

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION
JULY 19, 2011**

**7:05 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

New Milford Public 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 by President Conner at 7:05 p.m. Present at roll call were President Conner, Vice President Drake, Mr. Bigger, Mr. Foo, Mrs. McSweeney, Mrs. Mechler, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Saslow. Mr. Steele was absent. Mr. Polizzi, Mrs. Shanley and Mr. Sawicz were also present. Board Attorney Vic LaPira and Eric Sheninger were also present for a possible Donaldson Hearing.

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; there were no questions or comments.

Mrs. Saslow had questions on F45 and F46 which were answered to her satisfaction.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Michael Polizzi*

Mr. Polizzi discussed the following:

- Colleen Tambuscio is participating in a workshop for survivor testimony inclusion on the Holocaust instruction.
- Police will use Berkley for emergency training drills for three days in August; these drills will be held after 3 pm
- Staffing is going well; it is anticipated to be complete by the end of July.
- All Board Members will be required to have criminal history checks and fingerprinting done. Information was distributed to them.

Mrs. McSweeney asked what the procedure is to organize activities and sports in the summer, which Mr. Polizzi explained.

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION ITEMS *Danielle Shanley*

- Mrs. Shanley is working with teachers on curriculum writing, ordering books, and working with administrators.
- Applications for the Academies are being reviewed. Mrs. Saslow commented that the Teacher Academy looks fantastic.

Mr. LaPira and Mr. Sheninger were excused from the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS *Michael Sawicz*

- The district will receive an additional \$288,063 in unanticipated State aid. Mr. Sawicz spoke of various options as to where the money would best be used and will report to the Board in August.
- Mr. Sawicz updated the Board on Hudson Environmental in regard to the High School field.
- The Board Retreat will take place on August 2nd with Susan McCusker of NJ School Boards conducting the retreat.

There being no further business, motion by Mrs. Mechler, seconded by Mrs. Ryan, carried by consent of the Board, the Work Session adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sawicz
Board Secretary