

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
New Milford Public Schools  
50 East Street  
New Milford, Connecticut 06776**

**COMMITTEE ON LEARNING  
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE**

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>May 31, 2011</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>7:30 P.M.</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	<b>Lillis Administration Building – Room 2</b>

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**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**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board welcomes public participation and asks that speakers please limit their comments to 3 minutes. Speakers may offer objective comments of school operations and programs that concern them. The Board will not permit any expression of personal complaints or defamatory comments about Board of Educations personnel and students, nor against any person connected with the New Milford Public School System.

**3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**A. Review and approval of curriculum:**

- 1. Ceramics I**
- 2. Childhood Development**
- 3. Introduction to Psychology**

**4. ADJOURN**

**Sub-Committee Members:** Mrs. Alexandra Thomas, Chair  
Mr. David A. Lawson  
Mrs. Lynette Celli Rigdon  
Mrs. Nancy C. Tarascio-Latour

**Alternates:** Mr. Thomas McSherry  
Mr. Rodney Weinberg

The Committee on Learning documents  
can be previewed in the  
Office of the Assistant Superintendent—  
Lillis Administration Building—Room 6.

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**New Milford Board of Education  
 Committee on Learning Special Meeting Minutes  
 May 31, 2011  
 Lillis Administration Building, Meeting Room 2**

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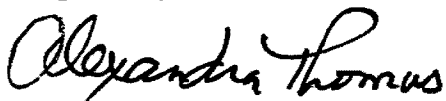
Present:	Mrs. Alexandra Thomas, Chairperson
	Mr. David Lawson
	Mrs. Lynette Celli Rigdon
	Mr. Thomas McSherry

Also Present:	Dr. Maureen McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. Wisdom Jarvis, Teacher
	Mrs. Kristeen Kaczka, Teacher

<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order</b> The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Committee on Learning Sub-Committee special meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Thomas; Mr. McSherry was seated as an alternate for Mrs. Nancy Tarascio-Latour.	<b>Call to Order</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b> No public comment.	<b>Public Comment</b>
<b>3. A.</b>	<b>Discussion and Possible Action:          Review and Approval of Curriculum</b>  <b>1. Child Development</b> Mrs. Kaczka reported on the updated curriculum. The goal is for students interested in childcare to have the opportunity to work with children one-on-one for a ten week session. A new college level textbook will discuss theories and development of childhood. Students in the program will observe kindergarten and preschoolers prior to the one-on-one sessions; a journal will be kept by each student working with three-year-olds one day a week and four-year-olds two days a week.  A new course for next year, Early Childhood, focusing on birth to three years of age, will be a prerequisite to the Child Development course. With two classes in the early childhood career pathway, students are eligible to take the Connecticut State Technical Exam for Early Childhood. This is beneficial for our Perkins Grant status as we use Perkins money to fund these career pathway courses.	<b>Discussion and Possible Action:          Review and Approval of Curriculum          Child Development</b>

	<p><b>2. Introduction to Psychology</b>          Mrs. Thomas suggested this course and others include an overview at the beginning of documents. Dr. McLaughlin will include the overview for all courses.</p> <p>Mr. Jarvis, in answer to Mrs. Thomas, commented that the resources are similar in each unit; however, there are subtle differences especially with videos.</p> <p><b>3. Ceramics I</b>          Mr. Lawson mentioned the multi-cultural aspects applied to each unit of the course.</p> <p>Dr. McLaughlin will add the overview of this course.</p> <p>Mr. McSherry moved to bring Ceramics I, Childhood Development, and Introduction to Psychology to the June Board meeting for approval. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion which passed unanimously: Mr. Lawson, Mr. McSherry, Ms. Thomas, and Ms. Rigdon.</p>	<p><b>Introduction to Psychology</b></p> <p><b>Ceramics I</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Adjournment</b>          McSherry moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.; motion seconded by Mr. Lawson and passed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Adjournment</b>          Motion passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,



Alexandra Thomas  
 Committee Chairperson