

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 19, 2010**

**7:18 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 7:18 p.m. Present were President Conner, Vice President Drake, Mr. Foo, Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. McSweeney, Mrs. Mechler, Mrs. Saslow, and Mr. Steele. Mrs. Barton was absent. Also present were Mr. Polizzi and Mr. Sawicz.

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:

Mrs. Lacey recused herself from approving the June 7, June 21, and June 28 minutes due to her absence from the meetings.

Mrs. McSweeney recused herself from approving the June 28 minutes due to her absence from the meeting.

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

June 7 Work	June 7 Closed	June 21 Regular	June 21 Closed
June 28 Year End	June 28 Closed #1	June 28 Closed #2	June 28 Closed #3

Open to the Public for Items on the Agenda

On motion by Mrs. McSweeney, seconded by Vice President Drake, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened to the public at 7:19 p.m. The following questions or comments were made:

- Ann Subrizi had a question on BA38, specifically if staff has been hired. Mr. Polizzi explained that a replacement for the former Behaviorist has been hired. The ABA curriculum will be followed with five to six students at each level.

There were no further questions or comments; on motion by Mr. Steele., seconded by Mrs. Lacey, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was closed to the public at 7:22 p.m.

BOARD ACTION

Motions BA26,BA34,BA35,BA36,BA37,BA38,BA39,BA41 by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board:

- BA26 Revision to Professional Services – Consulting Specialists for 2010-2011:
Ridgefield BOE: OT/PT services, not to exceed ~~\$95/session~~ \$100/session
- BA34 Approval of resolution regarding maximum expenditures for professional services for 2010-2011 Attachment
- BA35 Approval of resolution regarding maximum expenditures for travel expense reimbursement for 2010-2011 Attachment
- BA36 Approval of resolution regarding regular business travel for the Superintendent, Business Administrator, and Assistant Business Administrator for 2010-2011 Attachment
- BA37 Approval of resolution regarding regular business travel for the Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Director of Special Services, Building Principals and Vice Principals, Athletic Director, and Technology Coordinator for 2010-2011 Attachment
- BA38 Approval to establish full-day preschool autistic class at Berkley Street School
- BA39 Approval to establish self-contained autistic class, Grades K-2, at Berkley Street School
- BA41 Approval of Student Accident and Athletic Insurance for 2010-2011:
Bollinger, Inc. Annual premium: \$17,690

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE Lori Barton, Chair

Motions C10,C11,C12 by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Saslow, carried by consent of the Board:

- C10 Approval of Professional Development Plan for 2010-2011
- C11 Approval of Update to Uniform Memorandum of Agreement for school year 2010-2011
- C12 Approval to amend the first two days of school as short session days for Kindergarteners at Berkley Street and B. F. Gibbs Elementary Schools

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE *Lori Barton, Chair*

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent

Motions P17,P45,P49,P50,P51,P52,P53,P54,P55,P56,P57,P58,P59,P60,P61,P62 by Mrs. McSweeney, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried on a roll call vote of 8-0:

- P17 **Revision to Hourly Rate ABA Therapist for 2010-2011:**
Jennifer Presutto ~~10 hrs/wk for 44 weeks~~ 12 hrs/wk for 2010-2011 school year
- P45 **Revision to Special Education staff for Summer School 2010:**
Rescind: Marie Dunbar Add: Grace McCarten
- P49 **Approval to appoint Danielle Shanley as Director of Curriculum & Instruction,** eff. 8/1/10-6/30/11, \$125,000 prorated
- P50 **Rescind Certificated Staff Appointment for 2010-2011:**
William Kochis Berkley Teacher (maternity replacement), MA Step 2, \$49,440 prorated, eff. 9/1/10-12/30/10
- P51 **Resignation:** *with regret*
Michael Chmielewski MS Night Custodian, eff. 7/31/10
Louis Manuppelli HS Vice Principal, eff. 9/17/10
- P52 **Retirement:**
Margaret Sullivan-Perez World Language Teacher, eff. 7/19/10
- P53 **Approval of Additional Hourly Rate Employees for 2010-2011:**
Laurie Youngling Gibbs Lunch Aide, Step 1, eff. 9/1/10
- P54 **Approval for George Penagos, Berkley Night Custodian, to-carry over five (5) additional unused vacation days from 2009-2010 to 2010-2011**
- P55 **Approval of Additional Substitutes for 2010-2011** *Attachment*
- P56 **Approval of NM Broadway Kids Camp Personnel:**
Wendy Mackey, Director/Voice teacher, Volunteer
Kelly Norton, Head Choreographer, 62 hours @ \$15 per hour
Rachel Phillips, Assistant Choreographer, 62 hours @ \$12 per hour
Lauren Bettini, Art Director, 62 hours @ \$15 per hour
Azela Zarate, Director’s Assistant, 62 hours @ \$10 per hour
- P57 **Approval of Internship for 2010-2011:**
Rivka Schwartz School Psychologist, minimum of 1,200 hours
- P58 **Approval of F/T Teacher Aides for 2010-2011** *Attachment*
- P59 **Approval of Extra Pay Positions for 2010-2011** *Attachment*
- P60 **Approval of additional per diem days to Special Educational staff for Summer 2010:**
Lisa Schwartz Not to exceed an additional 5 days
Sarah Sidrow Not to exceed an additional 7 days
Debbie Nachbar Not to exceed an additional 5 days
- P61 **Approval of Hourly Rate Employees for Summer 2010:**
Judy Van Saders Child Study Team Secretary
Anne Teets Child Study Team Secretary
- P62 **Approval of Payment to Employees for Power School Training and Data Management Systems Rollover:**
Kristina Celic \$3,000
Stacy Novoshelski \$9,000

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motions F67,F68,F69,F70,F71,F72,F73,F74,F75,F76 by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board:

- F66 **Approval of Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for June 2010** *Pulled – not yet available*
- F67 Approval of June 2010 payroll: \$ 1,673,485.93
- F68 Approval of June 2010 payroll agency bills: \$ 710,266.76
- F69 Approval of additional June 2010 bills \$ 419,795.48 *Attachment*
- F70 Approval of July 2010 bills \$ 612,283.20 *Attachment*
- F71 Approval of June 2010 budget transfers *Attachment*
- F72 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): June 30, 2010.
- F73 Approval of additional Special Education tuition contracts for 2010-2011 *Attachment*
- F74 **Approval of per pupil tuition costs for 2010-2011:**
Preschool/Kindergarten \$ 9,868
Grades 1-5 \$ 10,619
Grades 6-8 \$ 10,987
Grades 9-12 \$ 11,290
- F75 Approval of Professional Development Opportunities *Attachment*

FINANCE (con't):

F76 Approval to accept one Acer flat screen monitor, approximate value of \$75, from Mrs. Helen Stadules to Berkley School *Attachment*

FACILITIES COMMITTEE *Theresa Lacey, Chair*

Motions FA12,FA13,FA14,FA15 by Mrs. Lacey, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board:

- FA12 Approval of fire drill log for June 2010 *Attachment*
- FA13 Approval to dispose of obsolete autoclave from High School Science Dept. *Attachment*
- FA14 Approval to dispose of broken fax machine from Middle School *Attachment*
- FA15 Approval to dispose of obsolete textbooks and calculators from New Milford High School *Attachment*

POLICY COMMITTEE *Peggy Saslow, Chair*

*First reading of the following policies (*indicates a corresponding regulation included) by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mrs. Mechler:*

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| 1570 | Internal Controls* | 3281 | Inappropriate Staff Conduct – Teaching Staff* |
| 2415.03 | Highly Qualified Teachers | 4281 | Inappropriate Staff Conduct – Support Staff* |
| 2423 | Bilingual and ESL Education* | 5111 | Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils |
| 2436 | Activity Participation Fee Program | 6360 | Political Contributions |
| 3240 | Professional Development* | 6471 | School District Travel* |
| | | 8420 | Emergency and Crisis Situations (with Reg. 8420.1) |

First reading of the following regulations by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mrs. Mechler:

- 2460 Special Education
- 2460.1 Special Education - Location, Identification and Referral
- 2460.8 Special Education - Free and Appropriate Public Education
- 2460.9 Special Education - Transition from Early Intervention to Preschool Programs
- 2460.16 Special Education - Instructional Material to Blind or Print Disabled
- 5320 Immunization
- 7410.01 Facilities Maintenance, Repair Scheduling, Accounting

Open to the Public

Motion by Vice President Drake , seconded by Mrs. McSweeney, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened to the public at 7:26 p.m. The following questions or comments were made:

- Al Defino asked about the status of a part-time athletic trainer. He was advised to call the Superintendent’s office to discuss. James McCarten also expressed his concerns about the athletic trainer.
- Ann Subrizi inquired about the SRO officers.
- Helen Petrocio had questions about the autistic program, as well as the resolutions pertaining to travel expense.
- Numerous parents had questions and concerns about class size and the transfer of students from Berkley to Gibbs. Mr. Polizzi and Board President Conner addressed their questions.

There being no further questions or comments from the public, on motion by Mrs. McSweeney, seconded by Vice President Drake., carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:10 p.m.

BOARD ACTION

Motion by President Conner, seconded by Vice President Drake, carried by consent of the Board:

BA40 Acceptance of resignation of Theresa Lacey, Board Member, eff. 7/20/10 *with regret*

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Vice President Drake., the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sawicz
Board Secretary