

**New Milford Board of Education  
 Regular Meeting Minutes  
 December 11, 2007  
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

Present:	Dr. Lisa Diamond, Chairperson Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mrs. Elizabeth Finney Mr. David Lawson Mrs. Amy Llerena Mr. Thomas McSherry Ms. Alexandra Thomas Mrs. Julie Turk Mr. Robin Ruggiero
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Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent Mr. John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services Mr. John Calhoun, Facilities Manager Mr. David Elmore, Director of Technology
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1.	The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Public Comment  Wallie Jahn, New Milford resident was here to let the Board of Education know that he was willing to help the schools keep physical fitness as a part of the educational process.	Public Comment
3.	A. Dr. Paddyfote recognized Kathy SHEMELEY for nine years of programming of Veteran's Day ceremonies for Northville Elementary School.  Principal Atticks noted that November 8, 2007 as Kathy SHEMELEY Day in New Milford.  Mrs. SHEMELEY said the reason she and her husband are so involved is because of the POW issue but she thanked everyone for the recognition.  B. Dr. Paddyfote recognized Tammy Miller for coordinating the Santa Fund at John Pettibone School for eleven years.	Staff & Student Recognition

	<p>Principal Kelleher noted that Mrs. Miller is a paraeducator at John Pettibone and finds time to do this work.</p> <p>Mrs. Miller thanked all who worked with her.</p> <p>C.Dr. Paddyfote recognized the New Milford High School Key Club who participated with the New Milford Police Department for the “Stuff a Cruiser” campaign. Principal Shugrue noted that the Key Club members were able to get 600 toys donated for the less fortunate. Officer Woods said they were able to double their efforts from last year.</p>	
	<p>A break from 7:52 pm until 8:05 pm was held for refreshments in honor of the recognized staff and students.</p>	
4.	<p>Report presented by member of the PTO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Smith reported that three schools held book fairs recently.</li> </ul>	PTO Report
5.	<p>Student representatives report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amy Holland updated the Board on high school activities—the NAMES program was extremely successful and well-received.</li> </ul>	Student Report
6.	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2007 Board of Education meeting, Mr. McSherry seconded and passed 7-0-2 with Mrs. Llerena and Ms. Thomas abstaining.</p>	Motion made and passed to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2007 Board meeting
7.	<p>Superintendent’s report presented.</p> <p>Dr. Paddyfote reported that the School System has received a School Improvement Grant in amount of \$31,947.</p> <p>A test call for the Alert Now rapid notification system will be done during the week of December 17<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Winter break for the schools will start at the close of school on December 21<sup>st</sup> and classes will resume on January 2, 2008.</p>	Superintendent’s Report
8.	<p>Board Chairman’s report.</p> <p>Dr. Diamond asked all members of the Board to submit</p>	Board Chairman’s Report

	their preference for subcommittees and ad hoc committees so she could establish the membership.	
9.	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Operations: Dr. Diamond noted most of what was discussed at the operations committee was on the agenda this evening.</p>	Committee Reports
10A.	<p>Energy Education Presentation</p> <p>William Knipple, Energy Manager, made the energy education presentation. He said the goals were to maintain the comfort and safety in the building when occupied; to eliminate energy waste; and to save money. Approximately \$200,000 has been saved as a result of this energy program.</p> <p>The New Milford School System received an award for energy stewardship from Energy Education, Inc. for their participation and results.</p>	Energy Education Presentation
10B.	<p>Revised Exhibit A</p> <p>Mr. Ruggerio moved to approve revised exhibit A, seconded by Mr. McSherry and unanimously approved.</p>	Motion made and approved to accept Revised Exhibit A
10C.	<p>Monthly reports</p> <p>Ms. Thomas moved to approve the monthly budget reports: request for budget transfer, purchase resolution D-605, and the budget position as of 11/30/07, seconded by Mr. Ruggerio.</p> <p>Mr. Lawson asked how the numbers looked. Mr. Turk said the School Board has used 92% of budget which is up from 88% one year ago however, the amount of \$1,200,000 has been encumbered in an attempt to minimize year end surprises.</p> <p>The motion was unanimously approved.</p>	Motion made and approved on the monthly budget reports: request for budget transfer, purchase resolution D-605, and the budget position as of 11/30/07.
10D.	<p>Approve .45 music position for SNIS Instrumental Program</p> <p>Mr. McSherry moved to approve a .45 music position for the SNIS Instrumental Program, seconded by Ms. Thomas and unanimously approved.</p>	Motion made and approved to approve .45 music position for SNIS Instrumental Program
10E.	<p>Approve The Omni Group as the 403 (b) plan administrator</p>	Motion made and approved to approve The Omni Group as

	Mr. Lawson moved to approve The Omni Group as the 403 (b) plan administrator, seconded by Mr. McSherry and unanimously approved.	the 403 (b) plan administrator
10F.	Accept Exhibit B PTO Gifts Mr. Lawson moved to accept Exhibit B PTO Gifts with sincere thanks; Ms. Thomas seconded and passed unanimously.	Motion made and approved to accept Exhibit B PTO Gifts
10G.	Textbook Approvals Ms. Thomas moved to approve textbooks for grades 3 and 9, seconded by Mrs. Llerena and passed unanimously.	Motion made and approved to approve textbooks for grades 3 and 9
11.	Items for discussion A. Textbook Previews Ms. Thomas pointed out for new Board members that the textbooks were available in Mr. Mulvihill's office for review.  B. Field Trip Report—December 2007	Items for discussion Textbook Previews Field Trip Report—Dec. 2007
12.	Executive Session  Mr. McSherry moved to go into executive session at 8:32 pm for the purpose of discussing a draft security report addressing security strategy, as well as the deployment of security personnel and/or devices affecting security as well as emergency lockdown plans in the NMPS and inviting Mr. Markham, Mr. Calhoun, and Dr. Paddyfote, seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach and passed unanimously.  Mr. Ruggiero left the meeting at 8:35 pm.  The Board went into Executive Session at 8:37 pm.  Mrs. Turk left the meeting at 9:10 pm.  Mr. Markham and Mr. Calhoun left Executive Session at 9:50 pm.  Public session resumed at 10:03 p.m.	Motion to convene to executive session made and approved.

13.	Items of Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Operations Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes—Dec.3, 2007</li></ul>	Items of Information— Operations Sub-Committee Minutes—Dec. 3, 2007
14.	Adjourn Motion made by Mr. Lawson and seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.  The meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.	Motion made and passed to adjourn at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Lawson, Secretary  
New Milford Board of Education