

NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
New Milford Public Schools
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING NOTICE

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NEW MILFORD, CT

DATE: September 14, 2010
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Sarah Noble Intermediate School – Library Media Center

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. STAFF & STUDENT RECOGNITION

- A. Ashlyn Pacific, Student Representative to the Board of Education
- B. Presentation by Dr. D'Isidori and Mrs. Montemurro on the SNIS Walking Project

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board welcomes Public Participation and asks that speakers please limit their comments to three minutes. Speakers may offer objective comments of items on this agenda. 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.

4. PTO REPORT

5. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Meeting Minutes June 8, 2010
 - 2. Special Board of Education Minutes – June 15, 2010
 - 3. Special Board of Education Minutes – June 29, 2010

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

8. BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Facilities Sub-Committee – Mr. Nichols
- B. Operations Sub-Committee – Mr. McSherry
- C. Policy-Sub-Committee - Mrs. Latour
- D. Committee on Learning – Mrs. Thomas

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence

B. Monthly Reports

- 1. Purchase Resolution D-628
- 2. Budget Position as of 8 /31/10

C. Tuition Rates for 2010-2011

D. Assessment of Possible East Street Location

E. Textbook Approval for Grade 12

11. Item for Discussion

- A. Textbook Preview

12. Adjourn

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Facilities Sub-Committee Minutes – September 7, 2010

Operations Sub-Committee Minutes – September 7, 2010

Policy Sub-Committee Meeting September 21, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. Lillis Administration Bldg., Room 2	Board of Education Meeting October 12, 2010 – 7:30 p.m. Sarah Noble Intermediate School – LMC
Committee on Learning September 21, 2010 - 7:30 p.m. Lillis Administration Bldg., Room 2	Policy Sub-Committee Meeting October 19, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. Lillis Administration Bldg., Room 2
Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting October 5, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. Lillis Administration Bldg., Room 2	Committee on Learning October 19, 2010 – 7:30 p.m. Lillis Administration Bldg., Room 2
Operations Sub-Committee Meeting October 5, 2010 – 7:30 p.m. Lillis Administration Bldg., Room 2	

New Milford Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2010
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center

Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chairperson Ms. Lynette Rigdon Mr. David Lawson Mr. Thomas McSherry Mr. William Wellman Ms. Alexandra Thomas Mr. Rodney Weinberg Mrs. Nancy Tarascio-Latour
Absent:	Mr. Daniel Nichols

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Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Maureen McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Gregg Miller, Director of Fiscal Services Mr. John Calhoun, Facilities Manager Mr. David Elmore, Director of Information Technology Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources Mr. Les Weintraub, Sarah Noble Intermediate School Principal Josh Jugler, Student Representative
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1.	Call to Order A. Pledge of Allegiance The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Staff & Student Recognition A. Ashlyn Pacific, Student Representative to the Board of Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Paddyfote informed the Board that apparently Ms. Pacific had gone home ill during the day and so she was not present at this meeting. B. Presentation by Dr. D'Isidori and Mrs. Montemurro on the SNIS Walking Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. D'Isidori said the Walking Project started in 2007 by health professionals as a result of the United Way's Healthy Community 2020 to combat childhood obesity. It is done with 5th graders who are matched up with businesses and organizations to work on the three E's – exercise, eating healthy and environment. This project was submitted to the 	Staff & Student Recognition

	<p>American Academy of Pediatrics as a model and two people will be going to San Francisco in October to present to the national conference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorothy Christman, Community Outreach for New Milford Hospital, said organizations volunteer their time and contribute \$300 to each classroom for expenses. • Lisa Montemurro said the students walk with the sponsor on the track and learn about what the sponsor does. For some of these students, it is the first time they are in a structured exercise program. The students come back to the classroom more rejuvenated and more focused to learn. They learn things such as every car produces 1 pound of carbon dioxide per mile. • Anne Hartmann, who works with the health department in town, said a survey had been conducted of this year's 6th graders who participated last year as 5th graders, and the results were positive. Seventy per cent (70%) were more active over the summer as a result of their participation in the Walking Project. 	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Faulenbach said the Board welcomes public participation and encouraged everyone to come to the meetings. • Margaret Fitzgerald said she was coming to the Board to ask them to consider reinstating the music program which took a cut with this budget. She said it is unfortunate that general music was not an option for the 7th grade students. She said music helps students develop their creative problem solving skills. 	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>PTO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Zona, town wide PTO President, said most of the welcome back activities are done. The fall club fundraisers are starting and there are 457 members already signed up. 	<p>PTO Report</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Student Representatives' Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshman orientation was August 18th. • Class meetings were held September 7th and 8th. • Class photos are being done this week. • An open house will be held Thursday, September 16th. 	<p>Student Representatives' Report</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports have started with many matches being contested today. • The math team will have its first event October 4th. 	
6.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes</p> <p>1. Regular Meeting Minutes — June 8, 2010</p> <p>Mr. McSherry moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the New Milford Board of Education of June 8, 2010, seconded by Mr. Lawson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Wellman noted in the minutes that there had been a question raised as to whether Policy 5113 conflicted with the home schooling policy and Dr. Paddyfote was to confer with the Board's Attorney. He asked if any answers were determined. Dr. Paddyfote said the policy committee will meet next Tuesday and she would have an answer by then. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>2. Special Board of Education Minutes – June 15, 2010</p> <p>Mrs. Rigdon moved to approve the Special Board of Education minutes of June 15, 2010, seconded by Mr. McSherry and passed unanimously.</p> <p>3. Special Board of Education Minutes – June 29, 2010</p> <p>Mr. McSherry moved to approve the Special Board of Education minutes of June 29, 2010, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the NMBOE of June 8, 2010</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of the NMBOE of June 15, 2010</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of the NMBOE of June 29, 2010</p>
7.	<p>Superintendent's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Paddyfote reported a successful first day of school on August 31st. She noted the actual enrollment is 4,754, and is within one per cent of the projection. • The staff arrived on August 26th for a staff development day. All certified staff heard a morning presentation by Mr. Jonathan Costa on 21st Century Skills. There were 	<p>Superintendent's Report</p>

	<p>four afternoon sessions related to differentiated instruction, data teams, Scientific Based-Research Intervention (SRBI), and New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Paddyfote added that Scientific Research-Based Intervention is a state mandate which requires tier 1, 2, and 3 activities. She presented the manual that was distributed to each teacher at the August in-service day, and noted there was one for each Board member. Dr. Paddyfote added that the district has been finding it challenging to meet the tier 2 and 3 activities. • The district was notified by the State Department of Education on September 7, 2010 that it would receive \$698, 117 in funding form the Education Jobs Grant to be spent over two years. Dr. Paddyfote said she would present a plan at the October 5 Operations meeting with respect to using the money. • Dr. Paddyfote noted this summer was busy with 102 staff members working on 16 curricula projects and a lot was accomplished. 	
8.	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Faulenbach noted the mission statement is now printed on the agenda. • All Board members have received their schedules for this next year, as always; there may be a few changes. • Mrs. Thomas has been appointed a CAFE Board member and so she will also act as a liaison to this Board for CAFE. • Mrs. Rigdon will continue to be the liaison with Education Connection. • Mrs. Faulenbach handed out the Board Annual Report highlighting the accomplishments of the Board last fiscal year. She noted several new curricula were approved; the student transportation contract was approved; 127 students and 56 staff members were recognized; bids were awarded; projects to maintain the facilities were approved; and donations were received from a variety of local organizations. 	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p>
9.	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach noted for the public, that much of the work of the Board is done in the subcommittees which are open to the public and where the issues are really broken down.</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p>

	<p>A. Facilities Sub-Committee Mr. Calhoun said that he had given a report of the summer projects, the potential move from East Street to John Pettibone with a study to be conducted at a cost of approximately \$1600, and an update on the Hill & Plain parking lot construction.</p> <p>B. Operations Sub-Committee Mr. McSherry said a number of the items discussed were on tonight's agenda and the unaudited year end balance was discussed. A revised table of organization will be brought to the next meeting for approval.</p> <p>C. Policy Sub-Committee Mrs. Tarascio-Latour said the next policy meeting will be September 21st at 6:30 p.m., and the 5000 series policies will be on the agenda.</p> <p>D. Committee on Learning Mrs. Thomas said the Committee on Learning will meet September 21st at 7:30 p.m. and will get an overview of all the work done on curricula this summer as well as Windows on New Milford.</p>	<p>Facilities Sub-Committee</p> <p>Operations Sub-Committee</p> <p>Policy Sub-Committee</p> <p>Committee on Learning</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</p> <p>A. Exhibit A: Personnel — Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence</p> <p>Mrs. Thomas moved to approve Exhibit A as of September 10, 2010: Personnel – Certified and Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence, seconded by Mr. McSherry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Rigdon said she was pleased that staffs were recalled. Ms. Baldelli responded that the total reduction was 15.35 positions, but the number of actual people cut was 6.4. • Mrs. Thomas noted that the Exhibit had changed from the Operations Committee meeting and asked what the changes were. Ms. Baldelli said the speech and language position was filled, one volunteer coach and one paid coach was filled and one substitute teacher 	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>Revised Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence</p> <p>Motion made and passed to approve Exhibit A as of September 10, 2010: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence</p>

was added.

- Mr. Lawson said he was abstaining from the vote and Mrs. Rigdon was also abstaining.
- Mr. Lawson said he was pleased and saddened to see the hires and retirees. He thanked Mr. Elmore for serving ably and said he would be missed.
- Mrs. Tarascio-Latour asked how many positions were still outstanding with the call backs who didn't take the job. Ms. Baldelli said all the positions are filled. She said some of those who did not take the job had been offered positions in other districts which speaks to the quality of the staff here.
- Mr. Wellman asked if the Town was receiving approximately \$700,000 in funds to help pay for staff and yet all the positions were filled how would this money fit in.
- Mr. Lawson said the discussion of this motion was for Exhibit A and that question would be answered in the Operations Committee.
- Mrs. Faulenbach said Dr. Paddyfote had confirmed that the Town would receive approximately \$698,000 and would make recommendations to the Operations Committee.
- Mr. Wellman asked if the money had to be used for salaries and Dr. Paddyfote said that was correct.
- Mr. Wellman asked if the schools were fully budgeted for salaries and Dr. Paddyfote said they were.
- Mrs. Tarascio-Latour noted the positions were all filled less the 15.35 positions.

Motion passed 6-0-2.

Aye: Mr. Weinberg, Mr. McSherry, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mrs. Tarascio-Latour, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Wellman

Abstain: Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Rigdon

B. Monthly Reports

1. Purchase Resolution D-628

Mrs. Thomas moved to approve the monthly reports: purchase resolution D-628, seconded by Mr. McSherry and the motion passed 7-0-1.

Aye: Mr. McSherry, Mr. Weinberg, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mrs. Rigdon, Mrs. Tarascio-Latour, Mrs. Thomas.

**Monthly Reports
Purchase Resolution D-628**

**Motion made and passed to
approve monthly reports:
Purchase Resolution D-628.**

<p>No: Mr. Wellman</p> <p>2. Budget Position as of 8/31/10</p> <p>Mr. McSherry moved to approve the monthly reports: budget position as of 8/31/10, seconded by Mrs. Rigdon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Lawson asked how things looked financially. Mr. Miller said the available balance as of 8/31/10 is \$13.5 million which is down from last year comparatively but he did not see any problems at this point in time. He said the EPO1 report was filed on time and everything is on track with that for the year end balance. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>C. Tuition Rates for 2010-2011</p> <p>Mr. McSherry moved to approve the 2010-2011 tuition rates as recommended by the Operations Sub-Committee, seconded by Mrs. Thomas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Wellman said Dr. Paddyfote had explained the reduction in the Schaghticoke Middle School tuition at the Operations Committee and asked her to explain to the full Board.Dr. Paddyfote said the tuition for 2009-2010 is \$11,124 but for 2010-2011 is proposed to be \$10,091 because many of the staffing reductions were made at Schaghticoke. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>D. Assessment of Possible East Street Location</p> <p>Mrs. Thomas moved to authorize Mr. John Calhoun to commit \$1605.00 for an assessment of a possible relocation of East Street as recommended by the Facilities Committee, seconded by Mr. McSherry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Wellman said he understood the charge to the contractor to be to update the Sevigny study as to how to relocate the central office at the least possible costs. He said the costs have gone up so why would	<p>Budget Position as of 8/31/10</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve monthly reports: budget position as of 8/31/10.</p> <p>Tuition Rates for 2010-2011</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the 2010-2011 tuition rates as recommended by the Operations Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Assessment of Possible East Street Location</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to authorize Mr. John Calhoun to commit \$1605 for an assessment of a possible relocation of East Street.</p>
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	<p>this study be conducted. Mr. Calhoun said it is not an update because John Pettibone was not looked at in the Sevigny Report. This study will look at John Pettibone and use the space utilization estimates from the Sevigny Report.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>E. Textbook Approval for Grade 12</p> <p>Mrs. Thomas moved to approve the grade 12 textbook China's Son: Growing Up in the Cultural Revolution, seconded by Mr. Lawson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Lawson asked if this was a textbook or augmenting the curriculum. Dr. McLaughlin said it was to supplement an existing text for grade 12. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Textbook Approval for Grade 12</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the grade 12 textbook China's Son: Growing Up in the Cultural Revolution.</p>
11.	<p>Items for Discussion</p> <p>A. Textbook Preview</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach noted that the future meeting dates were on the agenda.</p>	<p>Items for Discussion</p> <p>Textbook Preview</p>
12.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Mr. McSherry moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Thomas and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted:



David A. Lawson, Secretary
 New Milford Board of Education