

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2011**

**7:10 P.M.
MIDDLE 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 7:10 p.m. Present were President Conner, Mr. Bigger, Mr. Foo, Mrs. Mechler, Mrs. Saslow, and Mr. Steele. Vice President Drake, Mrs. McSweeney, and Mrs. Ryan were absent. Also present were Mr. Polizzi, Mrs. Shanley, Mr. Sawicz, and Student Board Representative Joseph DeGaetani.

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.

The New Milford High School Choir provided entertainment with holiday songs.

After the performance, the Board took a break for refreshments at 7:34 p.m. They resumed the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Recommended Action

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Approval of Minutes:

Due to her absence from the November 7 meeting, Mrs. Saslow abstained from approving those minutes.

Motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board, the following minutes were approved:

November 7 Work November 7 Closed November 21 Regular November 21 Closed

Open to the Public for Items on the Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mr. Bigger, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened to the public at 7:50 p.m. There were no questions or comment; therefore, on motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was closed to the public at that time.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT *Michael Polizzi*

Mr. Polizzi spoke to the Board of the following:

- The Middle School concert exceeded all his expectations.
- An Immediate Decision Day was held at the High School in which 39 students were given a 96% guaranteed acceptance. Many area colleges participated with \$300,000 in scholarships to date in immediate decisions. A student was accepted into Skidmore College as a result of an immediate decision.

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION REPORT *Danielle Shanley*

Mrs. Shanley spoke of the approval of the 6th Grade Science Textbook.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT *Michael Sawicz*

Mr. Sawicz reviewed information regarding Assembly Bill 4360 and Senate Bill 3128 which proposes allowing communities to move the election of School Board Members to November while eliminating the annual vote on their school district's proposed budget if it is within the cap.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT *Joseph DeGaetani*

No report.

President Conner explained BA47 regarding Senate Bill 2925 and Assembly Bill 4132. He urged the public to go online and contact legislators to retain local School Board and Superintendent authority.

FINANCE (con't):

- F122 Approval of November 2011 payroll: \$1,618,711.62
- F123 Approval of November 2011 payroll agency bills: \$ 674,674.00
- F124 Approval of November 2011 cafeteria bills: \$ 54,344.67
- F125 Approval of December 2011 bills: \$1,368,818.46 *Attachment*
- F126 Approval of November 2011 budget transfers *Attachment*
- F127 Approval and acceptance of Board Secretary and Board of Education’s monthly certification of budgetary major account/fund status that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a): November 30, 2011.
- F128 Approval of professional development opportunities *Attachment*
- F129 Approval of the following State approved providers for Supplemental Educational Services for 2011-2012 (to be paid through Title I reserves for SES):
 - A+ Tutoring Services
 - Sylvan Learning Center of Teaneck
 - Kumon North America
- F130 Approval of the following State Contracts for 2011-2012:

Dell	Henry Schein	CFI
CDWG	Staples	Apple
- F131 Acceptance of 2010-2011 Corrective Action Plan for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2011 Independent Audit *Attachment*
- F132 Acceptance of the donation of a tri-pod, with an approximate value of \$40, to New Milford High School from an anonymous donor *Attachment*
- F133 Approval to reimburse Board Members for State-mandated Criminal History Check and Fingerprinting costs
- F134 Approval of Professional Service for 2011-2012:
 Jaclyn Patti ABA therapy/direct instruction, four hours/week plus four one-hour clinics @ \$40/hour for 24 weeks, not to exceed \$4,000 (replacing Kimberly Good)
- F135 Approval of Special Education tuition contracts for 2011-2012:
 Piermont Career Campus (BCSSS) Student #50006080, attending 11/23/11-6/30/12, at a cost of \$37,147.44
- F136 Acceptance of donation of an Elmo document Camera (TT02-RX), with an approximate value of \$900, *Attachment*
 to be used in Carol Edelstein’s 6th Grade Math classroom, funded through donorschoose.org

FACILITIES COMMITTEE *David Foo, Chair*

Motions FA21, FA22 by Mr. Foo, seconded by Mr. Steele, carried by consent of the Board:

- FA21 Approval of Fire Drill Log and Security Drill for November 2011 *Attachment*
- FA22 Approval to dispose of broken copier from High School Nurse’s Office *Attachment*

POLICY COMMITTEE *Peggy Saslow, Chair*

Second reading and adoption by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board:

- 0142 Board Member Qualifications, Prohibited Acts, and Code of Ethics
- 2431.4 Concussion Testing and Return-to-Play
- R2431.4 Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries
- 2414 Programs and Services for Pupils in High Poverty and in High Need School Districts
- 6220 Budget Preparation
- 6820 Financial Reports
- 2436 Interscholastic Athletics Participation Fee Program
- 3321 Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/Computers and Resources (Teaching Staff Members)
- 4321 Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/Computers and Resources (Support Staff Members)

First reading of the following policy:

- 2361 Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/Computers and Resources (Students)

ATHLETIC/CO-CURRICULA COMMITTEE *Darren Drake, Chair*

Motions AC24, AC25, AC26 by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board:

- AC24 Approval of Mark Eggert to volunteer his services as Wrestling Coach
- AC25 Approval of Patrick Mitchell to volunteer his services as Boys’ Assistant Basketball Coach
- AC26 Approval of Kristin Magala to volunteer her services as Assistant Swimming Coach

Open to the Public

Motion by Mr. Bigger, seconded by Mr. Steele, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened to the public at 8:18 p.m. There were no questions or comments; therefore, on motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was closed to the public at that time.

Committee/Liaison Reports

- Mr. Foo reported on the items discussed at the Facilities Committee Meeting.
- Mrs. Saslow reported on the items discussed at the Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting.

Old/New Business:

None

Motion by Mrs. Mechler, seconded by Mr. Steele, carried by consent of the Board, the Board went into closed session at 8:23 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board, the Board resumed open session at 8:31 p.m.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motions P74,P154 by Mr. Foo, seconded by Mr. Steele, carried on a roll call vote of 6-0:

P74 Additional Extra Pay Position for 2011-2012:

Dorene Zacher District Bullying (HIB) Coordinator, ~~\$3,000~~

P154 Approval of stipend for HIB Coordinator of \$10,000 to be paid in quarterly payments of \$2,500

Motion by Mrs. Mechler, seconded by Mr. Steele, carried by consent of the Board, the Board went into closed session at 8:32 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Mechler, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board, the Board resumed open session at 9:04 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Bigger, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sawicz
Board Secretary

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