

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 19, 2011**

**7:28 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 7:28 p.m. Present were President Conner, Vice President Drake, Mr. Bigger, Mr. Foo, Mrs. McSweeney, Mrs. Mechler, Mrs. Ryan, and Mrs. Saslow. Mr. Steele was absent. Also present were Mr. Polizzi, Mrs. Shanley, 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:

Due to their absence from the meeting, Vice President Drake and Mrs. Saslow abstained from approving the June 6 minutes; Mr. Bigger, Mrs. Mechler, and Mrs. Ryan abstained from approving the June 15 minutes; and Mrs. McSweeney abstained from approving the June 27 meeting.

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

June 6 Work June 6 Closed June 15 Special June 27 Regular June 27 Closed

Open to the Public for Items on the Agenda

Motion by Vice President Drake, seconded by Mr. Bigger, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened to the public at 7:36 p.m. There being no questions or comments, motion by Mrs. Mechler, seconded by Mrs. Saslow, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was closed to the public at that time.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT Michael Polizzi

No report.

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION REPORT Danielle Shanley

No report.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT Michael Sawicz

No report.

BOARD ACTION

BA6,BA37 by Mrs. McSweeney, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board:

BA6 Approval of revised 2011-2012 Tentative Board Meeting Dates

Attachment

BA37 Approval of Student Accident and Athletic Insurance for 2011-2012:

Bollinger, Inc. Annual premium \$28,304

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & CURRICULUM Peggy Saslow, Chair

Mrs. Shanley explained C16 to the Board.

Motions C11,C12,C13,C14,C15,C16,C17,C18,C19,C20,C21 by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board:

C11 Approval of resolution regarding the lunch program for students attending The Forum School for 2011-2012 *Attachment*

C12 Approval of field trips to date

Attachment

C13 Approval of Student Teaching/Practicum Placements for Fall 2011 Semester

Attachment

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & CURRICULUM (con't):

- C14 Approval of Uniform Memorandum of Agreement for school year 2011-2012
- C15 Approval of District Professional Development Plan for 2011-2012
- C16 **Approval of DVD's for Rock of Ages High School Music Course:**
The 60's Rock Experience Live. 2006.
Be Kind Rewind. Directed by Michel Gondry, 2008.
Beach Boys: American Band / Brian Wilson: I Just Wasn't Made for These Times. 2002.
The Beach Boys: Good Timin – Live at Knebworth, England 1980. 1980.
Casey Kasem's Rock N Roll Goldmine. 2004.
Composing the Beatles Songbook: Lennon and McCartney 1957-65. By Barry Miles, Klaus Voormann, Maureen Cleaves, Alan Moore, 2008.
The Doors. Directed by Oliver Stone, 1991.
Elvis: King of Entertainment. 2002.
Hair. Directed by Milos Forman, 1979.
Hendrix. Directed by Leon Ichaso, 2000.
History of Rock 'n Roll. 2004.
Jesus Christ Superstar. Directed by Norman Jewison, 1973.
Led Zeppelin – The Song Remains the Same. Directed by Peter Clifton, 1973.
Let's Spend the Night Together. Directed by Hal Ashby, 1982.
Motown: The DVD. 2009.
Pink Floyd: Landmark Albums. 2006
Queen: Live at Wembly '86. Directed by Gavin Taylor, 1992.
Ray. Directed by Taylor Hackford, 2004.
Soul Train: The Best of Soul Train. 2010.
Tommy. Directed by Ken Russell, 1975.
Walk the Line. Directed by James Mangold, 2005.
Woodstock – Director's Cut. Directed by Michael Wadleigh, 1970.
- C17 **Approval of Software for High School Business Courses:**
 For The World of Advertising and Marketing: Product, Price, Place and Promotion:
Virtual Business – Sports. B.E. Publishing, © 2005
Virtual Business – Retail. B.E. Publishing, © 2009
 For Business Strategy:
Microbusiness Simulation. B.E. Publishing, © 2007
 For Accounting I:
Accounting Simulation. B.E. Publishing
- C18 **Approval of Textbook for High School Rock of Ages Music Course:**
Rock Music in American Popular Culture III. Taylor & Francis, Inc., © 1999
- C19 **Approval of Textbook for High School AP Physics C Course:**
The Complete Idiot's Guide to Calculus. Penguin Group (USA) Inc., © 2006
- C20 **Approval of Electronic Textbook for High School Digital Photography Course:**
Textbook of Digital Photography, 3rd Edition. ShortCourses.com, © 2011
- C21 Approval for Mary Schultz, Felician College Master of Art's student, to complete a research project which includes a survey to elementary kindergarten teachers

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Darren Drake, Chair**Having the recommendation of the Superintendent:**

Motions P36,P42,P52,P53,P54,P55,P56,P57,P58,P59,P60,P61,P62 by Vice President Drake, seconded by Mr. Bigger, carried by a roll call vote of 8-0:

- P36 **Revision to Certificated Staff Appointment for 2011-2012:**
 Stephanie Pinto Berkley teacher, leave replacement, ~~MA Step 4~~, MA Step 3, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11-6/30/12
- P42 **Revisions/Additions to Extra Pay Stipends for 2010-2011:**
 Stacy Zadigian Gibbs Spirit Club Advisor (.5)
 Courtney Cheval Gibbs Spirit Club Advisor (.5)
Brian Gere Berkley Spirit Club Advisor (.5)
Tara Reuter Berkley Spirit Club Advisor (.5)
- P52 **Certificated Staff Appointments for 2011-2012:**
 Melanie Dickinson Gibbs Teacher (maternity leave replacement), BA Step 3, \$TBD prorated, eff. 9/1/11-12/30/11
 Ling (Emily) Luo DEO/HS World Language Teacher, DR Step 6 (.8), \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11-6/30/12
 Michael Widmer HS Special Education Teacher, BA Step 1, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11-6/30/12
 Rebecca Williams DEO Guidance Counselor, MA Step 1, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11-6/30/12

PERSONNEL (con't):**P52 Certificated Staff Appointments for 2011-2012 (con't):**

Katherine Sudol	Gibbs Special Ed. Teacher, maternity leave replacement, MA Step 1, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11-12/30/11
Elizabeth Horgan	HS School Nurse, BA Step 8, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11-6/30/12
Carolyn Bettiol	DEO Special Education, MA Step 2, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11-6/30/12
Amanda Muti	Berkley/Gibbs Special Education, BA Step 1, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/11-6/30/12

P53 Resignation:

Timothy Gouraige	HS Social Studies Teacher, eff. 6/30/11
Michael Gil	Athletic Trainer, eff. 7/29/11

P54 Extra Pay Positions for 2011-2012:**High School:**

AVA Coordinator	Joseph Manzo
Bandmaster/Marching Band	Joseph Andolino
Debate Team-Mock Trial	Joseph Tusa/David Wilson (shared stipend)
District Webmaster	Walter Pevny
Drama Club	Peter Torpie
Engineering Club	Adu Asa-Awuku
Environmental Club	Lynne Torpie
MSG Varsity	Jerry Engstrom
Math League	Jeffrey Fiscina
Musical Director	Alex Diaz
Musical Producer	Alex Diaz
Peer Leadership	Colleen Tambuscio
School Fund Treasurer	Karen Vicari
Senior Honor Society	Nicolette Perna
Student Council	Barbara Collentine
Yearbook Advisor	Walter Pevny
9 th Grade Advisor	Patty Bernardo
10 th Grade Advisor	Wendy Mackey
11 th Grade Advisor	Walter Pevny
12 th Grade Advisors	Dana Aufiero

DEO Middle School:

Computer Coordinator	Nick Barese
Student Council	Caitlin Carroll/Diana Daley (shared stipend)
Intramural Advisor	Gregory Monte
	Nick Barese
School Fund Treasurer	Lynn LePage
Yearbook Advisor	Heidi Kolb
8 th Grade Advisors	TBD (shared stipend)
Art Club	Justin Muratore
Music/Drama	TBD
Newspaper Advisor	Cheri Orlando
Math Club	Carol Edelstein
Assistant Webmaster	Nick Barese
Team Leaders	Peter Galasso, grade 6
	Kyle Barrera, grade 7
	Michael Mayer, grade 8
	Justin Muratore, United Arts

Berkley School:

Safety Patrol	JoAnne Woletz
Spirit Club	Brian Gere/Vanessa Iseman (shared stipend)
Assistant Webmaster	Heidi Terwilliger
Computer	Dora Oliviero
Club Advisor	Lisa Horgan (Book Club)

Gibbs School:

Safety Patrol	Michael Saffer
Spirit Club	Courtney Cheval/Stacy Zadigian (shared stipend)
Assistant Webmaster	Barbara Norton
Club Advisor	Lisa Horgan (Book Club)
Computer	Regina Troisi-Holley

PERSONNEL (con't):

- P55 **Approval of AHSA Remediation Staff for 2011-2012:**
 Jeffrey Fiscina \$5,000
 Jerry Engstrom \$5,000
 April Millian \$5,000
- P56 **Approval of Staff & Budget for Performing Arts Summer Camp for Kids** *Attachment*
- P57 **Hourly Rate Employees for 2011-2012:**
 Donna Gianfredi Substitute Secretary
 Doreen Moat Substitute Secretary
- P58 **Approval of Internships for 2011-2012:**
 Leigh Ann Salica School Psychologist, minimum of 1,200 hours
 Richard Hekemian School Social Workers, 20 hours per week for 15 weeks per semester
 Laurel Olson School Counselor, 120 hours from September through December, 2011
- P59 **Approval of Coaching Position for 2011-2012:**
 Rebecca Millan Head Girls Basketball Coach
- P60 **Approval of Hourly Rate Part-Time Paraprofessionals for 2011-2012** *Attachment*
- P61 **Approval of additional per diem days for Special Educational employee for Summer 2011:**
 Sarah Fernandes Not to exceed an additional 4 days
 Jill Benyamine Not to exceed an additional 4 days
- P62 **Approval of Hourly Rate Special Education staff employee for Summer 2011:**
 Dorene Zacher Not to exceed 20 hours

FINANCE COMMITTEE *David Foo, Chair*

Motions F19,F40,F41,F42,F43,F44,F45,F46,F47,F48,F49 by Mr. Foo, seconded by Mrs. Saslow, carried by consent of the Board:

- F19 **Revision to approval to submit amended No Child Left Behind (NCLB) FY11 grant due to carry over funds:**
 Title IV ~~4,673~~ **4,469**
- F40 Approval of May 2011 Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports
- F41 Approval of June 2011 payroll: \$1,683,591.09
- F42 Approval of June 2011 payroll agency bills: \$ 690,005.03
- F43 Approval of July 2011 bills: \$ 863,594.97 *Attachment*
- F44 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, 2011.
- F45 Approval of continuation of annual contract for hospital instruction for the 2011-2012 school year with Bergen County Special Services, at the rate of \$60/hour (not to exceed ten hours billed in any given week).
- F46 **Approval of Professional Services Contract for 2011-2012:**
 Starlight Pediatric Homecare Agency Nursing services as required
- F47 **Approval of Special Education Contracts for 2011-2012** *Attachment*
- F48 **Approval of per pupil tuition costs for 2011-2012:**
 Preschool/Kindergarten \$ 9,401
 Grades 1-5 \$ 10,408
 Grades 6-8 \$ 10,922
 Grades 9-12 \$ 11,042
- F49 Approval of professional development opportunities *Attachment*

FACILITIES COMMITTEE *David Foo, Chair*

Mr. Foo recapped details of the Facilities Committee meeting which took place prior to the meeting. Motions FA4,FA5,FA6,FA7 by Mr. Foo, seconded by Mrs. Saslow, carried by consent of the Board:

- FA4 Approval of fire and security drill log for June 2011 *Attachment*
- FA5 Approval to dispose of obsolete textbooks from New Milford High School *Attachment*
- FA6 Approval to dispose of obsolete textbooks from DEO Middle School *Attachment*
- FA7 Approval of Solar/Photovoltaic Power/Roofing System Project to Tioga/Protech *per proposal*

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

Motion AC20 by Vice President Drake, seconded by Mr. Bigger, carried by consent of the Board:

- AC20 Approval of continued membership in New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association for 2011-2012
President Conner asked about problems with NJSIAA in the past; Mr. Polizzi responded to his concerns.

Open to the Public

Motion by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened to the public at 7:53 p.m. There being no further questions or comments, on motion by Mrs. McSweeney, seconded by Mrs. Ryan, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was closed to the public at that time.

Committee/Liaison Reports:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Mrs. Saslow asked when a Policy Committee meeting would be held; Mr. Polizzi will schedule a meeting in the near future.

Motion by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board, the Board went into closed session at 7:58 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. McSweeney, seconded by Vice President Drake, carried by consent of the Board, the Board resumed open session at 8:30 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion by Mrs. Mechler, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sawicz
Board Secretary

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