

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

FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTICE

DATE: February 5, 2013
TIME: 6:45 P.M.
PLACE: Lillis Administration Building—Room 2

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 three 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 Education personnel and students, nor against any person connected with the New Milford Public School System.

3. Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Mercury Solar Presentation
- B. Use of Buildings: Fee Structure Adjustment
- C. Locker Project Update at SMS

4. Adjourn

Sub-Committee Members: Mr. Daniel W Nichols, Chairperson
Mr. Thomas McSherry
Mrs. Lynette Celli Rigdon
Mr. William Wellman

Alternates: Mr. David A. Lawson
Mr. David R. Shaffer

GEORGE D. BUCKBEE
TOWN CLERK *MBP*

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**New Milford Board of Education
Facilities Sub-Committee Minutes
February 5, 2013
Lillis Administration Building, Room 2**

Present: Mr. Daniel W Nichols, Chairperson
Mr. Thomas McSherry
Mrs. Lynette Celli Rigdon
Mr. William Wellman

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

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TOWN CLERK

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1.	<p>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 Mr. Nichols.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
2.	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<p>Public Comment</p>
3.	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>A. Mercury Solar Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Stephen Owen of Mercury Solar Systems presented information about a state of Connecticut subsidized program designed to increase the use of solar power for energy. These solar power purchase agreements offer a lower electric rate than current utility prices and lock in a rate schedule for 20 years. After the 20 year term, the school system attains ownership of the solar system and the electricity produced. Compared to current rates, Mr. Owen said the district would save over \$14,000 the first year alone. Under the program, districts must apply and will be selected in a lottery format. New Milford's six schools have been submitted. If any of our schools are selected, Mercury Solar Systems will present a proposal to go forward. • Mrs. Celli Rigdon noted that Mercury Solar Systems has only been in business since 2006 and questioned how the 25 year product warranty that was mentioned would be 	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>Mercury Solar Presentation</p>

enforced should the company go out of business. Mr. Owen said it was a manufacturer's warranty and it was backed by insurance.

- Mrs. Celli Rigdon asked if the company would be selling the power to others and if the rate was negotiable. Mr. Owen said they would not and that the rate was dependent on the number of systems awarded. Mrs. Celli Rigdon asked if there were any hazardous components in the system and was told no.
- Mr. McSherry asked if there were any roof conditions that would preclude installing the system. Mr. Owen said there was and that the company would do a structural analysis of each roof. Typically the company looks for a roof that still has a ten year life expectancy. Reroofing can be done with a system installed.
- Mr. McSherry asked about any issues with snow cover. Mr. Owen said snow on the panels melts faster than on the roof and that the panels are tilted.
- Mr. Calhoun said if and when any schools are chosen through the program, he will meet with the company to review roof by roof benefits and savings.
- Mr. Nichols asked what percent of electricity the panels were projected to provide for each school. Mr. Owens said projections were: 9% for NMHS, 18% for SNIS and JPS, 27% for NES, 40% for HPS, and 62% for SMS.
- Mr. Wellman asked what happens if energy costs go down going forward and Mr. Owen said there was no adjustment to the agreed upon fixed rate.
- Mr. Nichols asked how quickly action was required once the selection process was completed. Mr. Owen said there was a 30-day turnaround to confirm the award.
- Mr. McSherry noted that a special meeting might be necessary.
- Mr. Miller said the award required an agreement to be signed by the Board. He said legal counsel was already reviewing it.

	<p>Mr. Nichols deferred items B: Use of Buildings Fee Structure Adjustment and C: Locker Project Update at SMS to next month's meeting so as not to run over into the beginning time of the scheduled Operations Sub-Committee meeting. He said neither was time sensitive.</p> <p>B. Use of Buildings: Fee Structure Adjustment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred to next month <p>C. Locker Project Update at SMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred to next month 	<p>Use of Buildings: Fee Structure Adjustment</p> <p>Locker Project Update at SMS</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Mr. McSherry moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Celli Rigdon and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted:



Daniel W Nichols, Chairperson
 Facilities Sub-Committee