


**New Milford Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2020
By Zoom Virtual Meeting**

Present:	Mrs. Angela C. Chastain Mr. Joseph Failla Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Pete Helmus Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mrs. Eileen P. Monaghan Mrs. Cynthia Nabozny Mrs. Olga I. Rella
Absent:	Mr. Brian McCauley

Also Present:	Dr. Paul Smotas, Interim Superintendent
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1.	Call to Order The special meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Chastain via Zoom virtual meeting.	Call to Order
2.	Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Chastain said she would like to clarify misrepresentation of this meeting that was shared on Facebook. This meeting is in no way disciplinary in nature. • Megan Byrd said she wanted to go on record as being extraordinarily pleased with the way the district is handling the current situation. She is pleased that they are always considering a possible return to full time while being very cautious and following public health guidelines for safety. She said all staff are being very helpful. • Roseann Petruso said she values the educators in our system but is frustrated that the district is not offering five day in person learning, especially since she works in a district where that is happening successfully. She said our district's remote instruction lags behind other districts. • Stephanie Partridge said the current model gives no consideration for parents utilizing third party day care. Cost is an issue as is the 	Public Comment <div style="text-align: right;">  RECEIVED TOWN CLERK 2020 OCT -8 A 10:09 </div>

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	<p>inability to work. She also said it is not fair to educators to expect them to teach in person and online at the same time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Eliason Reguin said Wednesday is a missed opportunity for learning. She said band students at SMS have no instrument use and she asked how that can be considered band. She said overall she thinks communication is lacking and inconsistent. 	
3.	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>A. Review of Superintendent’s performance. Executive Session anticipated.</p> <p>Mrs. Monaghan made a motion that the Board enter into Executive Session to review the Superintendent’s performance, and to invite into the session Dr. Paul Smotas, seconded by Mrs. Rella.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Board entered executive session at 6:43 p.m.</p> <p>The Board returned to public session at 7:55 p.m.</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>A. Review of Superintendent’s performance. Executive Session anticipated.</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously that the Board enter into Executive Session to review the Superintendent’s performance, and to invite into the session Dr. Paul Smotas.</p>
4.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Mr. Helmus moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Nabozny and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted:



Wendy Faulenbach
 Secretary
 New Milford Board of Education