

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION
AUGUST 15, 2011**

**7:07 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

New Milford Public 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 by President Conner at 7:07 p.m. Present at roll call were President Conner, Vice President Drake, Mr. Foo, Mrs. McSweeney, Mrs. Mechler, Mrs. Saslow, and Mr. Steele. Mrs. Ryan arrived at 7:36 p.m. Mr. Bigger was absent. Mr. Polizzi and Mr. Sawicz were also present. Mrs. Shanley was absent.

After the flag salute, the Board President read the required New Jersey Open Public Meetings 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.

Mr. Polizzi introduced a presentation on Zipp Slip, which allows district forms to be available online.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Board reviewed the bills; there were no questions or comments.

There were no questions about the agenda for the August 15, 2011 Regular Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Michael Polizzi*

Mr. Polizzi discussed the following:

- New teachers were introduced and given the opportunity to say a few words about themselves.
- Gibbs Principal Scott Davies will present On-Course
- A news bulletin, "Is under-education widening the income gap?" discussed the importance of college for students.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS *Michael Sawicz*

Mr. Sawicz updated the Board on the following items:

- Ron Stokes and the Buildings and Grounds crew accomplished a monumental amount of work in repairing and cleaning the buildings and fields. They are to be commended for their efforts.
- Mr. Sawicz reminded the Board Members that the State requires they are fingerprinted and criminal background checks are completed as soon as possible.
- The State Dept. of Education is discussing advertising on buses. The State will establish regulations which will give guidelines to districts.
- Mr. Sawicz thanked the Board for their participation in the August 2 Board Retreat.
- The Summer has been extremely busy. The district changed banks and the solar panel projects will begin. The Buildings and Grounds staff has cleaned, serviced or repaired boilers, classrooms, hallways, as well as renovating the High School computer lab and faculty room. Other items accomplished include Chapter 78 implementation, the free/reduced lunch program, determination of bus routes, and certification of bus drivers. The Technology team set up new computer labs, installed 250 computers throughout the district, and consolidated servers.

Gibbs Principal Scott Davies gave a presentation of ONCOURSE, the web-based lesson planning/sharing program with curriculum mapping, writing and sharing modules.

There were no additional Board items, old or new business.

Motion by Mrs. Mechler, seconded by Mr. Steele, carried by consent of the Board, the Work Session adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sawicz
Board Secretary