

New Milford Board of Education
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 May 8, 2007
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center

Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Board Chairperson
	Dr. Lisa Diamond (Left meeting at 9:45 p.m.)
	Mr. Joseph Failla
	Mr. David A. Lawson
	Mrs. Dian Traisci-Marandola
	Mr. William McLachlan
	Mr. Thomas McSherry
	Mr. Robin Ruggiero
	Dr. Lawrence Stillman
	Mrs. Julie Turk
	Mr. Joseph Vita

Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent
	Mr. Thomas Corbett, Director of Operations
	Mr. John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services
	Mr. John Calhoun, Director of Facilities
	Mr. David Elmore, Director of Technology
	Mrs. Adele Johnson, Supervisor of Special Education
	Mr. Greg Shugrue, New Milford High School Principal
	Mrs. Dana Ford, Schaghticoke Middle School Principal
	Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Sarah Noble Intermediate School Principal
	Mrs. Paula Kelleher, John Pettibone Elementary School Principal
	Dr. Sandy Nadeau, Hill & Plain Elementary School Principal
	Mr. Tom Atticks, Northville Elementary School Principal
	Mr. John Lee, New Milford H.S., Assistant Principal
	Mr. Gerry Robinson, New Milford H.S., Assistant Principal
	Mrs. Donna Luzi, New Milford H.S., Assistant Principal
	Mrs. Maryann Ness, New Milford H.S., Assistant Principal
	Mr. Denis Dolan, Schaghticoke Middle School, Asst. Principal

1.	The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was Called to Order at 7:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the Call to Order.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	<p>Student and Staff Recognition</p> <p>A. Joy Gaiser, Carol Allison, Sue Hackel and Susan Sullivan were recognized for the production “Sarah Noble Remembers”.</p> <p>B. Sarah Barringer, a New Milford High School sophomore, has received the Gold Award from The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers for her short story “A New Snow”.</p>	Student and Staff Recognition

	<p>Mrs. Faulenbach invited the honorees and their families to a reception. The Board retired to the reception at 7:42pm</p> <p>The New Milford Board of Education reconvened at 7:54pm.</p>	
3.	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>The following individuals addressed the Board regarding the non-renewal of a teacher: Edward Crane, Adam Caldwell, Jennalee Forbes, Casey Kinney, Meghan Johnson, Dave Johnson, Christa Laukevicz, Lisa Best, Christopher Fox, Brock Putnam, Chalice Racey, John Lee, Cynthia Forbes, Candace Corbett, Mark Caldwell, Tom Trujillo, Tom Atticks, Matt Boucha, Pam Lavender, Chris Raymond, Lisa Macey, Kirsta Raymond</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach called a brief recess at 8:56 p.m. The New Milford Board of Education reconvened its meeting at 9:10 p.m.</p>	Public Comment
4.	<p>Denise Smith presented the PTO report.</p>	PTO Report
5.	<p>Danielle Pelillo and Amy Holland reported to the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 4th- Senior-Senior dance • May 5th- Junior Prom • May 7th-11th “Teacher Appreciation Week” • May 9th- “Nurses Day” • May 17th- NMHS instrumental concert • May 24th- Choral Concert • May 18th- Senior Prom 	Student Representatives’ Report
6.	<p>1. Motion by Dr. Stillman: Move that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the minutes from its Regular Meeting held on April 10, 2007. Seconded by: Mrs. Marandola</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman,</p>	Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the minutes of its Regular Meeting held April 10, 2007.

	<p>Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed – Unanimously</p> <p>2. Motion by Mr. Ruggiero: Move that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the minutes from the F.O.I. Workshop held April 23, 2007. Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain: Dr. Diamond, Mr. McLachlan, Mrs. Marandola</p> <p>Motion Passed: 8-0-3</p> <p>3. Motion made by Dr. Stillman: Move that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the minutes of the Non-Renewal Hearing held April 25-26, 2007. Seconded by: Mr. Failla</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain: Dr. Diamond, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan</p> <p>Motion Passed: 8-0-3</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the minutes of the F.O.I. Workshop held April 23, 2007.</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the minutes of the Non-Renewal Hearing held on April 25-26, 2007.</p>
7.	<p>Superintendent’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation strike occurring; school will re-open May 9th; see district website for on-going updates; police will be assisting with the regulation of traffic. • The Superintendent visited Danbury & Waterbury’s school-based health centers. • Hill & Plain celebrated New Milford’s Birthday. 	Superintendent’s Report

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superintendent attended the Prayer Breakfast on May 3rd. • Last week was Schaghticoke's 3rd Celebration of Excellence event. • Sunday was the 19th annual senior art show at the Railroad Station. 	
8.	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair went to the health centers, Schaghticoke's Celebration of Excellence and the prayer breakfast. <p>The Chair asked for feedback on providing Board members' email addresses on the district's website to improve communication.</p>	Board Chairman's Report
9.	<p>A. Facilities Sub-Committee Report given by Mr. Thomas McSherry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. McSherry reported the Sarah Noble hot water heater is repaired. • Use of Building fees- These fees are reviewed annually. • RFP for security- nothing final. Mr. Turk to meet with the New Milford Police Department. • East Street facility – An update on the status was discussed. • Energy Education- It is too early in the process to see any savings at this time. <p>B. Operations Sub-Committee Report given by Dr. Lisa Diamond.</p> <p>C. Policy Sub-Committee Report given by Mrs. Dian Traisci-Marandola.</p> <p>No report. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>D. Committee on Learning Report given by Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach for Mr. Bill McLachlan</p> <p>The committee reviewed the 5-year curriculum plan and a number of curricula.</p>	Committee Reports

<p>10.</p>	<p>A. Revised Exhibit A</p> <p>Motion by Mr. McSherry: Move that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve Revised Exhibit A as recommended by the Operations Sub-Committee. Seconded by: Dr. Diamond</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain: Mr. Lawson recused himself from the vote.</p> <p>Motion Passed: 10-0-0</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve Revised Exhibit A</p>
	<p>B. Monthly Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request for Budget Transfers 2. Purchase Resolution D-600 3. Budget Position as of 4/30/07 <p>Motion by Mr. Lawson: Move that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the monthly reports as recommended by the Operations Sub-Committee. Seconded by: Mr. Failla</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed – Unanimously</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the monthly reports</p>
	<p>C1. Exhibit B: PTO</p> <p>Motion by Mr. Lawson: Move that the New Milford Board of Education vote to accept Exhibit B: PTO Gifts and Donations as recommended by the Operations Sub-Committee. Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p>	<p>Gifts and Donations</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education vote to accept Exhibit B: PTO Gifts and Donations</p>

	<p>Discussion: Appreciation was expressed to the PTO for their generous donations.</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed – Unanimously</p>	
	<p>C2. Exhibit C: MVP-SOS</p> <p>Motion by Mr. McSherry: Move that the New Milford Board of Education vote to accept Exhibit C: MVP-SOS as recommended by the Operations Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mr. Lawson</p> <p>Discussion: The MVP-SOS was recognized for their growing support of school activity needs.</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita</p> <p>Nay:</p> <p>Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed - Unanimously</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education vote to accept Exhibit C: MVP-SOS</p>
	<p>D. Healthy Food Certification Statement for July 1, 2007</p> <p>Motion by Mrs. Marandola: Move that the New Milford Board of Education vote to continue its participation in the National School Lunch Program; permit for sale to students only those beverages that meet the requirements of Public Act 06-63 Section 1; permit for sale to students only those food and snack items that meet the requirements of Public Act 06-62 Section 3 and exclude from the above only those food and beverage sales that: are in conjunction with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day; are made at the location of the event and made</p>	<p>Healthy Food Certification Statement for July 1, 2007</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education vote to continue its participation in the National School Lunch Program; permit for sale to students only those beverages that meet the requirements of Public Act 06-63 Section 1; permit for sale to students only those food and snack items that</p>

	<p>directly by an individual or group and <u>not</u> from a vending machine or school store as recommended by the Operations Sub-Committee. Seconded by: Mr. McSherry</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Mr. McLachlan Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed: 10-1-0</p>	<p>meet the requirements of Public Act 06-62 Section 3 and exclude from the above only those food and beverage sales that: are in conjunction with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day; are made at the location of the event and made directly by an individual or group and <u>not</u> from a vending machine or school store.</p>
E1.	<p>Approval of the following curriculum</p> <p>Motion by Mr. Lawson: Move that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the Photography curriculum as recommended by the Committee on Learning. Seconded by: Mrs. Turk</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed – Unanimously</p>	<p>Approval of curriculum</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the Photography curriculum</p>
E2.	<p>Motion by Mrs. Marandola: Move that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the Biology curriculum as recommended by the Committee on Learning. Seconded by: Dr. Diamond</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed – Unanimously</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the Biology curriculum</p>

E3.	<p>Motion by Dr. Stillman: Move that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the Academic Statistics curriculum as recommended by the Committee on Learning. Seconded by: Mr. Lawson</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed - Unanimously</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the Academic Statistics curriculum</p>
E4.	<p>Motion by Mr. Lawson: Move that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the Human Growth and Development Units (Health Gr. 5) as recommended by the Committee on Learning. Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Discussion: As the district is getting ready to review the K-12 Scope & Sequence of the Health Education curriculum, there is a need to review the human growth and development units in context of the K-12 Scope & Sequence Health curriculum. Mrs. Marandola has recommended that specific lesson plans and assessments be included in the development of this unit in keeping with the standards for all curricula in the district.</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed – Unanimously</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the Human Growth and Development Units (Health Gr. 5)</p>
F.	<p>Motion by Mrs. Marandola: Move that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the Use of Buildings Fee Structure as recommended by the Facilities Sub-Committee. Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Failla,</p>	<p>Use of Buildings Fee Structure Proposal</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education vote to approve the Use of</p>

	<p>Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed – Unanimously</p> <p>Dr. Diamond left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Buildings Fee Structure as recommend by the Facilities Sub-Committee.</p>
11.	<p>The textbook previews are in Mr. Mulvihill’s office for review.</p> <p>Motion by Mr. Failla: Move that the New Milford Board of Education amend the agenda to discuss the issues raised in an anonymous letter to the Board. Seconded by: Mrs. Marandola</p> <p>The Board entered into discussion on the issues of policy with electronic devices. Concerns were expressed that the policy may not be applied consistently. Faculty should be able to bring concerns to the Boards. Board members acknowledged that there must be a fine balance between the administration, teachers and students to achieve a safe school environment . The Board discussed an action plan to follow-up these issues in committee and at the full Board level.</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed - Unanimously</p>	<p>Items for Discussion</p>
12.	<p>Motion by Mr. McSherry: Move that the New Milford Board of Education vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s evaluation and further move that Dr. Paddyfote be invited into Executive Session. Seconded by: Mr. Lawson</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry,</p>	<p>Executive Session</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s evaluation and further move that Dr.</p>

	<p>Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed – Unanimously The ten members of the Board of Education and entered into Executive Session at 9:51 p.m. Dr. Paddyfote was invited into Executive Session at 10:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Paddyfote be invited into executive session.</p>
13.	<p>A. The Board reconvened at 10:20 p.m.</p> <p>Motion by Mr. McSherry: Move that the New Milford Board of Education accept and adopt the evaluation summary of the Superintendent of Schools for the 2007-2008 school year. Seconded by: Mrs. Marandola</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain: Motion Passed - Unanimously</p>	<p>Superintendent’s Evaluation</p> <p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education accept and adopt the evaluation summary of the Superintendent of Schools for the 2007-2008 school year.</p>
	<p>C. Motion by Mr. McSherry: Move that the New Milford Board of Education reelect the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with Section 10-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes for a new three-year term. Seconded by: Dr. Stillman</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed – Unanimously :</p> <p>Motion by Mr. Lawson: Move that upon the request of the Superintendent for a new, three-year contract, that the Board authorize the Board Chair to enter into negotiations with the Superintendent regarding compensation under such contract. Seconded by: Mrs. Turk</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education reelect the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with Section 10-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes for a new, three-year term.</p> <p>Motion made and passed that upon the request of the Superintendent for a new, three-year contract, that the Board authorize the Board Chair to enter into</p>

	<p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed – Unanimously</p>	<p>negotiations with the Superintendent regarding compensation under such contract.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Motion by Mr. Ruggiero: Move that the New Milford Board of Education adjourn. Seconded by: Mrs. Turk</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Failla, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggiero, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain:</p> <p>Motion Passed - Unanimously</p> <p>The New Milford Board of Education adjourned at 10:22 p.m.</p>	<p>Motion made and passed to adjourn.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Dian Traisci-Marandola
 Board Secretary