

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2011**

**8:30 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

New Milford School District Mission Statement

The New Milford Public School District provides relevant, innovative and rigorous educational opportunities to students at all grade levels.

The District is resolute in its attention to the development of the whole child by providing a comprehensive range of experiences essential to building capacity for independent and responsible living.

The program is designed to prepare all students to meet or exceed NJCCCS, to think critically, master the challenges of life-long academic, cultural, social, economic, emotional and professional advancement, as well as constructive participation as citizens in an interdependent global society.

The District embraces family and community as active partners in a unified effort to develop students into self-directed, self-confident adults on their journeys to becoming the next generations of entrepreneurs, builders, artists, designers, inventors, scientists, educators, caregivers, protectors, workers and leaders.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. Present were President Conner, Vice President Drake, Mr. Foo, Mrs. McSweeney, Mrs. Mechler, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Saslow, and Mr. Steele. Mr. Bigger was absent. Also present were Mr. Polizzi and Mr. Sawicz. Mrs. Shanley was absent.

After the flag salute, the Board President read the required New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law Statement. The Board announced that under its long-standing policy, it will not discuss in public any comments made by members of the public concerning individual staff members.

Recommended Action

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Approval of Minutes:

Due to his absence, Mr. Steele abstained from approving the July 19 minutes. Motion by Vice President Drake, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board, the following minutes were approved:

July 19 Work July 19 Regular July 19 Closed

Open to the Public for Items on the Agenda

Motion Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Saslow, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened to the public at 8:32 p.m. There being no questions or comments, motion by Mr. Foo, seconded by Mrs. McSweeney, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was closed to the public at that time.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT Michael Polizzi

None

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT Michael Sawicz

None

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & CURRICULUM Peggy Saslow, Chair

Motions C22, C23, C24, C25, C26 by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board:

C22 **Approval of Textbook for High School Engineering Course:**

Pre-Engineering Essentials. McGraw-Hill, © 2012

- C23 Approval of Submission of Statement of Assurance of Comprehensive Equity Plan Implementation for year 2011-2012
- C24 Approval of 4 days of professional development workshops through Standards Solution LLC to address student centered approaches for improved academic performance through the National Common Core, and for a year of teacher access to web based resources for lesson plans and assessment, not to exceed \$8500.
- C25 Approval of Danielle Shanley, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, to conduct action research to increase student achievement within the New Milford School District as part of her Doctoral studies.
- C26 Approval of ONCOURSE web-based lesson planning/sharing program, with curriculum mapping, writing and sharing modules for the 2011-2012 school year.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Darren Drake, Chair

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent

Motions P24, P52, P63, P64, P65, P66, P67, P68, P69, P70, P71, P72, P73, P74, P75, P76, P77 by Vice President Drake, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried on a roll call vote of 8-0:

P24 **Revision to Hourly Rate Employee for 2011-2012:**

Kerry McNeill ABA Home Therapist, \$40/hr **\$45/hr**

PERSONNEL (con't):

- P52 **Revision to Certificated Appointment for 2011-2012:**
Katherine Sudol Berkley Special Education, ~~maternity leave replacement~~, MA Step 1, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11–6/30/12
- P63 **Revision to Coaching Appointment:**
Nicholas Triano P/T Athletic Trainer ~~\$22,677~~ **\$34,677**
- P64 **Rescind Certificated Appointment for 2011-2012:**
Amanda Muti Berkley/Gibbs Special Education, eff. 8/15/11
- P65 **Certificated Appointments for 2011-2012:**
Jennifer Levy H.S. Social Studies, DR Step 6, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11-6/30/12
Raymond Cottiers DEO Social Studies, MA Step 1, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11-6/30/12
Serge Nadeau H.S. World Language, BA Step 11, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11-6/30/12
Terence Wall DEO World Language (.6), MA+30 Step 7, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11-6/30/12
Colleen Connolly Gibbs Special Education (leave replacement), BA Step 1, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11-12/30/11
- P66 **Change to Non-Certificated Appointment for 2011-2012:**
Peter Heber Groundsman, **1st Shift**, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11-6/30/12
- P67 **Non-Certificated Appointment for 2011-2012:**
Angelo Bartolomeo Groundsman, **2nd Shift**, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11-6/30/12
- P68 **Latchkey Appointments for 2011-2012** *Attachment*
- P69 **Additional Substitute Teachers for 2011-2012** *Attachment*
- P70 **Approval of F/T Paraprofessional for 2011-2012:**
Jamie Fetzer Inner Bridge Crossing Program, Step 1
- P71 **Approval of additional per diem days for Special Education staff for Summer 2011:**
Robin Shugg 1 additional day
Lisa Schwartz 4 additional days
Paula Daloisio 2 additional days
Alison Hall 1 additional day
Debby Nachbar 1 additional day
Kerry McNeill 1 additional day
Justine Walia 2 additional days
- P72 **Approval of New Milford Knight School Employees for 2011-2012:**
Paula Daloisio Counselor, \$7,600 stipend
Richard Arturi Physical Education, \$3,800 stipend
Michael Widmer Math and Science, \$4,560 stipend each
Aylen Halphen World Language, \$4,560 stipend
Nicolette Perna Social Studies, \$4,560 stipend
Maureen Westervelt Structured Learning Experience Coordinator, \$3,040 stipend
- P73 **Hourly Rate Employees for 2011-2012:**
Helen Chen P/T Secretary, Step 2
Lillian Streeter Summer Bus Driver, Step 2
Matt Klocek P/T Substitute Custodian, Step 1
Matt Lajoie P/T Substitute Custodian, Step 1
Bus Aides:
Marian Stoll Approximately 20 hours per week
Helen Chen Approximately 20 hours per week
Debra Callaghan Approximately 20 hours per week
Elham Baaklini Approximately 10 hours per week
Margot Lebron Approximately 10 hours per week
Renee Tufaro Approximately 10 hours per week
- P74 **Additional Extra Pay Stipends for 2011-2012:**
Dorene Zacher District Bullying Coordinator, \$3,000
Jeanine Tricario/ Nicole Ferlise 8th Grade Advisors (shared stipend)
- P75 **Approval of Additional Coach for 2011-2012:**
Samantha Orsi Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
- P76 **Approval of Sidebar Agreement between Barbara Keshishian and the New Milford Board of Education** *Attachment*
- P77 **Resignation:**
Michelle Citron Berkley Art Teacher (.2), eff. 10/11/11

Motion by Mrs. Mechler, seconded by Mrs. Saslow, carried by consent of the Board, the Board went into closed session at 8:43 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Vice President Drake, carried by consent of the Board, the Board resumed open session at 8:57 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Vice President Drake, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sawicz
Board Secretary

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