

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 15, 2009**

**7:05 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 7:05 p.m. Present at roll call were President Conner, Vice President Barton, Mr. Foo, Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. McSweeney, Mrs. Mechler, Mrs. Saslow and Mr. Steele. Mr. Drake was absent. Mr. Polizzi, Mr. Sawicz, Mr. Picardo and Student Board Representative Nicholas Borner 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 finances; Mr. Foo commented favorably on the financial statements. A review of the tentative agenda for the December 15, 2009 Regular Meeting was held. Mrs. McSweeney had questions on disenrollment; President Conner explained why this is required. Mr. Foo asked if the Teacher Aide appointments are new positions or replacements; Mr. Polizzi responded that they are replacements. Mr. Steele asked if volunteer coaches are covered by the district's insurance; Mr. Sawicz advised that the policy does cover volunteers. Mr. Picardo requested that the resolution regarding the Emergency and Crisis Management Plan be approved as a facilities resolution; it will be changed to FA15.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Michael Polizzi*

Mr. Polizzi spoke of the following:

- The High School Winter Concert was very impressive and complex pieces were performed.
- The schools' newsletters are informative.
- The school closing protocol is in place. Although it was not necessary for the district to enforce the plan during the recent snowstorm, it was necessary for some Bergen County districts to close or have delayed openings.
- Dads and Donuts in the Middle School was very successful.
- The New Milford Education Foundation is now official after having filed papers with the IRS.
- Bergen PAC met with High School personnel regarding a number of initiatives.
- Middle School Vice Principal Russell Petrocelli has been elected to the NJ Principals and Supervisors Association.
- Mrs. Lacey said the PTOs gave donations to the Education Foundation which were used for filing fees.

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION ITEMS *Joseph Picardo*

Mr. Picardo informed the Board of the following:

- The NJ QSAC DPR's are required to be submitted electronically and are on the agenda for approval to do so.
- QSAC monitoring will take place on Monday, December 21st.
- The QSAC preparation brought positive results in that the Emergency and Crisis Management Plans and School Nursing Service Plans were forced to be updated.
- Reporting of testing scores will be done at the January meeting; 3rd and 4th Grade scores are currently embargoed.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS *Michael Sawicz*

Mr. Sawicz will give his report during the Regular Meeting.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS *Nicholas Borner*

Mr. Borner spoke about events scheduled for Martin Luther King week including an assembly and slide show presented with a historical perspective. Volunteer work including collecting magazines for the soldiers in Iraq will take place.

Mr. Borner left after his report.

LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Foo advised that the Technology Committee meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled after the budget has been assembled.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Foo asked for an overview of how the new proposed Mission Statement was developed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

On motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. McSweeney, carried by consent of the Board, the Board adjourned the Work Session at 7:36 p.m. and opened the Regular Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sawicz
Board Secretary

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