

New Milford Board of Education
September 12, 2006
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Media Center

Present: Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chairperson
 Dr. Lisa Diamond
 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

Absent: Ms. Jennifer Oliveira

Also Present: Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent
 Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
 Mr. Thomas Corbett, Director of Operations
 Mr. John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services
 Mr. David Elmore, Director of Technology
 Mr. John Calhoun, Director of Facilities
 Mrs. Adele Johnson, Supervisor of Special Education
 Mr. Thomas Atticks, Principal, Northville Elementary School
 Mrs. Nancy Sweeney, 2006-2007 New Milford Teacher of the Year
 Ms. Danielle Pelillo, Student Representative, New Milford High School

<p>1. Mrs. Faulenbach called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p>	<p>Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance</p>
<p>2. There was no Public Comment</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>3. Staff Recognition Dr. Paddyfote recognized Mrs. Nancy Sweeney, 2006-2007 New Milford Teacher of the Year.</p>	<p>Staff Recognition</p>
<p>The Board recessed at 7:35 pm for a reception honoring Mrs. Sweeney</p>	
<p>The Board re-convened at 7:50 pm.</p>	
<p>4. PTO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mrs. Denise Smith, President, New Milford PTO, thanked the New Milford Board of Education, Dr. Paddyfote, and her staff for all their hard work in the 2005-2006 school year. ▪ The New Milford PTO will continue to help the Board and the Administration to communicate with parents to enable all parties to work together successfully. 	<p>PTO Report</p>

5. Student Representative Report

- School opening went very smoothly this year.
- From September 5-8, assemblies were held to discuss new rules, procedures, and policies.
- Students feel the new Dress Code Policy is good, and there are no problems with it.
- The new summer reading initiative, where each student chose a book off of a prescribed list and answered a list of discussion questions to share with other students, was very successful.
- Fall Sports are underway.
- The first home football game is Friday, September 15.

Student Representative Report

6. Motion by: Mrs. Turk Move to approve the Special Board of Education Meeting minutes of August 29, 2006.

Seconded by: Dr. Stillman

Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Rugeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0

Motion made and passed to approve the Special Board of Education Meeting minutes of August 29, 2006.

7. Superintendent's Report

- Enrollment is ahead of projections by 58 students, notably at the High School. Dr. Paddyfote expects this number may change. Typically, students who attended the night classes last year decide to try to return to regular school hours with limited success, so enrollment numbers fluctuate between September and October 1.
- Dr. Paddyfote reported that the State ED001 Report was filed on September 1. She recognized Mr. John Turk, Mr. Gregg Miller, and Mr. Thomas Corbett for their efforts in completing this comprehensive state report.
- Dr. Paddyfote reported that school opened smoothly. There are some pending transportation issues to be resolved, which are related to the transition from in-district scheduling to All-Star. She will meet with representatives of All Star Transportation later this week to de-brief and evaluate this year's opening.

Superintendent's Report

8. Board Chair Report

- Mrs. Faulenbach stated that the Board of Education needs to complete a self-assessment, which is part of BOE policy.
- Two years ago a CAFE facilitator led the self-assessment process, and this may be an option to consider again, or the Board may wish to consider another third party facilitator.
- Mrs. Faulenbach requested that the Board members give her feedback on this issue as soon as possible for her consideration.
- Mrs. Faulenbach stated that she would like to see this self-assessment completed before budget time.

Board Chair Report

9. Committee Reports

A. Facilities:

- Mr. McSherry reported that Mr. Calhoun gave the committee an overview of projects that had been completed over the summer, specifically carpeting throughout the schools, as well as regular summer maintenance jobs.
- The Local Emergency Planning Committee has recommended installation of an Emergency Generator at Sarah Noble Intermediate School, and the school will become an Emergency Site. There is a possibility that the district will realize some savings on the power bills in this building.
- Mr. Ted Zaloski gave the committee an outline of the Field of Reality Committee's plan to fundraise to re-turf some of the fields at the High School.
- East Street has developed boiler issues that require immediate attention. The Board is asked to approve a Transfer of Funds Request to move money earmarked for repairs to the Larson Road barn to pay for these boiler repairs.
- Mr. Bill Knipple has accepted the position of Energy Education Manager and will be trained shortly. He will then be evaluating energy issues in our buildings and training our staff in energy savings techniques.

Committee Reports

B. Operations:

- Dr. Diamond reported that Mr. Bill Knipple reminded the Committee that there are still some tickets available for the MVP-SOS fundraising dinner on Saturday, September 16th.
- The Operations committee recommended that the Board approve the telephone bid award as recommended by Mr. Elmore.
- Dr. Diamond informs the Board of an informational Board workshop with The Cambridge Group on the 19th of September from 7-9 pm.

10. Discussion and Possible Action Items:

A. Revised Exhibit A

Motion by Mr. Rugeiro: Move to approve Revised Exhibit A – Personnel as recommended by the Superintendent

Seconded by: Mr. Lawson

Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Rugeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita

Nay:

Abstain: Mr. Lawson

Motion: Passed 9-0-1

Motion made and passed to approve Revised Exhibit A- Personnel.

B. Monthly Reports

Motion by: Mr. Rugeiro Move to approve the monthly reports: Revised Request for Budget Transfers, Revised Purchase Resolution D-593, and the Budget Position as of 8/31/06.

Seconded by: Dr. Stillman

Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Rugeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0

Motion made and passed to approve the monthly reports: Revised Request for Budget Transfers, Revised Purchase Resolution D-593, and the Budget Position as of 8/31/06.

C. Gifts and Donations:

1. WalMart

Motion by: Mr. McLachlan Move to accept a donation from WalMart to New Milford High School in the amount of \$1,500.

Seconded by: Mr. Rugeiro

Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Rugeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0

Motion made and passed to accept a donation from WalMart to New Milford High School in the amount of \$1,500.

D. Consolidated Grant

Motion by: Mr. Rugeiro Move to approve the Consolidated Grant due to the State Department of Education on September 29, 2006.

Seconded by: Mr. McSherry

Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Rugeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0

Motion made and passed to approve the Consolidated Grant due to the State Department of Education on September 29, 2006.

E. Telephone Bid

Motion by: Mr. McSherry Move to approve the Telephone Bid as recommended by the Operations Sub-Committee.

Discussion:

- Mr. Vita asked about the warranty for the proposed system. Mr. Elmore stated that we would get a standard one year warranty with purchased service contracts thereafter.
- Dr. Stillman inquired if this company had comparable maintenance practices. Mr. Elmore replied that, although more expensive, this company offered a more comprehensive maintenance package.
- Mr. Vita asked if teacher voice mail was an option and if this technology is current. Mr. Elmore replied that this phone system is current technologically with expandable capabilities beyond our immediate needs.
- Mr. Ruggeiro stated that he is concerned about our risk over the whole bid, because of the unknown factors regarding wiring, etc. Mr. Elmore assured the Board that, although each system is independent, they all have integrated parts with compatible components. The final costs may be higher than the initial bid, depending on unforeseeable factors such as hidden wiring but Mr. Elmore is confident that the costs will be well within the budgeted amount.
- Mr. Elmore visited Cornwall Consolidated School to assess a similar system and was impressed with both the information presented by New England Communications Corporation (NECC) as well as the efforts of NECC to work out a plan that suited New Milford's needs. NECC is based in Rocky Hill, CT.

Seconded by: Dr. Stillman

Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0

F. Textbook Approvals

Motion by: Dr. Stillman Move to approve textbooks for Grade 11.

Seconded by: Mr. McSherry

Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0

Motion made and passed to approve the Telephone Bid as recommended by the Operations Sub-Committee.

Motion made and passed to approve textbooks for Grade 11.

<p>11. Items for discussion: A. Textbook Previews-There was no discussion. B. Field Trips-September 2006-There was no discussion.</p> <p>12. Motion by: Mrs. Marandola Move to adjourn.</p> <p> Seconded by: Mr. McSherry Aye: Mrs. Faulenbach, Dr. Diamond, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Mr. Ruggeiro, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Turk, Mr. Vita Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 10-0-0</p> <p> The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.</p>	<p>Items for discussion.</p> <p>Motion made and passed to adjourn.</p> <p>Adjournment</p>
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Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Vita
Secretary