion by Mr. Rugeiro: Move that the BOE authorize the Board Chair to sign and enter into a contract with the Sherman BOE.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Rugeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the BOE authorize the Board Chair to sign and enter into a contract with the Sherman BOE.</p>

12.	Motion by Dr. Diamond: Move that the BOE adjourn. Seconded by: Dr. Stillman Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Oliveira, Mr. Ruggeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 12-0-0	Motion made and passed that the NMBOE adjourn.
	The Meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was adjourned at 7:55 pm.	Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Vita
Secretary, New Milford Board of Education