

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

**WORK MEETING
JUNE 9, 2008**

**8:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

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 8:00 p.m. Present at roll call were President Conner, Vice President Barton, Mr. Crispino, Mr. Kavner, Mrs. Lacey, Mr. McCarten, Mrs. Mechler, Dr. Mintz, and Mrs. Saslow. Also present were Mr. Brown, Ms. Garvey, and Mr. Picardo. Student Board Representative Paul Robalino was absent.

After the flag salute, the Board Secretary 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.

The following presentations were made:

Walter Pevny and Jane Swartz presented a CD they produced which is a collaboration of the New Milford High School Music and Computer Graphics Departments. The music CD is entitled: " We Sing Because We Can".

Other presentations made were:

***Bowling** – April Millian
BCSL Olympic Division Champions
County Champions
Sectional Champions*

***Boys Outdoor Track** – Ray Harrison
Bergen County Relays Champions*

***Baseball** – Dennis Sasso
BCSL Olympic Division Champions*

***Holocaust Study Team Report**
Colleen Tambuscio and Students*

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of bills.

Review of tentative agenda for Regular/Year End Meeting to be held on June 30, 2008. Vice President Barton commented on aid in lieu.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Nicholas Brown*

Mr. Brown reviewed the following:

- Due to the heat wave, the schools were closed early on June 9-10; learning cannot take place in that type of heat. Mrs. Mechler asked for the date of the Board Retreat; Mr. Brown said the availability of everyone concerned is needed. Mr. Kavner asked why the vision and dental coverage was on the agenda for approval since the NMEA and Board are still in negotiations. Ms. Garvey advised that these approvals need to be in place regardless of negotiations.

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION ITEMS *Joseph Picardo*

Mr. Picardo spoke of the following:

- All AP courses were audited and passed
- No Child Left Behind monies have been approved

Mr. McCarten asked about test results. Mr. Picardo advised the testing results for the High School had just come in; results for the other schools should be received soon.

Dr. Mintz had a question regarding the ESL transfer.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Stacy Garvey

Ms. Garvey advised the Board of the following:

- The advertisement for bids for the reconstruction of the High School track has been placed and the Board will be awarding the bid on June 30th. President Conner asked if the project would be complete by the opening of school in September; Ms. Garvey said the beginning and ending dates were given to prospective bidders at the pre-bid conference.

Mr. Kavner asked about a speed limit sign. Mr. Brown had spoken with the Mayor and will follow up with him.

Dr. Mintz said the Middle School concert showcased many talented students. He also asked if the 8th Graders will be included in the Marching Band next year. Mr. Brown will look into the program and advise the Board.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Lori Barton, Chair

Motions C9,C10 by Vice President Barton, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, and carried by a vote of 9-0:

C9 Approval of Curriculum Writing:

Rebecca Atieh	ESL K-8	\$500
	ESL 9-12	\$500
Richard Arturi	Physical Education/Health Education Grade 12	\$500
Patricia Bernardo	Physical Education/Health Education Grade 11	\$500
Jennifer Gandolfo	Physical Education/Health Education Grade 9	\$500
Greg Kelly	Physical Education/Driver Education Grade 10	\$500

C10 Approval of Special Education Summer Program for 2008

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tom Crispino, Chair

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent:

Motions P22,P23,P24,P31 by Mr. Crispino, seconded by Dr. Mintz, and carried by a vote of 9-0:

P22 Certificated Appointments for 2008-2009:

Jerry Engstrom	HS English, BA Step 5, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/08-6/30/09
Megan Farricker	Gibbs (maternity replacement), BA Step 2, \$TBD eff. 9/1/08-6/30/09
James Frederick	HS Physical Education, BA Step 1, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/08-6/30/09
Joseph Manzo	HS Social Studies, BA Step 1, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/08-6/30/09
Barbara O'Donnell	HS School Nurse, MA Step 5, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/08-6/30/09
Nicolette Perna	HS Social Studies, MA Step 1, \$TBD, eff. 9/1/08-6/30/09

P23 Transfers:

Marlyn Cabrera *From:* MS Language Arts Teacher
To: ESL Teacher

P24 Approval of Professional Development Opportunities

Attachment

P31 Hourly Rate Employees:

Special Education Staff for Summer 2008

Attachment

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ron Kavner, Chair

Motions F14,F15,F16 by Mr. Kavner, seconded by Mrs. Saslow and carried by a vote of 9-0:

F14	Approval of May 2008 bills:	\$ 1,208,996.24
F15	Approval of May 2008 cafeteria bills:	\$ 65,414.07
F16	<u>Acceptance of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) FY08 funds:</u>	
	Title I: \$ 43,987	Title III: \$ 10,335
	Title II-A: \$ 43,907	Title IV: \$ 6,851
	Title II-D: \$ 294	Title V: \$ 3,566

Attachment

NEW BUSINESS

- Mrs. Lacey suggested Board Members wear similar clothing when marching in the Memorial Day Parade next year.
 - Mrs. Lacey stated that she brought up the idea of a Grassroots Committee at the Berkley PTO Meeting; however, no one was interested in participating.
 - Mr. McCarten said the Sports Award Dinner was a great success. Eighteen out of 21 teams made State or County All States.
 - Mrs. Saslow said the Senior Citizens Prom Night was held for the first time and put together by students in two weeks. The Senior Citizens and the students all had a marvelous time.
 - Mrs. Mechler said events that have taken place this month within the district make her proud of what we have in New Milford.
- There being no further business, on motion by Mr. McCarten, seconded by Dr. Mintz, the Board adjourned at 9:41 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Garvey
Board Secretary