

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION
AUGUST 17, 2009**

**7:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

New Milford School District Mission Statement

The mission of the New Milford School District is to provide effective instruction in all curricula areas, to develop the learning potential of all students, to build skills for a lifetime of learning, and to develop a feeling of self-worth and confidence that will allow students to become productive members of a democratic society. The New Milford School District team joins the parents and community in assisting students to develop skills to enable them to become independent and self sufficient adults who will succeed and contribute responsibly in the global community.

The meeting was called to order by President Conner at 7:00 p.m. Present at roll call were President Conner, Vice President Barton, Mr. Drake, Mr. Foo, Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. Mechler, Mrs. Saslow and Mr. Steele. Mrs. McSweeney was absent. Mr. Picardo and Mr. Sawicz were also present.

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.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Board reviewed the bills. Mr. Foo had a question regarding a bill; Mr. Sawicz responded to his satisfaction. A review of the agenda for the Regular Meeting was held. Mrs. Mechler had a question regarding P3; Mr. Picardo will look into this and advise.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Joseph Picardo*

Mr. Picardo discussed the following:

- New teacher orientation will take place on August 25 in the High School Media Center and August 26-27 in the schools.
- First day for teachers is September 1 and September 2 for students.
- Mr. Picardo, Mr. Sawicz, and Mr. Stokes will tour the buildings on August 26.
- Special Education and Personnel Committee meetings need to be scheduled in the future. Mr. Foo also said the Finance and Facilities Committees have not yet met.
- A grievance will be heard at the September 14th Board meeting.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS *Michael Sawicz*

Mr. Sawicz gave insight to the Board about the 25% health benefits commission rate hike.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Athletic/Co-Curriculum Committee: Mr. Drake advised that the District will be participating in Group 2. There will no longer be a Swim Team; however, student swimmers can compete at the State level. New Milford may possibly partner with Dumont for hockey.

There was no old or new business.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Steele., the Board adjourned the Work Session at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sawicz
Board Secretary

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